



# The **RIPPLE**



Expanding the Circle of SC Women of the ELCA

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Go to <http://www.scwelca.com>.

**Winter 2022**

## **WELCOME OUR NEW SC WELCA BOARD OFFICERS**

President: Risse Snelgrove  
Vice-President: Amanda Boatwright  
Secretary: Linda Roland  
Treasurer: Rachel Quesada (through 1/31/2022)  
Treasurer: Virginia Herlong (beginning 2/1/2022)

### **MEMBERS**

Sarah Cheesman  
Joy Derrick  
Karen Freeman  
Christie Gardner  
Merri Lewis  
Amanda Sease-Baker  
LaTynia Taylor  
Denise Warren

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## **OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT**

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.*



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands...*

I have many passions but one of my favorites is Fair Trade. You may ask what is Fair Trade?

To sum it up in a few sentences, Fair Trade is a global movement of consumers, producers, **artisans**, businesses, and certifiers **who consider people and the planet first**. They all work together to make sure that they are focusing on treating resources as limited and creating products that benefit the producers who make them and the land that grows them.

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands...*

The church that I attended in Texas had a non-profit Fair-Trade store in a small classroom within the church that was given to us by the congregation. I had the pleasure of serving as the chair of the Fair-Trade committee. The store was managed by six women with the same passion as mine. Out of that small class room and an annual Christmas Market we raised thousands of dollars. In return, we gave our profits to Global Missions around the world. I don't think I have ever been so proud to be a part of something that amazing. I miss that store and I miss my friends that I worked with while establishing this mission. I left the store in very good hands. Today they have expanded to a store front space that was built by the congregation with sales exceeding \$100k and they have even added more pop-up stores and now online sales.

Deep in my heart I know without a doubt that selling those Fair-Trade products have allowed women and men from third world countries to support themselves and their families plus rescued women and children from poverty, sexual abuse and domestic violence.

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands...*

You, the SC Women of the ELCA have done so many amazing things over the years to care for women and children too. Let me help refresh your memories. Through your actions, your donations and generosity you have purchased farms through ELCA's Good Gifts. You raised \$15K to replace furniture in a dorm room for the Tanzania school. You gave almost \$6000 children's books and almost \$7000 in gift card, checks and cash to the SC Dept. of Education Office of Early Learning Literacy summer reading camps. You raised \$12K for Lighthouse for life along with donating 428 backpacks full of necessities for women and girls who escaped from human trafficking. You have sent Love Offerings to so many Global Mission Projects and for decades Lutheran Women have provided quilts, blankets, sewing kits, health kits, layettes for newborns. I am certain that your local units have given donations to many projects on your own.

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands...*

As we move into the new year, I am excited to be a part of what is yet to come from our organization. I am so very proud to be a witness of what amazing things Christ will allow us to accomplish together.

In closing, as we celebrate this year 35 years of Women of the ELCA let us remember that for decades Lutheran Women have provided to the needy, for decades Lutheran Women have dedicated themselves to serve in their congregations, their communities and the world and for decades Lutheran Women have been advocates for justice, world health and disaster relief. I am sure our journey this year will take us to new places as we communicate, stay active and have prideful humility in all we do as we are led by our loving God. I pray that you will be with me as we explore what the Lord has put in front of us.

Yes, "*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*" so please keep our rich heritage in your thoughts and make it a priority in your life to praise and thank God for providing for those in need.



# VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As your Vice President, I am honored to be your Convention Chair. Hopefully, you have heard that 2022 Convention will be held at The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Newberry, SC on June 24-25, 2022. The Theme and Hymn for the Convention will be “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”. The Bible scripture comes from John 3:16: “For God so Loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” This scripture reminds Christians that God loved us so much that he gave his only Son to save the world. If we believe in Jesus, we will have eternal life. The Theme and Scripture was chosen by me this year in memory of my Father.

Our local project this year is working with Newberry College to establish a Nursing Scholarship. This project is dear to many of us across the state as we love helping our future generations, by furthering their education, to help others in their time of need. Our Global project is Katie’s Fund. We are proud to help this project as it helps fund different projects all around the world. Please go to the Mission Action section in this issue of *The RIPPLE* to get all the details on our local and global projects.

Please find the Convention Registration form included this *RIPPLE*. Don’t let the deadlines run out! We have nine wonderful workshops to choose from this year, Newberry Opera House Tour, Newberry Museum Tour, Bible Study on the 12 shields of the Disciples, Seeing God in everyday things, The History and Making of Chrismon’s, cards making, making crosses for the girls dorms in Tanzania, Sexual Trauma of the Midlands on Sex Trafficking awareness, and Churchwide Organization (CWO) representative workshop. My Convention Staff and I are busy working on staff, entertainment and the keynote speaker. I will give an update in the next issue of the *RIPPLE*.

Dear Sisters in Christ,

We need board members, young women guest and first timers. Please consider running for the board or sending a young woman or first timer. If you are not sure what you would be doing on the board, please reach out to any on the board and they will be glad to explain. If you know a young woman guest or first timer who might be interested but not sure what to expect, please reach out to me and I will explain. We have so much fun and it’s not hard work but a time to grow with ladies who turn into lifetime friends.

The Convention committee has been busy and our host conference coordinator, Jan Piersol, has been a busy bee. She has been reaching out again to all the churches in the Heartland Conference and the churches are stepping up to help serve at our Convention. I am looking forward to meeting with these ladies after the holidays to get everything organized and ready for convention. I am thankful for everyone in the Heartland Conference for all their willingness to be part of our Convention. More to come in the next issue of the *RIPPLE*.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Amanda Boatwright,  
Vice President



# TREASURER'S REPORT



A preliminary review of February 2021 – January 2022 fiscal year finances as of mid-December 2021 shows Regular Offerings to Churchwide ELCA of \$11,012 compared to a budget of \$18,200 and Joy Offerings of \$4,988 compared to a budget of \$10,000.

For our 2021 convention projects, \$4,818 was sent to SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers and \$2,846 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Income for the work of SC WELCA as of mid-December is \$6,288 (compared to a budget of \$10,600) and Board expenses are \$5,473.

To date the net income for the SC LTSS Scholarship from the Edna Corley Estate and Honorary/Life Memberships is \$1,152.

In early February, all congregational units will receive a statement of contributions for this fiscal year which will include contact information for Virginia Herlong, SC WELCA treasurer effective February 1, 2022.

Thank you for your support during my five years as SC WELCA Treasurer.

Rachel Quesada

# SECRETARY'S REPORT



Happy New Year! I am praying for many blessings for you all! We have a new board and new plans. Our first Board meeting was held on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ascension Lutheran Church in Columbia.

We always start with devotions and prayer. I read many thank you cards. Several were from pastors who received 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gifts from us last year. Also, for those of you who knew Agnes Folk, Sally thanked us for the memorial gift we sent in her name.

We welcomed Denise Caulder, who will be acting as our parliamentarian. Rachel reported the Treasurer's Report. At that time our current cash assets were \$44,901.19 with \$35,630.71 in the Mission Investment Fund. For more details, see the Treasurer's article in *The Ripple*.

Amanda Boatwright, our VP, let us know about plans for the 2022 Convention. Yes, a real convention again. The Theme is He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. It will be held June 24 7 25, 2022. See her article for more details.

We are updating the names of our committees to be in line with what churchwide is now using. So, Growth in now called **Discipleship**; Community is **Stewardship**; Action is **Justice**. We took time for each committee to meet and set goals. Please see their articles for those details.

Risse showed everyone the cross engraved on the back "Love SC WELCA" and necklace chain for it that the Executive Board chose as a gift for Becky. We passed around a card to sign. Risse met with Becky later in the week and presented her with the necklace as a well-deserved "Thank You" for her five years as President.

Our next Board meeting will be February 25<sup>th</sup> before the Camp Kinard Retreat. Hope many of you can attend the retreat. They are always worthwhile, fun and fellowship.

Linda Roland

**Don't forget!**  
**If you have any updates to officers or an individuals change of address or email, please send it to me!**



# DISCIPLESHIP

## 9 WAYS TO BE A DISCIPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD



Are you a follower of Jesus? If so, that would make you one of His disciples. A disciple is literally a follower or student of someone, in this case – Jesus. Right before Jesus ascended to heaven, he met with his followers and gave them final instructions: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them everything I have commanded you.” Jesus was speaking directly to His disciples, and His message was clear: *Be disciple-making disciples.*

So how does one go about making disciples? Well, there is no magic formula. In fact the discipleship process looks a little different for each person This is good news because it means that God can use each of us in different ways to be disciple-making disciples. Here are 9 practical ways to help you and I become a disciple in today's world.

- **Recognize you are a great sinner, and Jesus is a great Savior.** In order to see the greatness of what Jesus has done, we must recognize the weight of our sin and that we are unable to stand up to God's perfect standard. We will always fall short. But Jesus stepped in and took our sin by dying on that cross so we could be saved.
- **Fall in love with God (His beauty, His holiness, His power and His faithfulness).** God is the only God. He is the one, true God. Open your Bibles and read how his beauty and power is matchless. The more you truly know God, the more you will fall in love this Him.
- **Read God's Word daily and submit to it.** If you are wondering how, you can know God look no further than His Word. When we read God's word, we are making ourselves available for God to use us where He feels we should go.
- **Follow the Holy Spirit's leading.** When we make ourselves available to the Lord, we are giving Him control of our decisions. Just as Paul was constrained by the Holy Spirit to go or not go somewhere, we have Him as our Guide. He will lead us to where we need to go, and when we there, He will give us the words to say (Luke 12:12).
- **Be involved in your church.** The church is the bride of Christ, and through it, God will complete His mission of drawing people from all nations to Himself. We must be involved in a local church to be a part of that mission.
- **Surround yourself with a small group of believers.** Sharing your beliefs with others and surrounding yourself with those who have your same beliefs will open up new ways to communicate and discuss how God is working in your life.
- **Have non-Christian friends that know you are a Christian.** Relational witness means we will build relationships with other who do not know Christ to love them to Him. It means we will appreciate (though sometimes not embrace) their interests and cultural distinctions.” This is just being intentional while doing life with people who don't know the Lord. They will know you are Christian by your love.
- **Appreciate that there is no perfect method to telling someone about Jesus.** You may be thinking...I want to tell others about Jesus. I want to be a disciple making disciple. But I just don't know what to say to someone. Sharing the gospel does not need to be a presentation. Ask the person to tell you, their story. Listen. Then, respond with questions and to see if you can share your story. There is no perfect method, just a perfect Savior.
- **Make time in your life to disciple someone.** Be a mentor to someone. Find time in your schedule to meet on a regular basis with someone who wants to know God but not sure how to start. Invite your mentee to join you at church, your unit meetings and gatherings. If they say no don't give up keep asking. Introducing others to who you are and what joy you get from knowing God is contagious.

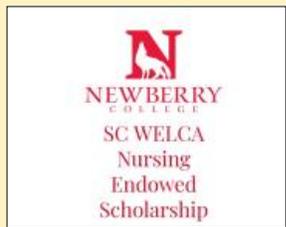
Growth/Discipleship Committee: Denise Warren (Chair), Joy Derrick, Risse Snelgrove



# JUSTICE



The Justice Committee is excited to announce that the local project for this year's convention will be to establish the South Carolina Women of the ELCA Nursing Endowment Scholarship Fund with Newberry College! We will be establishing a permanent endowment fund with an initial gift of \$10,000.



The first year's award will be presented in the fall of 2022. The award each year will be determined by the College's Office of Financial Aid and may be awarded to one or more recipients enrolled in the Nursing Program at Newberry College. We hope to continue to provide funds to this endowment fund for many years to come! We feel that this fund will assist nursing students who will then graduate and impact the health and wellness of our SC residents and beyond! After our recent pandemic, we have seen the toll and devastation that occurred within our nation and the world. This fund is just a small but mighty step in assisting in the development of nurses who will provide healing and wholeness to the church, society and the world!



## **Bold Woman of Faith**

Our global/national project for this year's convention will be to support "Katie's Fund" which was established by Women of the ELCA in 1997 to honor the legacy of Katharina von Bora Luther, the wife of our beloved Martin Luther.

The fund supports ministry in three areas:

- Leadership Development – providing opportunities for current and future leaders to participate in and further the mission of Women of the ELCA.
- Global Connection – building global partnerships that increase multicultural awareness and promote service.
- Living Theology – nurturing faith through Bible Studies, worship experiences and educational theological forums.

These three areas are central to the life of our Women of the ELCA. They also represent the ministries that prepare, nurture and sustain participants as they further the mission and work of the Women of the ELCA. It's a way to invest in the future and support the next generation of bold women!

Please join us in these efforts! Please share these opportunities, goals and dreams of the future with your church, your friends and your neighbors. Your gifts to these two projects will be received during this year's convention. Checks are to be made payable to SC WELCA and please denote which project and the amount.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Cheesman, Chair, at [sarah.cheesman@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah.cheesman@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing you at convention and surpassing our goal for the endowment fund and making a "wow" gift to "Katie's Fund"!

Sarah Cheesman, Chair  
 Merri Lewis  
 'LaTynia Taylor  
 Amanda Boatwright, VP, Convention Chair  
 Dee Bostick, Honorary Life/Memorial Recognition Coordinator



# STEWARDSHIP

## WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?



Stewardship is a careful and responsible management of the money, property, and resources that God has entrusted to us. The Stewardship Committee encourages and equips women to consider their responsibility and capacity for stewardship and faithful accountability. Yes, being a good steward does mean being creative in ways of giving monetarily to our organization which is so very important. It also means sharing our time and talents for the good of God’s people and his Kingdom.

It has been said that the only asset we have that we can never get more of is our time. With that in mind we should keep in mind that everyone’s time is valuable not just our own time.

One way that we can be a better steward of someone’s time is to respond to others in a timely manner. When you have been asked to assist others or respond to someone’s request in a timely manner, whether it be an email or a phone call request we should all strive to be good stewards of time.

By not responding to others in a timely manner you are not considering their valuable time if they are having to follow up or seek out your answers. Remember that God gave us this precious commodity to use wisely. So, please value your time and other’s time as we serve God and each other.

Stewardship Committee:

Amanda Baker

Karen Freeman

Virginia Herlong

Cindy McManus

## LOCAL CIRCLE NEWS



### **Our Saviour Lutheran Church, West Columbia “Project Friendship” Submitted by Sandra Hughes**

The Rebekah Circle, with contributions from the congregation and a \$250 Thrivent Gift Card as part of a Thrivent Action Team, coordinated a “Project Friendship” gift bag drive.

The Circle members filled 17 large gift bags with lots of goodies including personal items and special items that they then delivered to shut-ins and others in the congregation and community who they wanted to remember at this time of the year. This project was part of their 2021 WELCA Community Committee assignment. The bags were enjoyed and appreciated by all recipients.

Six members of Rebekah Circle participated in *Project Friendship*. Those pictured are Linda Hill, Sandra Hughes, Patsy Horton, and Loleta Keitt.

Circle members enjoyed this project and have decided to continue this type of endeavor throughout the coming year with help from the Service and Charitable Works Team.



# CONVENTION REPORT



I love old sayings like “There is a first time for everything.” And “once is enough.” Both seem to apply to the experience of our first virtual convention this past September. The Board worked very hard to try to make it successful and as enjoyable as possible, but “The best laid plans of mice and men...”

We appreciate every one of the original 65 of you who stayed with it and helped us conduct the business that was most important. We know the audio, visual, connectivity especially, and the voting process were a problem for almost everyone. Because of that the company we used to ensure our votes did not charge us their full rate. That was some good news.

We accomplished the most important business. So, we approved the audit report and the next proposed budget. We have a new President and Board and a commitment to NO MORE VIRTUAL CONVENTIONS.

Reverend Kathy Harris led our devotions and prayers emphasizing our theme of *Just Love*. Bishop Aebischer presented video greetings, as did the various agencies and Lutheran companions in faith. Barbara Thistle, our churchwide representative provided greetings from Bishop Eaton and Linda Post Bushkofsky and provided updates about Women of the ELCA around the country and the churchwide office.

If you could not already tell from this issue of *The Ripple*, our new President is Risse Snelgrove and our Treasurer as of February first will be Virginia Herlong. New Board members elected were Dee Bostick, Joy Derrick, Christie Gardner, and LaTynia Taylor. However, due to unforeseen issues, Dee resigned from the Board and Karen Freeman, being the candidate with the next highest vote count, stepped in. Dee instead is replacing Virginia Herlong in the position of Honorary Life/Memorial Recognition Coordinator.

For more details, you can find all the convention minutes on our South Carolina WELCA website.

Linda Roland, Secretary



**CAMP KINARD RETREAT** Please look for the attendance form on page 11 for the upcoming February 25 - 26 retreat.

**SPRING RETREAT** The new dates for the **Isle of Palms retreat** are **April 22-24, 2022**. The cost will be the same - \$130. There will be more information coming.



# LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS

## AFGAN FAMILY IN CHARLESTON WITH HELP FROM LOCAL COUPLE, NONPROFITS



Evacuees walk to be processed during an evacuation at Hamid Karzai International Airport, Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug. 25. U.S. service members and coalition partners are assisting the Department of State with a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) in Afghanistan. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Isaiah Campbell) | Credit: U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Isaiah Campbell

After a harrowing escape from Afghanistan, a couple has enrolled their three boys in a Charleston-area school and will move this week to an apartment with the help of two nonprofit groups that assist refugees and a Summerville couple who gave them temporary shelter.

The father, who asked to remain anonymous, said this summer the U.S. Embassy in Kabul told them to go to the airport for a U.S. military flight out of the country.

The family has special immigrant visas to the United States obtained in 2020 because the father worked for a U.S. military contractor, a relationship that placed them at risk of Taliban retribution.

“If the Taliban knows I was working with the U.S. government, maybe they will kill us,” the father said Monday at the Summerville home of a couple who has befriended them. The visas were due to expire, increasing their urgency to flee. When they arrived at the airport, thousands of frightened Afghans had already stormed the

gate, blocking their exit from a country that was quickly falling into Taliban hands. For four days they tried to leave.

The father said he was afraid to show their U.S. visas for fear they’d be arrested. When the U.S. military withdrew in August, the family sold their car and belongings in their four-bedroom house in Kabul, abandoned it and went into hiding. Miraculously, a travel agent got them on a charter flight to Abu Dhabi and from there to New York City.

In New York, refugee agency No One Left Behind helped them fly to Charleston on Oct. 21, where David and Carol McDougall greeted them. The family lived in a local Airbnb until the McDougall's welcomed them to their home on Halloween night.

David McDougall said with the U.S. military withdrawal, hopes of the family’s exit had “collapsed completely. We explored every possible way to get them out. They tried to go over land, but they couldn’t cross the border.”

The McDougall's were connected with the family through [Lutheran Services Carolinas](#) in June and were emailing them daily with the expectation they’d leave Afghanistan in August. The family arrived in Charleston with just two suitcases.

“It became our mission that we’d get them here,” Carol McDougall said.



David and Carol McDougall



## HELP FROM LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS (*CONT'D*)

The Afghan family wants to withhold their names for fear their six relatives who currently live in their house in Kabul could be put at risk. The family chose the Charleston area because a relative lives here.

No One Left Behind, based in northern Virginia, helps families with special immigrant visas to resettle in the United States. The nonprofit group makes loans for cars, awards grants for rental assistance and helps in finding work. So far, No One Left Behind ([info@nooneleft.org](mailto:info@nooneleft.org)) has assisted in the evacuation of several hundred Afghans with special immigrant visas, said Peggi Phelps, the group's director of operations. "We are working around the clock to assist more," she added.

Bedrija Jazic, director of refugee and immigrant services for the North Carolina-based Lutheran Services Carolinas, said this family is one of the early arrivals. Lutheran Services expects to assist in the relocation of 100 people currently at military bases around the country. The nonprofit agency is working with local churches, faith-based organizations and community groups to organize volunteers to find affordable housing and other services for Afghan families and individuals.

The family is Muslim, but the mother does not cover her hair with a hijab — she is not required to do so in Afghanistan, the father said. They follow the laws of Islam: They eat halal, foods which adhere to Islamic law, and they pray twice daily. The Taliban, he said, misuses Islam.

"The Taliban are killing the people. They are destroying the country. But this is not the way of Islam," he said. "It is our way to bring peace and encourage the people to (follow) the good way."

The father said he's not concerned his sons will lose their culture and ability to speak their Afghan language, Dari.

"If we are taking care of them, they will not lose their culture. We talk Dari at home, but as parents we want them to speak English as well. When they learn English, it is good because they are living in the United States," he insisted. "They have to learn English otherwise it will be impossible for them to do work in this society."

The mother sits twice weekly with a volunteer English tutor. She is a seamstress who produces traditional Afghan clothing on a hand-cranked sewing machine. She wore one of her colorful garments last week during a Transformation Table dinner hosted at Park & Grove restaurant in Charleston as a fundraiser for Lutheran Services Carolinas.

"We came to the U.S. for a better life, to follow the culture of the United States," the father said. "I advise my kids whenever you go somewhere you should respect the culture. The future will depend on the kids and what they want. All three (of my sons) say they want to become doctors."

*From Charleston City Paper*

<https://charlestoncitypaper.com/afghan-family-settled-in-charleston-with-help-from-local-couple->





# COVID STATEMENT



As Christians we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. Loving ourselves and loving our neighbors also means that we care for one another. During our convention on September 26<sup>th</sup> the following Resolution was presented by Linda Griffith from Our Savior Lutheran Church in West Columbia SC. The motion was carried.

“Whereas, the COVID virus has been an ongoing health issue since 2019; and whereas, SC DHEC’s recommendation has been to vaccinate eligible individuals to help reduce the spread of the virus in South Carolina, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the South Carolina Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America encourage prayerful and informed decision-making by individuals in consultation with medical experts as appropriate within the units.”

Our priority at face-to-face meetings, retreats and conventions is to protect each other therefore, we are highly recommending that those attending be vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, we will require you to wear a mask or present a negative COVID Test within 48 hours of the event.

SC WELCA Board



**SC WELCA Retreat Registration Form 2021**  
**Camp Kinard**  
**6053 Two Notch Road**  
**Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070**  
**803-532-2235**

**Theme:** He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

**Dates:** Friday Evening February 25, 2022 - Saturday February 26, 2022

**Times:** Check in is 4:00 pm Friday and Check out is 11:00 am Saturday

**Cost:** \$85.00 (includes meals, breaks, lodging with linens, towels, retreat leader and materials)

**Cost for day:** \$45 (includes meals, breaks, retreat leader and materials)

**Complete the information below.**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

**Check which applies:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a roommate (Roommate's Name \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not have a roommate please assign me one

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to room alone (Extra \$40 for the lodging)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$85 (overnight). \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 (Single Room). \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 (Day attendance)

\*Please read the COVID Statement on the reverse side of this form.  
In light of the newest Omnicom variant, we suggest that you bring your proof of vaccination  
or a negative COVID test within 48 hour.  
We suggest that everyone wear a mask.\*

***MAKE CHECK OUT TO SC WELCA***

**Mail registration form to:** Rachel Quesada (Treasurer), 520 Timber Lane, Anderson, SC 29621

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022**



***SC Women of the ELCA Annual Convention***

***June 24-25,2022***

***The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Newberry, SC***

**NOMINATION FOR YOUNG WOMAN GUEST**

*To be completed by the Congregational Unit President.*

**SEND THIS FORM TO YOUR CONFERENCE COORDINATOR BY April 10, 2018**

**Nominee Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief summary of why this person would be a good choice.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by** (Congregation Unit President) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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CONFERENCE COORDINATOR: *(Please complete the following by April 24,2022)*

1. Above nominee will be: Primary Nominee Alternate Nominee
2. Above nominee will be sponsored by: Synodical Board Conference Congregational Unit
3. Mail this form to Convention Registrar: Jennifer Nuovo, 140 Shirway Road, Lexington, SC 29073



## GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION OF YOUNG WOMAN GUEST

Any woman between the ages of 18 and 35 who has never attended a SC Women of the ELCA Convention is eligible for nomination. The Sponsored YWG will have her convention expenses (fee, lodging and meals) paid for by the Synodical Board, Conference, or Congregational Unit. At the convention, she will be housed with the other Young Women Guests. She will be a non-voting member, will attend the orientation for Young Women Guests, and will be seated with the other Young Women Guests during the convention. It is hoped that the sponsored Young Woman Guest will return as a delegate to following years' conventions.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **Congregational Unit President:**

Please complete this Nomination Form and mail to your Conference Coordinator no later than April 24, 2022. The order in which nominations are received will be a factor in the selection decision. The Synodical Board will sponsor (pay for) one Young Woman Guest from each Conference. The Conference may sponsor additional persons as their funds permit. The Congregational Unit may also sponsor additional Young Women Guests.

#### **Conference Coordinator:**

1. Ask for vote at the Fall Conference Meeting how many nominees will be sponsored by your Conference. A sponsorship is approximately \$100.
2. After April 24, 2022, confer with your Officers and Board Conference Liaison to select the Board-sponsored nominees and, if applicable, the Conference-sponsored nominee(s). Alternate nominees should also be selected in the event the primary nominees are unable to attend the convention. Mark who will be sponsoring each nominee.
3. Mail all of the completed forms to the Convention Registrar by April 24, 2022. The Nomination Form will take the place of the Registration Form for the sponsored persons.
4. Notify each of the Unit Presidents, each Nominee, and Registrar of decisions made by April 24, 2022.

#### **Convention Registrar:**

Notify the YWG Coordinator and the Synodical President, Convention Chair, and Treasurer of all sponsored nominees by May 1, 2022, so that they can provide the necessary follow-up preparations for the convention.

**NOTE: It is understood that the alternate nominee will be sponsored if the first nominee is unable to attend the convention.**



**SC Women of the ELCA Annual Convention**

**June 24-25, 2022**

**The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Newberry, SC**

**NOMINATION FOR FIRST TIMER GUEST**

*To be completed by the Congregational Unit President.*

**SEND THIS FORM TO YOUR CONFERENCE COORDINATOR BY April 10, 2018**

**Nominee Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief summary of why this person would be a good choice.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by** (Congregation Unit President) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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CONFERENCE COORDINATOR: *(Please complete the following by April 24,2022)*

1. Above nominee will be: Primary Nominee Alternate Nominee
2. Above nominee will be sponsored by: Synodical Board Conference Congregational Unit
3. Mail this form to Convention Registrar: Jennifer Nuovo, 140 Shirway Road, Lexington, SC 29073



## **GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION OF FIRST TIMER GUEST**

Any woman who has never attended a SC Women of the ELCA Convention is eligible for nomination. The Sponsored FTG will have her convention expenses (fee, lodging and meals) paid for by the Synodical Board, Conference, or Congregational Unit. At the convention, she will be housed with the other First Timer Guests. She will be a non-voting member, will attend the orientation for First Timer Guests, and will be seated with the other First Timer Guests during the convention. It is hoped that the sponsored First Timer Guest will return as a delegate to following years' conventions.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Congregational Unit President:**

Please complete this Nomination Form and mail to your Conference Coordinator no later than April 24, 2022. The order in which nominations are received will be a factor in the selection decision. The Synodical Board will sponsor (pay for) one First Timer Guest from each Conference. The Conference may sponsor additional persons as their funds permit. The Congregational Unit may also sponsor additional First Timer Guests.

#### **Conference Coordinator:**

1. Ask for vote at the Fall Conference Meeting how many nominees will be sponsored by your Conference. A sponsorship is approximately \$100.
2. After April 24, 2022.
3. Confer with your Officers and Board Conference Liaison to select the Board-sponsored nominees and, if applicable, the Conference-sponsored nominee(s). Alternate nominees should also be selected in the event the primary nominees are unable to attend the convention. Mark who will be sponsoring each nominee.
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#### **Convention Registrar:**

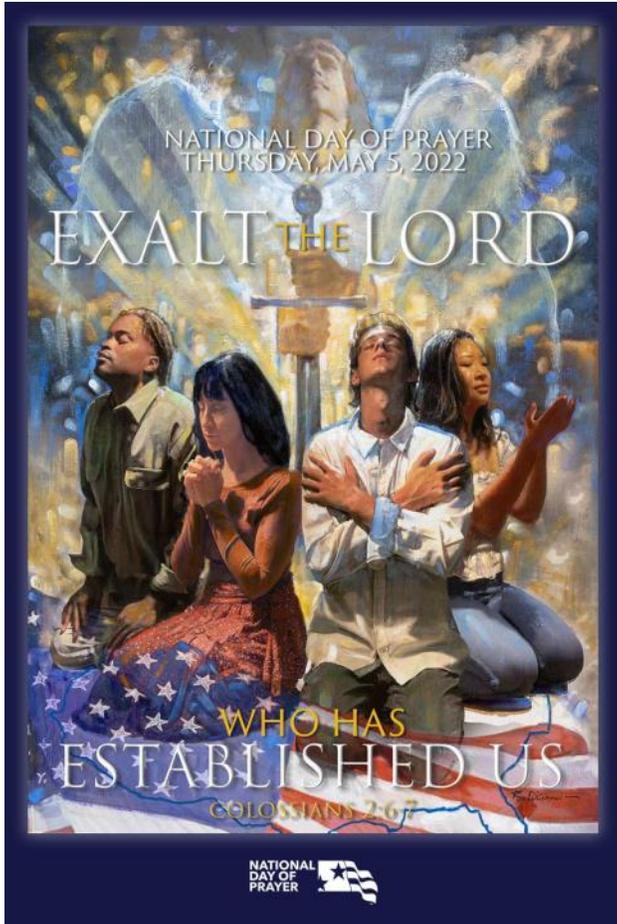
Notify the FTG Coordinator, the Synodical President, the Convention Chair, and Treasurer of all sponsored nominees by May 24, 2022, so that they can provide the necessary follow-up preparations for the convention.

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# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 5, 2022



The theme this year for the National Day of Prayer is a Call to Praise in Prayer: Thursday, May 5, 2022.

**‘EXALT THE LORD, WHO HAS ESTABLISHED US’**

*based on Colossians 2:6-7 NASB*

This theme is set against the backdrop of an inspiring painting created exclusively for the National Day of Prayer by renowned Christian artist, Ron DiCianni. The image illustrates God’s people joining His angels in EXALTING Him as we pray, because He is God Almighty. We have bold access to His throne and passionate confidence as we pray – because HE HAS ESTABLISHED US in this nation and is working in the heavenliest to accomplish all that He has purposed – as we PRAY FOR AMERICA!

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