



2026 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization
of Women of the ELCA

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Calvary Lutheran Church, 302 Olena Avenue SE, Willmar, Minnesota

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Voting members must be seated by 8:45.

Each congregational unit is asked to send a voting member.

Please print clearly.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

CONGREGATION & CITY _____

CONFERENCE _____

Please circle the one that applies to you: **VOTING MEMBER** **VISITOR** **CONFERENCE PRESIDENT**

***Note: Conference President registration is paid by the Synod Board. If you have circled Conference President you do not need to send any payment – just the completed registration form.*

*(The Conference Vice President qualifies **IF** she is coming in the president's place – make that note here _____)*

List any special dietary needs: _____

Please submit your registration by April 21, 2026.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00

Cost includes: registration, morning coffee, noon lunch, and Sweetwater Revival concert

Refer all registration questions to:
Karen Quistorff
at karenquistorff.kq@gmail.com
or 320-282-6368

- Make checks payable to: **SW MN WOMEN OF ELCA**
- Send complete form and check to: **Karen Quistorff, Convention Registrar
10704 Co. 95
Sauk Centre, MN 56378**

TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE

2026 CONVENTION OFFERINGS

➤ **Quilts and Kits for LWR and GHM** will be collected in the parking lot.

➤ **Convention Offering** – *Submit unit offering with the form at the bottom of this page.*

- 50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA
- 25% to *Hope for Our City
- 25% to LWR for shipping costs



You may bring your unit offering to the convention worship service or mail it in advance to:

Karen Quistorff, Treasurer
10704 Co. 95
Sauk Centre, MN 56378

➤ **Canned Goods** – will be collected for *Hope for Our City in Willmar. Look for the drop off spot near the registration tables.

*For information see <https://www.communitybasics.org/hope-for-our-city/>

➤ **Katie's Fund** – Bring your loose change for cans on the lunch tables.

Please include the bottom portion of this sheet with your unit offering.



2026 SW MN Convention Offering

Congregation Name & City _____

Congregation Number _____

Conference _____

Treasurer's Name _____

Treasurer's Address _____

Offering Amount \$ _____

Make check to: "SW MN Women of the ELCA"

CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Women who will be first-time convention visitors (not voting members) and who wish to learn about the Women of the ELCA are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

Those selected must be willing to attend all sessions of the Women's Synodical Convention on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar, Minnesota.

The recipients of the scholarship will be asked to evaluate their experiences and share their impressions with the convention participants at the end of the day on May 2nd.

Convention registration will be paid by the Synodical Women's Organization.

Please complete this application form and return by April 1, 2026.

Please type or print all information

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Congregation _____

Conference _____

The group of scholarship participants and the mentors will be seated together throughout the convention.

If selected, I will participate according to the scholarship provisions.

Applicant's signature _____

Signature of Congregation Sponsor _____
(This form must be signed by a member of your congregation.)



Return this completed and signed application by April 1, 2026.

Mail to: Ilene Penk, 11168 Hwy. 15, Brownton, MN 55312
- or scan completed application and email to: ilenepenk45@gmail.com.

CONVENTION MENTOR APPLICATION

Women who are knowledgeable of the work of the Women of the ELCA on all levels and interested in guiding the Scholarship Recipients the day of convention, are encouraged to apply.

Two mentors will be selected on a first-come first-served basis. If you are selected as a mentor, you are expected to be seated with the other mentor and all scholarship recipients at all times during the convention. You will be expected to attend all convention sessions.

Convention registration will be paid by the Synodical Women's Organization. The convention is a one-day event which will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN.

Complete this application form and return by April 1, 2026.

Please type or print all information.

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Congregation _____

Conference _____

If selected, I agree to participate according to the Mentor/Scholarship provisions.

Applicant's signature _____

Signature of Congregation Sponsor _____

This form MUST be signed by a member of your congregation.

Return this completed and signed application by April 1, 2026, and mail to:



Ilene Penk
11168 Hwy. 15
Brownton, MN 55312

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RESOLUTIONS

A resolution is your opportunity to address problems, situations, or concerns that affect the churchwide, synodical, or local organization of Women of the ELCA and possibly its partners and global affiliates. Here is your chance! If your unit has a special concern, now is the time to address it. Resolutions should be presented at the Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention **plenary sessions on Saturday, May 2, 2026**, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar, Minnesota.

Here are some guidelines for submitting a resolution:

1. **What is a resolution?** A resolution is a main motion, presented in written form by a voting member. It is a proposal that a convention acts upon or expresses certain views.
2. **Who prepares and presents resolutions?** Every Congregational Unit has the right and privilege to prepare and present, through its voting member, a Resolution to the convention. The resolution must be signed by five (5) voting members representing five (5) congregational units of the SW MN Synodical Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA.
3. **Why do we use resolution forms?** The form helps the secretary and president accurately report the business and action taken. It helps you think through your motion. It helps the convention move forward in an orderly manner.
4. **Resolutions are your voice.** If you want to speak up and be heard, this is one way of expressing yourself. Resolutions provide for the vision and direction of our organization. If you have an area of concern that you feel needs to be addressed, a resolution is a way of requesting action and beginning discussion and deliberation. The beginning portion of the resolution (the WHEREAS) states the issue of concern and should list factual background information to help the reader understand why this resolution is being presented. The conclusion (the RESOLVED) states the proposed action or actions. It tells what you think we should do about this issue.

Ask yourself these questions before submitting a resolution:

1. Is the concern something our SW MN Synodical Women's Organization can address?
2. Is the proposed action consistent with the positions and policies of the ELCA?
3. What is the outcome desired if the action is taken?
4. In what other ways might congregational units of our Synodical Women's Organization deal with the concerns?
5. What are the costs in terms of time, talent, and money in implementing this action?

If you wish to submit a resolution, please review the guidelines, and then write it on the official form that is included in the publicity packet that reaches all congregational units.

Congregational President or Contact: Please give this form to your Voting Member.

**OFFICIAL FORM FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS
to the SW MN Synodical Women's Organization Convention on May 2, 2026.**

Motions/Resolutions require the signature of (5) five voting members, representing (5) five congregational/intercongregational units. These voting members must all be members of a congregation belonging to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This motion/resolution must be in the hands of the Resolution Committee **no later than 10:00 am, Saturday, May 2, 2026. The committee would prefer that resolutions be mailed prior to convention by April 4, 2026**, in order to act on them and have copies ready for the delegates. Mail resolutions to: Ilene Penk, 11168 Hwy. 15, Brownton, MN 55312, or email by that date to ilenepenk45@gmail.com.

I submit the following motion/resolution related to:

_____ (indicate topic)

Whereas:

Be it resolved:

(use reverse side if additional space is needed)

1. _____ Congregation _____
Name of originator – voting member

2. _____ Congregation _____

3. _____ Congregation _____

4. _____ Congregation _____

5. _____ Congregation _____