



The **RIPPLE**



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FALL 2022

2023 SC WELCA CONVENTION

Friday, June 23 - Saturday, June 24, 2023

Zion Lutheran Church, Lexington SC

Convention Bible Verse

This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

John 15:12



Convention Hymn: LOVE LIFTED ME

I was sinking deep in sin
Far from the peaceful shore
Very deeply stained within
Sinking to rise no more
But the master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me
Now safe am I

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me
Souls in danger look above
Jesus completely saves
He will lift you by his love
Out of the angry waves

But the master of the sea
Billows His will obey
He your savior wants to be
Be saved today
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me

*Songwriters: Howard E. Smith / James Rowe /
Michael T. Smith*

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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



James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Here's that word again, "CHANGE"!

I've been in a neighborhood Bible Study since 2019. We are all ages, from different religions and we love Jesus Christ and each other. We trust each other, pray for each other, and help each other in crisis. We celebrate joys and we support each other in times of sorrow and illness. I often wonder why we have such an amazing group of women that can share our deepest fears, concerns and beliefs with so much ease. I have come to realize that it's because each of us has made our studying the word together each week a priority. It allows us to grow in faith as we grow in relationships with one another so that we can in return respond to God's grace by our actions. It is a safe place for us not to be judged or disrespected when we have differences of opinions and beliefs. We allow ourselves to be changed by the holy spirit while we are together. We love each other and meet each other where we are in our lives.

We receive so many good and perfect gifts from God but for me one of the most important gifts that God has given me are deep relationships with other women. Frankly, I don't know what I would do without them. I am certain this is why I have such a passion for our organization. I want every woman to share in relationships with one another whether we are neighbors, church members, different religions, different races different economical status, or different places in the world.

I had the pleasure of attending a WELCA strategic planning meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg a few weeks ago. I was invited to attend this important event by Janine Wagner, president of St. John's WELCA. Janine informed me that the purpose of this meeting was to invite all women of the church to gather in order to discuss what direction their women's organization should take in the future. What a gift it was to be present that day as 18 faithful women opened their hearts and minds that would end with a strategic plan on how to meet the needs of "today's women". During the day I heard about these women's concerns, frustrations and joys of being a part of St. John's women's organization. With many discussions, exercises and guidance by their fearless leader, we discovered that being a part of WELCA does not have to be a cookie cutter situation. We are free to be creative and embrace what fits our groups the best.

We discovered what is important. That's our relationship with God, our relationship with one another and our response to God. It doesn't matter how we get there as long as we can change and mold our lives in a way that accomplishes our needs.

In closing, I thank each of you for making Women of the ELCA a priority in your lives. I thank all who are sharing their time and talents in leadership roles. We would not be here if it weren't for Unit, Conference and Synodical Board leaders. Your work is so appreciated.

It is always a pleasure to be in your presence whether it be at a unit meeting, a conference meeting, retreat or special event at your church.

Keep changing, keep moving forward and never give up!



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As we enter into the fall season, let us remember that this is the time of year for change. We are seeing the leaves changing colors and falling off trees. Our children will be entering a new year of school and change in teachers. This reminds us all that we have a chance for change in ourselves. I love to say every day that God is still working on me. This is wonderful because we all can change to be more Christ like daily. God reminds us of this as the wind blows the leaves around this time of year. The change may be silent or invisible, but we feel God's love and know God is always with us. That reminds us we can change daily for the better.

The convention committee and I have been busy planning our 2023 convention. The theme is *"Just Love One Another"*. The convention Bible verse is John 15:12, *"This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you"*. Our convention hymn is *"Love Lifted Me"*. The location of the convention is Zion Lutheran Church in Lexington on June 23 & 24, 2023. We have two wonderful projects this year. Please see further details in the Action Committee Report.

Please remember we are hoping that all conferences will have Spring Conference Meetings. We hope that you are able to attend your next conference meeting. I enjoy spending time with each of our SC WELCA women.

I hope you and your families are staying safe and have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Happy New Year. As always, my thoughts and prayers are with each of SC WELCA ladies and your families.

I have been busy making up goodie bags for my pastor troops to send them a little Christmas cheer. This is my WELCA unit's way of showing God's love to the troops who cannot make it home for the holidays.

I would like to thank the SC WELCA ladies for believing in me to serve another two-year term as you vice-president. I am truly humbled and so thankful to serve the Lord through SC WELCA. I love each and everyone one of you beautiful ladies.

Your sister in Christ,
Amanda Boatwright



TREASURER'S REPORT



We are thankful to be coming out of the COVID slide. By October last year we had 66 giving units in our South Carolina synodical WELCA organization. As of October this year we have 72 giving units, an increase of 6 more active units in our state! Regular Offerings have also increased by \$3K in the same time comparison. It is a joy to know that more of our ladies are recognizing the joys and blessings of being a part of the greater work of the Women of the ELCA.

As of October 31, we have a cash available balance of \$4,160.82. This does not include the Conference Account (which has a balance of \$2,163.20) or the Triennial Gathering Account (for which we have set aside \$1,400 for stipends to the Triennial Gathering in 2023. See Linda Griffith's report of how you can apply for one of these stipends.

To date, Regular Offering received has been \$16,328.89. Of this, 65% (\$10,613.77) has been sent to Churchwide WELCA. Joy Offering received has been \$5,345.04, all of which has been forwarded to the ELCA Good Gifts program. Life Membership receipts have been \$542.00 and interest from our MIF CD has been \$517.28, both of which will be forwarded to the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary toward our SC WELCA Scholarship. Newberry College has informed me that more contributions have been received toward our SC WELCA Nursing Scholarship, although the amounts and donors remain confidential. Several units have contributed toward Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you for your outpouring of generosity.

Thank you, Unit Treasurers, for your part in facilitating the offering receipts and disbursements of your congregational unit, for your continued support of the work of South Carolina Women of the ELCA, the Churchwide WELCA, and for the wider work of Christ's mission in the world.

Blessings on all you do.

Virginia Herlong

AN UPDATE FROM THE CONFERENCE COORDINATION

Greetings from you conference coordinator on the board. As I write this note, five of our conferences have had fall meetings: Amelia, Saxe-Gotha, Midlands, Western, and Foothills. I understand that some from the Upstate Conference were going to join Foothills at their meeting as well. This is great news!

We have been apart for so long, and it's great to see that many of us are starting to get back together. It can be frustrating because things (and people) have changed, and we can't deny that fact. It is going to take time for all of us to rebuild those connections and relationships that we had prior to the pandemic. Just remember that we are all in this together.

Hopefully, the remaining conferences will schedule meetings for the Spring. I do have one request: please let us know when you have a meeting scheduled so that members of your board can be present. Especially be sure to let Cindy McManus, our Ripple editor, know of upcoming events. Cindy will be sure to post the information on our website as well as in upcoming issues of the Ripple. When you have an event, it would be nice to have a brief report of the event as well as PICTURES. It is so nice to see and hear what is going on in our synod, and it may give the rest of us a few ideas.

We will soon be in that busy time of year with the holidays and activities that come in November and December. However, as we go about our days, we need to remember to take time to say a word of thanks to God for all of our blessings.

Keep in touch!

Diane Wicker



SECRETARY'S REPORT



Hello! I am Shari Donley from Cross and Crown Lutheran Church in Florence, SC and I will be serving as your secretary for the next three years. I did not have an appreciation for the position until I received training from Linda Roland and direction from Risse and Virginia. I have big shoes to fill as Linda did a wonderful job and transitioned to me a very organized portfolio. My many thanks to Linda for her handover and always being available for those “what do I do now” moments!

The new Board for 2022-2023 met for a retreat in Myrtle Beach from September 23 to the 25th. Several of the members signed up to serve a meal. All were delicious and allowed us to partake of the cooking talents of our Sisters in Christ. Diane Wicker led several enjoyable and reflective devotion sessions that revolved around eagles. The final day, Sunday, had several of us enjoying worship at a few of the local Myrtle Beach Lutheran churches. What a delight to visit other churches and to be welcomed as members of the Board.

The business meeting started with the report of the Secretary that included an update on the transition from Linda and the reading of three correspondences. Two letters from Sarah Cheesman and from Newberry College, respectively, related to the Nursing Scholarship and the third was a note of appreciation from Risse for the flowers and remembrance of her sister's passing. Virginia presented the Treasurer's reports for July and August, 2022, Risse provided the President's report.

Much of the meeting was devoted to the organization of the 2023 convention. The theme will be “Just Love One Another” from John 15:12 with the song being “Love Lifted Me”. Amanda, our Vice-President/Convention chair, and her committee have already been hard at work. They have most of the “I’s” dotted and the “t’s” crossed. This is going to be a great convention! Mark your calendars for June 23rd and 24th, 2023 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC. To get the party started three forms are included in this publication regarding registration.

The Mission committees for Action, Growth and Community gave their respective reports that included four goals and projects for the next year. A prototype of a Handbook was discussed and will be deferred until a future meeting. Stipends of the upcoming 2023 Triennial event was discussed and votes approved. Christie Gardner had a training session on the constitution, bylaws and standing rules. Being a Microsoft user for many years I am particularly grateful for the Google Docs training provided Risse. It will take a bit of time however I believe I will be successful!

Our next Board meeting will be February 24, 2023 before the Camp Kinard Retreat. I sincerely hope to see many of you there to share the opportunity to engage in a dynamic Bible Study, fellowship with old friends, make new friends and make pleasant memories.

Yours in Christ,
Shari Donley

**DON'T
FORGET**

If you have updates to officers or individuals contact information, please send it to
Shari Donley at
kipcorp07@aol.com !



ACTION



Happy Fall Y'all!

The Action Committee would like to announce the upcoming convention projects!

The local project is collecting money for Camp Kinard. They need comforters and maintenance supplies. The global project is hygiene kits for Tanzania.

Further information on these projects will be posted in the Ripple and on our website later. I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

See you in the Spring at Conference meetings! Karen Freeman, Chair, Action Committee

GROWTH



But grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3: 18

The following actions were addressed by the committee at the September Board Retreat.

February 24-25, 2023 is the date for the retreat at Camp Kinard. Pastor Lisa Isenhower will be leading our Bible study. Pastor Lisa's bio and the registration form are included in this issue and on the website. **The deadline for the retreat's registration is January 31, 2023.**

The committee continues to provide resources for women to use on the website. The Mission: Growth Committee continues to request women to share/provide resources they have found meaningful in their Christian growth. In addition, the committee request that women share their suggestion for the committee and items on/for the website.

Several months ago, the committee asked our female pastors to share items, such as Bible studies, that our women could utilize. As of now, only one pastor has submitted a resource. The committee will continue to request our female pastors to submit resources. It is our opinion that our female pastors have a unique prospective that can be shared with other women.

Goals for 2022-2023 were developed. They are as followed:

- Continue to offer resources (such as prayer, Bible study, and devotions)
 - * Add a subpage dedicated to devotions on the website
 - * Add the devotion written by SCWELCA
- Provide leadership training
- Continue to emphasize WELCA publications (such as Gather, Daily Grace, and Bold Café)
- Keep Events pages up-to-date on social media
- Continue to offer retreats
- Continue to be open to suggestions from the women of South Carolina
- Continue to invite women to become actively involved in sharing their gifts with other women
- Provide resources to assist women in the growth of their Christian faith

The ladies that serve on this committee stand ready to assist the women of South Carolina. Check out our website at www.scwelca.com. Please feel free to contact us.

Your Sisters in Christ,

Denise Warren, Chair

Cindy McManus, Webmaster

Joy Derrick



COMMUNITY



Our Mission Community Team this year consists of Linda Roland as chair, Risse Snelgrove, and Diane Wick. At the 2022 Convention the ladies at St. John’s in Spartanburg introduced a Resolution which the Convention adopted. Our team will take the lead in acting on it. I want everyone to see it in total.

“This is needed to retain and attract members so SC WELCA can continue to meet its mission and fulfill its purpose.

MOTION:

Therefore, the following motion is made for the SC WELCA organization to seek to understand what Women of the ELCA (active WELCA members as well as other women in the church) like and dislike about WELCA and other small groups. This information will be published no later than 31 December 2023.

- This could be in the form of a survey. (They included a copy of a Kiwanis survey)
- Information from non-WELCA members would be valuable and should be sought.
- This could be published the The RIPPLE or other SC Women of the ELCA publication.
- This may result in actions taken by the SC WELCA Board, Conference, or individual congregational WELCA group.

BACKGROUND:

Many WELCA members at St. John’s Lutheran Church (SJLC) in Spartanburg are satisfied or very satisfied. However, while overall church membership has remained fairly constant, SLCH WELCA has experienced a decline in membership as well as a decline in the number of active circles over the last 5 years. This is not a result of the pandemic, but instead this is resulting from three main reasons.

1. Aging out – members become unable to fully participate
2. Not attracting new members – they are not seeing value in membership when there are other small groups that are more appealing.
3. Dissatisfaction – with WELCA at the church and/or Synod level.

Other congregations may be experiencing similar WELCA attrition across the Synod.

For those congregations that have active, thriving, and growing WELCA organizations, this effort will gain insight into what is happening in those churches that others can learn from.”

I think these ladies “hit the nail on the head” as to what many of our congregations are seeing and trying to deal with. I know from being on the Board for several years now that these are concerns we have discussed many times. My first thought when I read it was “they want us to solve the problems every denomination is facing”. But they have asked us to work together to strengthen our wonderful organization. I am glad they did. The Board had a retreat last year to study the book, Canoeing the Mountains, by Tod Bolsinger. I recommend it to every congregation as one way to look at issues like this and look for solutions.

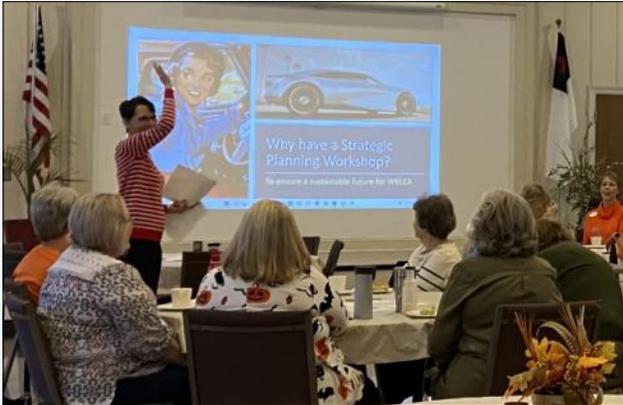
So, do not be surprised by how or what we wind up asking of you in the way of help over the coming year. Let us pray that our team can be successful in following through on this request.

Blessings,
Linda Roland, Chair



LOCAL CIRCLE NEWS

St. John's Women's Strategic Planning Workshop



Imagine spending a morning discussing how to meet the needs of today's women. Really?!?!? That sounds like an impossible task! Now recall the dismal fate of the Oldsmobile when the design engineers and marketing teams did not look to the future and create a vehicle that met the needs of drivers. WELCA does not want to be mentioned by the archives committee at the 200th anniversary of the church as being a group that "died out." Instead, we are intentionally focusing on what our future state should look like and making recommendations for how to get there.

Nineteen women spent three hours on a Saturday



morning in October continuing the strategic planning activities that started last year. After aligning to St. John's Strategic Plan and the churchwide WELCA Purpose, the group agreed to focus on three areas.

Our Relationship with God

Our Response to God

Our Relationship with Others

Likes and dislikes of belonging to small groups were discussed and categorized into the three focus areas.

After reviewing current activities, organization, leadership, and financial structure, a future state was defined. Recommendations were made to address critical issues. This passionate and spirit filled group of bold women documented 44 total recommendations which were brought to the WELCA board to determine next steps.

As mentioned previously, this strategic planning process started last year. It will continue into next year as WELCA intentionally focusses on the future. I would like to recognize all the ladies who attended and brought wisdom to this process. A special shout out to Risse Snelgrove, SC WELCA President, who was also in attendance.



After this workshop, I am confident in the future of WELCA at St. John's.

God's Peace,

Janine Wagner, SJLC WELCA President 2022



P.S. This would not be a proper WELCA article if it did not include a note about the delicious continental breakfast brought by attendees and enjoyed by all!



LOCAL CIRCLE NEWS

Foothills Conference Fall Gathering

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenwood SC hosted the Fall Conference for the Foothills region on Saturday, October 29th 2022.



Ms. Sabrina Miller, Executive Director of The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lakelands Region, the guest speaker provided an inspirational talk about their programs. This nonprofit organization's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need it the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Two of their programs include the "Be Great Academy" after school program and the "Starz24 Teen Center". The Boys and Girls Club is a wonderful organization that is having a positive impact on our community.

Thank you to all the women of Immanuel Lutheran Church for your support in hosting this event and to all the guests who attended the Conference Meeting. The Foothills Conference is currently in the early stages of planning a Spring 2023 Gathering! Details will be posted on the SC WELCA website and Facebook page in the future.



Union Lutheran Church, Leesville

These beautiful quilts are headed to Lutheran World Relief.





SC Lutheran Retreat Centers

Camp Kinard's
Fill My Cup

September 27, 2022
Learn more at: [SCLRC.com/cup](https://sclrc.com/cup)



Fall, what a wonderful time to be at Camp Kinard. My cup over flowed with a cup of tea, good food, good fellowship, and glorious program. If you missed this event you missed a great time, try to plan on attending the next Tea Party...

Ella Shumpert



Wreath Workshop - Camp Kinard, December 1, 2022

Join Pegi Roberts as, together we get into the holiday spirit! Materials and all other supplies will be provided.

Charleston Lights - Charleston SC, December 8-10, 2022

Program highlights include Christmas carols, tours of Charles Pinckney Home & Boone Hall Plantation, and the famous James Island Lights!

Alive Again - Camp Kinard, February 10-12, 2023

You're invited to join us on retreat as we focus on a building a healthy mind, body, & Spirit! Hosted at Camp Kinard. More info coming soon.

Wholly - Isle of Palms, March 3-5, 2023

Wholly is a retreat centered around complete health focusing on God's message of whole health: spirit, soul, and body.

Coastal Crafting - Isle of Palms, March 22-25, 2023

Explore your creative side while enjoying quality time with friends and family the beach! More info coming soon.

To register for these and other retreats go to <https://sclrc.com/>.



2023 Camp Kinard Retreat Registration

Registration Form
6053 Two Notch Road
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070
803-532-2235

Bible Study Leader: Pastor Lisa Isenhower - *“Women of the New Testament”*

Dates: Friday February 23 - Saturday February 24, 2023

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 (Double Room) _____ \$125 (Single Room) _____ \$45 (Day Attendance)

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 check and registration form to: Virginia Herlong, 813 Silverpoint Rd, Chapin, SC 29036

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023



Reverend Lisa Isenhower

The Reverend Lisa Isenhower has been serving as the pastor of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Batesburg-Leesville since April of 2015. Prior to attending seminary, she was the chair of the Humanities and English Division at Spartanburg Methodist College. Pastor Lisa loves literature, music, dogs, and children. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her two grandchildren, taking her dog for walks, teaching aerobic exercise classes, cooking, and crocheting.

Pastor Lisa and her late husband Bob, who died in 2020, have two adult sons, Rob and Andrew. Rob is a psychology professor at Ryder University in New Jersey, and Andrew is the pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Forest Acres, South Carolina.

Pastor Lisa will lead WELCA retreat participants in a study of women in the New Testament and their actual roles in the ministry of Jesus and the early church.



2023 Isle of Palms Retreat

Isle of Palms Retreat

May 5-7, 2023

Please send this portion with your deposit.

Register Early. Space is limited. Only 10 rooms have 2 double beds. The others have a Queen and set of bunks.

One form per participant.

*Please make checks payable to **Sallie Folk**

422 West Pine Street

Florence, SC 29501.

Name: _____
Please Print

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Home Church: _____

Roommates: _____

(2 to 4 ladies to a room)

Full Retreat: double or more occupancy: \$150.00

Single occupancy: \$180.00

Day Timers: \$75.00 Payment can be split up with balance paid by April 15, 2023.

Amount Enclosed: _____

First time attendee: Yes No

Bed linens are included in the registration fee.

Please bring your own towels. Please document any special needs you have (dietary or otherwise) on back. If you have a specific dietary need, please bring items to supplement what we serve. Please bring a favorite snack or dessert to share with the group.

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2023 Twelfth Triennial Convention



Hello all,

Recently I was asked to serve as your Triennial Coordinator for the 2023 Twelfth Triennial Convention to be held in Phoenix, AR. Since the 2021 Triennial was postponed until 2023 and we still have not received details regarding registration, housing, itineraries, or travel, I am at a loss for the moment to give you particulars. The SCWELCA Board has authorized me to begin the process of promoting ten \$200 stipends for persons who would like to attend. In order to apply for a stipend (one per person), you must complete an application and submit it according to the instructions. The Board did not give me any guidelines; therefore, I am outlining some for the award of the stipends:

- ◆ You must register to attend the *Gathering* to be eligible for the stipend. Yes, you can use the \$200 to help with registration.
- ◆ You must provide the Triennial Coordinator with your registration information to confirm that you are planning to attend.
- ◆ If for any reason, you cannot attend, you are asked to refund SCWELCA before the end of the calendar year (before December 31, 2023) in order that the books can be balanced. We realize there are circumstances; however, these funds are in 'good faith' and the Board wants to offer as many as possible an opportunity to attend perhaps a *once in a lifetime* event.
- ◆ Yes, if you have received funds to attend a previous Gathering, you are eligible to apply again.

Linda Griffith

Please complete the information below and submit to Linda Griffith via email (lindagriffith2@aol.com) or the USPO (3963 Brutus Pass, West Columbia, SC 29170). Deadline for entry will be with a postmark or email date of December 31, 2022. If more than ten applications are received, I will place them all in for ten drawings. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ALL INFORMATION BELOW.

Name: _____ Conference: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ Home Church: _____
 Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

A brief statement why you would like to attend this Gathering: _____

Other information to be used for statistical report.

Have you attended a Triennial before? Yes ___ No ___ Year(s) _____
 As a delegate? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how many times? _____
 As a Gather participant? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how many times? _____

Did you receive a stipend for the Postponed Triennial in 2021? _____
 If yes, did you return the stipend to SCWELCA or do you plan to use it toward 2023?

Please feel free to call, text, email, or write me for any questions or concerns.

Linda M. Griffith, 2023 Triennial Coordinator 803-920-3975 c (preferred number)

NOTE: No TEXT MESSAGES OR PHONE CALLS will be accepted as your entry. You must email or USPO your request for the funds.



SC Women of the ELCA Annual Convention

Theme: "Just Love One Another"

June 23-24, 2023

Zion Lutheran Church, Lexington, SC



NOMINATION FOR ELECTION

Complete both sides of this form; include a "headshot" photo of the nominee and return to:

Amanda Cruse, 233 Farmington Ct, Lexington, SC 29072 or email acruse1958@gmail.com.

This form must be received by Friday, March 31, 2023.

Forms may only be submitted by registered voting members and must be signed by the nominee to show consent.

Check one: Board Member Treasurer

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE

Full Name _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Phone (home) (cell or work) _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Age Category: 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 and over

Ethnic/Racial Heritage: Asian African American Hispanic White Other

Home Congregation _____ City _____

Conference _____

Experiences that would help this person to serve in this position.

Beginning with the most recent, list significant experiences in each area. Use additional sheet if needed.

Women of the ELCA Congregational Unit and/or Congregation (may include experience in previous churches)

Women of the ELCA Conference, SWO, Churchwide (may include experience in previous churches)



ELCA Congregation, Conference, Synod, and Churchwide (may include experience in previous churches)

Ecumenical (include local, state, and national/international organizations/affiliations)

Submitter Information (No more than one person from a unit shall be nominated.)

Name (print) _____ Signature _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Phone (home) (cell or work) _____

Email _____

Home Congregation _____ City _____

Signature of Nominee _____

Mail this form to:

Amanda Cruse

233 Farmington Ct

Lexington, SC 29072

or email acruse1958@gmail.com.



SC Women of the ELCA Annual Convention

June 23-24, 2023

Zion Lutheran Church, Lexington, SC

NOMINATION FOR FIRST TIME GUEST

To be completed by the Congregational Unit President.

SEND THIS FORM TO YOUR CONFERENCE COORDINATOR BY April 10, 2023

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 _____

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

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



GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION OF FIRST TIME 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, 2023. 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, 2023,
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.
4. Mail all of the completed forms to the Convention Registrar by April 24, 2023. The Nomination Form will take the place of the Registration Form for the sponsored persons.
5. Notify each of the Unit Presidents and each Nominee of decisions made by April 24, 2023.

Convention Registrar:

Notify the FTG Coordinator, the Synodical President, the Convention Chair, and Treasurer of all sponsored nominees by May 24, 2023, 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.



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NOMINATION FOR YOUNG WOMAN GUEST

To be completed by the Congregational Unit President.

SEND THIS FORM TO YOUR CONFERENCE COORDINATOR BY April 10, 2023

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 _____

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



Honorary Life & Memorial Recognition

South Carolina Women of the ELCA

Honorary Life

Honorary recognition may be made for a minimum donation of \$25 and is a way to pay tribute to a woman, man or young person in your area who is always there when needed and never finds an excuse to not help anyone in need, regardless of the situation. The application for Honorary Life Memberships has space for a citation (reason for recognition). This will be printed on the Honorary Certificate. The certificate and pin will be sent to the requestor for presentation.

Memorial

Memorial recognition may be made for a minimum donation of \$25 and is given in memory of a woman, man or young person who has passed on to the church triumphant and who had a positive impact on you or your community during their lifetime. The Memorial application has a space for a citation (reason for the memorial) if desired and printed on the certificate. The certificate will be mailed to the requestor for presentation.

All proceeds from the Honorary Life and Memorial Program go to our SC Women of the ELCA Scholarship Fund at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary/LRU.

____ Honorary Life ____ Memorial

RECIPIENT INFORMATION (please print)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Presentation Date _____

PRESENTED BY

Church Name _____ City _____

CITATION ON CERTIFICATE _____

____ Ready to Frame ____ Presentation Folder

SUBMITTED BY _____ Phone _____

Send Certificate/Pin to: _____

Address _____

Special Instructions _____

DONATION (minimum donation of \$25; make check payable to SC Women of the ELCA)

Enclosed is a donation of \$ _____

Honorary Life members will receive a Certificate and Honorary Pin. Memorials will receive a Certificate.
 Send completed form with your check to: Dee Bostick, 2624 Six and Twenty Rd, Pendleton, SC 29670
 Phone: 864-650-3956, Email: deebostick1@gmail.com



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