



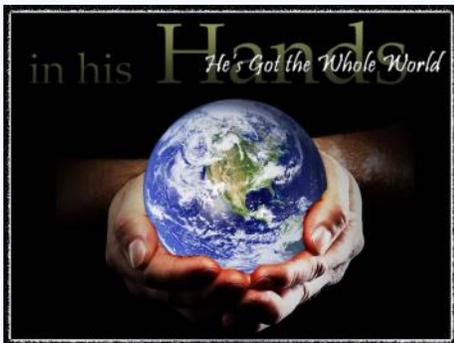
The **RIPPLE**



SPRING 2022

Expanding the Circle of SC Women of the ELCA

Check out our **website** for up-to-date information and pictures.
Go to <http://www.scwelca.com>.



2022 SC WELCA Convention June 24 & 25, 2022

THEME: “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

LOCATION: The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer, Newberry

See pages 17 - 22 for registration information.

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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



Two years ago my thirty-one-year-old niece, Leigh, passed away from brain cancer. When Leigh left us, she took a huge chunk of our hearts with her. As I now reflect on Leigh's life, I am amazed at all the wonderful things she accomplished. Leigh was a great teacher, she traveled extensively and lived in Germany while studying abroad, she loved basketball and of course she loved her music. One of Leigh's favorite songs was "Who Runs the World....Girls!!" by Beyoncé. Her sister Beverly even had it played at Leigh's memorial service. Deep in my heart, I know if Leigh hadn't left us so soon, she would have continued to run her world in so many positive directions. Heck, just knowing the impact she had on some of her high school biology students, who had her as a

teacher and mentor, proves my point.

Who Runs the World....Girls!

There's something to be said about this song title. As a young girl growing up in the Lutheran Church, I watched the women in my church take charge. Those ladies rose to every occasion... planning, implementing and celebrating to fit the needs of my church. I witnessed them taking up an offering every single time they met. I had no idea what they were doing with all that money, but then I grew up and became one of those "church ladies". That's when I learned where all their offerings were going. It was going to Women of the ELCA. Then I discovered what the Women of the ELCA was all about. I couldn't believe there was an organization that allowed only girls to join. Yes, it's a girl's club. They accepted all kinds of girls no matter what age, race or sexual orientation. But most of all they helped women and children in poverty, they supported women who wanted to be pastors, they took on justice issues. It was awesome and that is why I decided to be a part of this organization and I've never wavered.

Who Runs the World...Girls!

As we reflect on what is happening in our world right now it is heartbreaking. As we watch the horrific scenes in Ukraine and what one evil minded person can do to a country, it just blows my mind. I watch with tears in my eyes, seeing especially the women and children trying to flee to keep their families safe. How bold and courageous these women are....either leaving their lives behind or staying to help fight for their country. Is there anything women can't do?

Who Runs the World...Girls!

As Women of the ELCA we must stay united to "Run the World". With our love for Christ, our many resources, our bold voices, our compassionate hearts, our pleas to God in prayer and how we support one another, I know women will change the world in a positive manner. With our country so divided, we as women must exhibit these traits, especially to each other in order to create the type of world we want our children and our children's children to live in and raise their families.

So, who runs the world? Yes Leigh, girls run the world...with our faith and God's help.

Risse Snelgrove



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.

Happy Spring ladies. This is the time of the year that makes me feel like new life is sprouting in our circle of life from the cold winter weather. We have the beautiful flowers of spring blooming which reminds us that Christ has risen from the dead. The smells of flowers remind us of the oils that were used to preserve his body. The caterpillar going from a cocoon to a beautiful butterfly reminds us that the death and resurrection of Jesus is sad but becomes a beautiful blessing to us. I hope everyone has a Happy Easter. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you ladies as always. Praying for everyone’s health and safety during this pandemic.

The Convention Committee has been hard at work to finish up some of the tasks for Convention. Heartland Conference will be planning a meeting for the ladies to go over convention sometime this March/April. Our Chaplin will be Rev. Megan Lineberger. She is the pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church in White Rock. Our Keynote Speakers will be Dr. Jerry Alewine from Newberry College. He is the Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences. We also are proud to have a former President Donna Fulmer daughter Dr. Jenny Lindler to come and speak as well. She is the Director of Nursing at Newberry College and was one of the first graduates of the Nursing Program. Entertainment this year for the banquet will be the wonderful voices of Reggie and Ladye Love Smith. They are members of the Gaither Homecoming Series for the last 18 years. Reggie Smith is now a member of the Gaither Vocal Band. Come here there amazing voices blend for a night to remember. They are wonderful husband and wife duo.

Please find the Convention Registration form included this RIPPLE. Don’t let the deadlines run out! We have eight 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 girl’s dorms in Tanzania, and Sexual Trauma of the Midlands on Sex Trafficking awareness.

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.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (*con't*)

Please send Karen Freeman all pictures from your churches, families, and friends of Nurses.

Community Committee will be doing a display of these pictures at Convention.

We are happy to be having a Fair-Trade Store open during the convention. This store will be selling goods handmade by ladies all over the world.

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 member 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.

Your Sister in Christ,
Amanda Boatwright
Vice President

Staff for 2022 Convention

Chair: Amanda Boatwright

Co-Chair: Sarah Cheesman, Christie Gardner and Linda Boatwright

Churchwide Rep: TBA

Registrar: Jennifer Nuovo

Mission Action Chair: Sarah Cheesman

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jerry Alewine/Dr. Jenny Lindler

Parliamentarian: Denise Caulder

Photographer: Amanda Cruse

Song Leader: Donna Brown

Banquet Entertainment: Reggie & Ladye Love Smith

Chaplain: Rev. Megan Lineberger

Musician/Organist: Mary Ann Hayes

Nominating Committee Chair: Kristen Snelgrove Infantino

First Timer Guest Coordinator: Brenda Fulmer

Technology Coordinator: Pat George

Young Women Guest Coordinator: Brianna Kinard

Host Conference Coordinator: Jan Piersol (Heartland)

Host Church Pastor: Rev. Matthew Titus

Triennial Gathering Promoter: Linda Griffith



TREASURER'S REPORT



A big THANK YOU to Rachel Quesada for serving so faithfully as your treasurer for the past five years. Her fiscal year end reports for February 1, 2021, through January 31, 2022, will be in the 2022 Bulletin of Reports.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2022 Convention at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry the last weekend in June. We are happy to be supporting Katie's Fund AND starting a new endowment scholarship for nursing students at Newberry College. We need \$10,000 to open this endowment. We already have \$1,333 toward this goal. Let's make this happen!

Please use your Offering Remittance Form to specify the amounts you wish to contribute for the following Designated Gifts:

1. Convention Offering
2. Convention Project #1: Newberry College Nursing Endowment Fund
3. Convention Project #2: Katie's Current Fund.

We will also be receiving your Regular Offering and Joy Offering.

Our prayers are that you will find great joy in knowing the blessings your gifts make possible in the lives of others today, and in the future.

Thank you, Treasurers, for your part in facilitating the offering receipts and disbursements of your Congregational Unit and for your continued support of the work of SC WELCA, the Churchwide WELCA, and for the wider work of Christ's mission in the world.

Blessings on all you do,
Virginia Herlong

PS You will also find this form on the SCWELCA website.

Please bring this form with you to the convention and give to Sarah Cheesman at the "Action" table, or email to Sarah.Cheesman@yahoo.com.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Church Name: _____ City: _____

\$ _____ Convention Offering

\$ _____ Convention Project #1: Newberry College Nursing Endowment Fund

\$ _____ Convention Project #2: Katie's Current Fund

\$ _____ Regular Offering

\$ _____ Joy Offering

\$ _____ **Total**

Please give your completed Offering Remittance Form with check during the Offering Service which will be right after the Opening of Convention. Check should be made out to **SC WELCA**.



SECRETARY'S REPORT



The Board met prior to our annual Camp Kinard Retreat. Though the weather was cool, it was a lovely weekend.

Unfortunately, a couple of our Board members were unable to attend but we managed to accomplish quite a bit of business. As always, we open with devotion and prayer. This time provided by Virginia Herlong. She focused on what God wants from us. That is US.

Rachel Quesada provided her last report as Treasurer. She turned the bookkeeping reins over to Virginia Herlong on February 1, 2022. As of that date we had \$14,210.84 as of that date in Truist Bank and \$15,000 with the MIF CD. Please see Virginia's article for more details.

Our President, Risse, reviewed our recent first annual Board retreat at the Isle of Palms Retreat Center. It was and will continue to be a wonderful way for each new Board to get to know each other, come together as sisters, and increase our faith with Bible Study. We studied the book, Canoeing the Mountains by Tod Bolsinger. I highly recommend it for all church members, especially those in any leadership position in their congregation. In it he states that the church needs to prepare how to be disciples in a Post Christendom Era. If that is so, our "tried and true" methods of bringing members into our churches just won't work anymore. He helps us see how to change.

Risse has also been working to get needed committees into place for Long Range Planning, Nominations, Stewardship, and the like.

Amanda Boatwright has much of our upcoming convention planning well under control. See her article for more details about that. Each Committee also has an update in *The Ripple*.

Once the Board approves minutes from the last meeting, I turn them over to Cindy, our webmaster extraordinaire, to put them on the webpage so you can read them from our October meeting yourself.

Prayerfully consider how you can help this wonderful organization. Be willing to step out of your comfort zone to run for the Board or a Conference position or help at the convention. Knowing many of our members are senior citizens, I have never seen the Bible verse where God says, "Be my disciple until you retire." I see this time in my own life as an opportunity to do things for my Lord that I did not have time to do when I was working and raising children.

Blessings,
Linda Roland





MISSION COMMITTEES - UPDATE



We got ahead of ourselves. We announced in the winter issue of *Ripple* that we had updated our Mission Committee names to align with our Churchwide organization. This was a mistake as we have not changed our committee names. We still are reporting for our Action, Growth, & Community Committees.

However, your Board is currently studying this issue and discerning the next steps and I welcome your thoughts on this topic. We will always look inward and outward to make sure we remain the most efficient and effective organization possible. So, a name change may be in our future.... but not yet.

If you would like to learn more about the Mission areas that the Churchwide Women of the ELCA focuses on please go to www.welca.org and click on Ministry and Actions (**DISCIPLESHIP**, **JUSTICE**, & **STEWARDSHIP**). You will also find so many program resources for your personal or groups to use.

Risse Snelgrove

ACTION

Greetings to all our SC Women of the ELCA!

The Justice Team is excited about our upcoming convention and our two projects!

You should have seen our article in the last issue of *The RIPPLE*, but here's an update! We have developed an endowment for a nursing scholarship with Newberry College!



This is an opportunity to grow and support our nurses long into the future. Our goal is \$10,000 and then we can continue to contribute to this fund for years to come through SC WELCA all year, every year!



Bold Woman of Faith

Our other project will spread throughout WELCA by supporting the Katie's Fund Current that will support and grow our future women in the ELCA! **Katie's Fund Current**, named for Katharina von Bora Luther, the wife of Martin Luther, supports leadership development, living theology, and global connections. What a wonderful opportunity for SC WELCA to promote!

Please spread the word to your congregation, friends, family and neighbors to collect funds for both of these projects!

We are Bold Women. We will and do make a difference in doing God's will. See you at convention!

Sarah Cheesman,
Chair Action/Justice Team



GROWTH



On February 25-26, we held our annual SC WELCA Retreat at Camp Kinard. Thirty ladies signed up for the retreat with twenty-eight women in attendance. We followed Covid screening protocol. This allowed us to share the weekend face-to-face. This was a gift for all of us! Our theme was “He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands”.

Our retreat leader was Rev. Linda Anderson, who is an interim pastor for the SCELCA. Pastor Linda spoke on how God has his whole world in his hands. She also gave us a world history lesson of the Holy Land and she focused on our companion countries Tanzania and Japan.



Pastor Linda Anderson



During the retreat, donations were collected for ELCA Good Gifts totaling \$416. The farm animals selected were given in honor of Pastor Linda. There were displays, resource materials and snacks. We had a wonderful time sharing, laughing, fellowshiping, crafting and studying the Word. I hope that each of you will consider joining us next year.



The Isle of Palms annual retreat is back on!! The retreat will be April 22-24, 2022 at the Isle of Palms Coastal Retreat Center. Sallie Folks is your contact person.

As part of the Mission: Growth, the committee is working with Cindy McManus, our webmaster, to develop an access point for women to share resource materials, Bible studies, links, etc. The committee is asking ALL women to share and be an active part in the development of this new and exciting idea. In addition, we are planning to ask our female pastors to develop Bible study videos that women can utilize.

Just a reminder...don't forget about Lutheridge. There are numerous programs offered such as “Wild Women” Weekends, quilting, handbells and Bible studies. Check it out!

Respectfully submitted.

Your Sisters in Christ,

Denise Warren, Chair

Joy Derrick

Risse Snelgrove

<https://sclrc.com/campkinard/>

<http://sclrc.com/coastalretreat/>

<https://lutheridge.org/fall-and-spring-programs/>





Just a few of the resources provided by participants.



Beautiful scarf given to Pastor Anderson.

COMMUNITY



The Community Committee has been busy. We are working on a mural for the SC WELCA Convention. This mural will honor nurses of the past, present and future. We have been collecting pictures and still need everyone to consider submitting pictures.

You may send them to:

Karen Freeman
1203 Doodle Hill Road
St. Matthews, SC 29135
or Lkfreeman68@gmail.com

There were only a couple of Spring Conference meetings but it was so good to be able to meet in person again! If your conference leaders have changed, please let me know at Lkfreeman68@gmail.com or 803-397-6728.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Newberry in June!

Karen Freeman, Chair
Amanda Baker
Virginia Herlong
Cindy McManus



ASSEMBLY OFFERINGS SUPPORT TO RESTORATION CHAPEL OF GREENWOOD



Kinard Manor Recovery is a unique partnership between LSC and the volunteers of Restoration Chapel. Restoration Chapel of the South Carolina Synod will provide spiritual direction, growth, and holistic healing to the women in recovery. The cruel hand of addiction, in some way, affects us all.

Restoration Chapel of Greenwood has risen to meet the needs of our current addiction crisis. In this unique partnership between a ministry of the church and Lutheran Services Carolinas, 10 women in recovery have a safe space to live during a crucial point in their recovery journey. Just as importantly, they have a ministry that is there to walk with them and provide spiritual support – an important protective factor in recovery.

LSC South Carolina Business Developer Rachael Fulmer said there are an abundance of recovery homes for men in South Carolina, but not for women. She says Kinard Manor will serve women from all across the state.

On February 28, our Synod Council designated the offerings from the 2022 Assembly to the ministry of Restoration Chapel.

Your support of Restoration Chapel continues important accompaniment work, provides scholarships for the women to enter the house, and furthers the work of the church's response in a time where so many need what this ministry has to offer. This ministry makes a significant, positive impact in the lives of the people who experience it.



The South Carolina Lutheran eNews for March 16, 2022

<https://lscarolinas.net/2021/08/13/lsc-opens-addiction-recovery-program-in-south-carolina/>





2022 SCWELCA CONVENTION

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS:

History of Chrismon's

Edith Hawkins and Debby Fulmer will be leading this workshop. This workshop will take both workshop times on Friday. You will learn the history, shapes, sizes, colors and reason why the Chrismon's exist. Then you will make a small Chrismon to take home.



How to See God in Everyday Things

Sara Burton will be leading this workshop. In this workshop you will learn about how to see GOD in everyday things. Also, how we show God's love by being healthy and using our hearts to show love to one another.

Craft/Service Project

Trina Floyd and Ella Shumpert will be leading this workshop. This workshop allows you to paint a cross for the girl's dormitories in Tanzania. This craft project ties in with our global project three years ago. This way the girls will have a reminder of God's love to hang in their rooms. We are showing our sister synod love by giving crosses to the girls.

Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands

Sarah Goode and Erin Hallman Thomas will be leading this workshop. Learn more about Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands and what their organization does for human trafficking. They will teach you about human trafficking and how to detect, prevent, and protect yourself and communities. Also, how to love yourself or others who have been traumatized by someone.

Making Cards for Special Event and Crosses

Helen Fellers and Derryl Satterwhite will be leading this card workshop. Making a card to be attached to craft/service project of painting crosses. This way the girls will know who made them for their dormitory rooms. You will also make card to take home for a special occasion of your choice.



Bible Study on 12 Shields of the Disciples

Rev. Kathy Harris will be teaching this workshop. She will be going over what each shields means, and which Disciple belongs to that shield. Very interesting workshop to learn about the 12 Disciples and their shields.

Newberry Opera House

This workshop will be a guided tour around the Opera House to see what it looks like from backstage and all around the Opera House.



Newberry Museum

This workshop will be a guided tour around the Museum. They will be show casing wedding dresses tour from 1790 through out today time. It will be very interesting to tour this display.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Dear Sister in Christ,

Greetings from the SC Synodical Women's Organization and more specifically from the SWO Nominating Committee. We are looking for nominees to be on the ballot for Secretary and board members for the 2022-2023 year. Elections will be held at this year's convention on June 24-25, 2022 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry, SC.

Enclosed is a Nomination form as well as a copy of the job descriptions for these positions. We ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a nominee for the position or positions indicated. If you need further information, please contact one of us.

If your prayers lead you to become a nominee, please send your completed Nomination form PLUS a picture that can be scanned, or a .jpg picture to our Nomination Committee Chair of this year's Nominating Committee. Her contact information is listed below. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Your SWO Nominating Committee Representatives,

Kristin Infantino (Chair)
823 Vanguard Street
Lexington, SC 29073
803-629-2287

Donna Fulmer
PO Box 4173
Leesville, SC 29070
803-602-8308

Merri Lewis
2029 Cedarbrook Dr.
Columbia, SC 29212
803-445-9989

CHAPLIN



Rev. Megan Lineberger

Rev. Megan Lineberger was born in Gastonia, NC and grew up in both Carolinas. She attended Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory, NC, the last graduating class of the "College" before it became a "University" receiving a B.A. in Religious Studies: Family Development.

Pastor Megan worked as a Director of Youth and Family Ministry for five years at St. John's Lutheran in Cherryville, NC while discerning the call to seminary. She went to LTSS in Columbia in the fall of 2013 and graduated in 2017.

Fun Fact: Pastor Megan received a SCWELCA scholarship during her time in seminary. Her first call was as Associate Pastor of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Charleston, SC. She is now solo pastor of Bethel Lutheran in

White Rock, SC.

Megan is living proof that community and church support matter. She was raised in the church, nurtured by SCLCY, and formed through outdoor ministry at Lutheridge during college summers. Her areas of passion within ministry include pastoral care/building relationships, leading worship, and serving outside the walls to better the communities in which we live. Aside from ministry Pastor Megan loves to run, sew, play with her dogs, and spend time with her husband and step-daughter.



CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Jenny Lindler, Newberry College Director of Nursing



Dr. Jenny Lindler's professional goal has always been to become a nurse educator who empowers students to become the best nurse they can be, contribute to nursing research and help in shaping the future of nursing.

Lindler has served as a clinical instructor and adjunct faculty for Newberry College since 2016, joining the College's full-time faculty in 2018. She also previously worked as a nurse educator at Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.

Lindler is a practicing Registered Nurse with experience in several areas, including cardiac telemetry, medical-surgical, oncology, geriatrics, and family practice. She is nationally certified as a medical-surgical nurse. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Jenny currently lives in Little Mountain, South Carolina with her husband, Stevie. They are the proud parents of three children.

Dr. Jerry Alewine, Interim Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences



Dr. Jerry Alewine, a highly qualified and well-respected educator and industry professional who joined Newberry College in July 2017 to lead the newly created Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy degree-completion program for which he also developed the curriculum.

Alewine came to Newberry College from Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood, S.C., where he served as dean of the Division of Health Science (2008-2017) and previously served as Piedmont's director of Clinical Education for Respiratory Care (2001-2008). His experience also includes more than two decades working as a Respiratory Therapist. He worked at Self Regional HealthCare (1998-2001), where he was adult care supervisor, and at Providence Heart Center (1995-1998), where he was department supervisor.

Alewine served as president of the South Carolina Technical Education Association (2015) and was the 2006 recipient of the Piedmont Technical College Presidential Medallion. He is active in the healthcare industry having served as president of the South Carolina Society for Respiratory Care in 2013. He was recognized for his efforts with the DHEC Maternal and Neonatal Champion Award (2004) and was named the South Carolina Practitioner of the Year by the South Carolina Society for Respiratory Care in 2006. Dr. Alewine was promoted to Dean of Nursing and Health Science in spring 2022.



LIVE MUSIC!



Come see and hear Reggie Smith and Ladye Love Smith on June 24, 2022. The concert will be at 7:30pm.

They have become an integral part of the Gaither Homecoming family during the past 18 years; first as back-up singers in Nashville, and later as a feature vocal duet in the award-winning Gaither Homecoming video series.

These internationally-loved musicians have performed in more than 25 countries and in such venues as the Super Bowl, New York's famed Carnegie Hall, and the Kremlin in Moscow. Their voices can be heard on countless recordings, including the original The Lion King movie soundtrack. Reggie is an accomplished producer who has worked with country music's finest, including Josh Turner and Michael Martin Murphy. Most recently, Reggie joined the Gaither Vocal Band's legendary line-up of talent.

Musically, the Smith's versatile voices and broad range of influences lend themselves to a variety of styles, from country to big band to contemporary worship. Yet in all of its refreshing variety, the music of Reggie and Ladye Love Smith retains their signature, heart-melting sound. With impeccable musicianship, soulful voices and humble spirits this duo is truly a breath of fresh air, offering a unique authenticity that has drawn listeners from all across the planet.

We have a limited number of tickets on sale for the concert!

Order your tickets now! Tickets are on sale for \$20.00 each.

Please contact Amanda Boatwright for more information.

Email - msangelwingschurchchick@yahoo.com

Phone - [\(803\) 674-6112](tel:(803)674-6112)





South Carolina Women of the ELCA 2022 NOMINATION FORM

Complete both sides of this form; include a "headshot" photo of the nominee and return to: Kristin Infantino, 823 Vanguard Street Lexington, SC 29073 or email ksnelgrove2005@yahoo.com. This form **must be received by Friday May 13, 2022.**

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

Check all that apply:

Secretary Board Member

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE

Name _____

Address _____

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

Primary Language _____

Home Congregation _____ City _____

Conference _____

Church & Address _____

Qualifications which would help this person in performing the duties of the position for which she is being nominated.



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 church bodies)

SC Women of the ELCA, Conference, SWO, Churchwide (may include experience in previous church bodies)

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

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

Other comments (Why do you think this person would be effective in this position?)

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

Name (print) _____ Signature _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell or work) _____

Email _____ Congregational Unit/City _____

Signature of Nominee _____

Mail this form to Kristin Infantino 823 Vanguard St Lexington, SC 29073 or email to ksnelgrove2005@yahoo.com.



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 _____

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 _____

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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5. Notify each of the Unit Presidents and each Nominee of decisions made by April 24, 2022.

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.

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



**Nomination Form for Triennial
Voting Member 2023 Triennial Convention
Week of Sept. 18, 2023 Phoenix, Arizona**

At the business meeting of the 35th Annual Convention of the South Carolina Synodical Women's Organization on June 24 & 25 , at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry, SC, four voting members and alternates will be elected for the 2023 Triennial Convention. The new President will also be a voting member. They will attend the Triennial Convention (business meeting) before the Triennial Gathering. Voting members will have their round trip travel, lodging, and meals paid during the convention. Lodging, meals, and registration for the Triennial Gathering will be at the voting member's expense.

Name of Nominee _____

Address of Nominee _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Congregation _____ Conference _____

Address of Congregation _____

Age Range ___ 34 or under ___ 35-49 ___ 50-64 ___ 65 or older

Ethnic Racial Heritage

___ Native American ___ Asian ___ African American ___ Caucasian ___ Hispanic _____ Other

Have you been a Voting Member or Delegate at a Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention in the past? Yes No

Experience - Beginning with the most recent, please list significant experience in each SWO expression: See Below

Participation as a Woman of the ELCA (Cong. Unit, Conference, Synodical Women's Organization, Churchwide)

Service and Experience (Community, Organizations, Vocational)

Why do you wish to be a voting member at the CWO Convention?

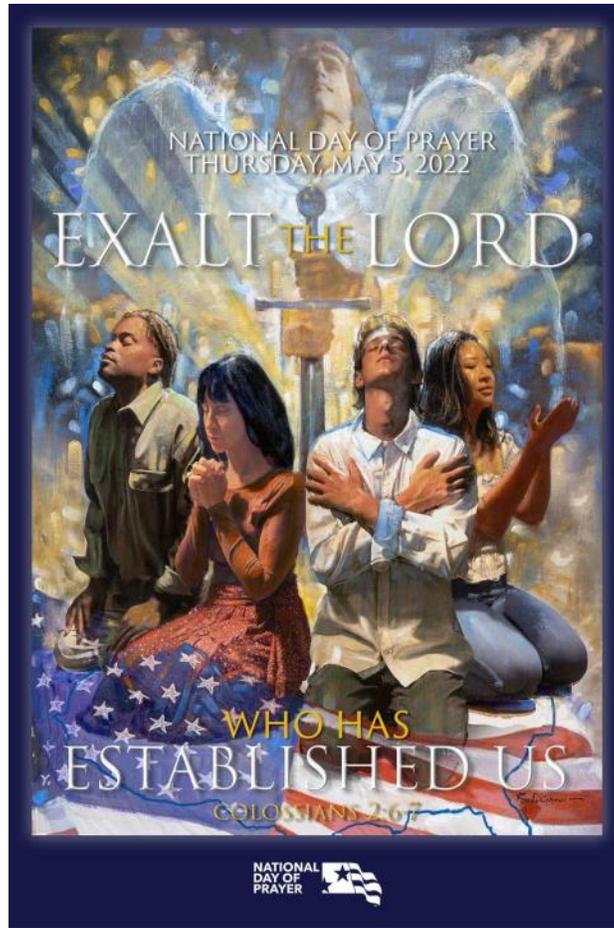
Signature of Nominee _____

Completed Nomination Forms must be emailed or mailed postmarked by May 20 2022 to Kristin Infantino 823 Vanguard Street Lexington, SC 29073 or email to ksnelgrove2005@yahoo.com. Along with a headshot picture in a .jpg format.



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!

https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/announcing_the_2022



QUILTS AND SHAWLS FOR PEACE



Quilts and kits you've previously made are being sent to aid those directly impacted by the assault on Ukrainian people, [Lutheran World Relief](#) reports. When you're feeling helpless and don't know what to do, you can continue making quilts and assembling kits. LWR will need to replenish supplies, and you can make a positive contribution with your work. Maybe you can even invite someone new to the efforts.

Lutherans who work with fibers often turn to their fabric or yarn when faced with calamity. It's calming to work with fibers, and productive outcomes (quilts or shawls) often go to those facing the calamity directly. It's no different with the Russian assault happening in Ukraine. Here are some ways you can employ fiber and make a positive impact on this developing humanitarian crisis. (Read through to the end to learn how you can offer financial support.)



Praying is always an appropriate response: prayers for those directly impacted, prayers for world leaders, prayers for peace and justice. Combine your prayer petitions and yarn by making prayer shawls or prayer squares. While your shawls and squares might not end up in the hands of a Ukrainian, they can benefit people closer to home. Check out Women of the ELCA's free resource [Knitting as a spiritual practice](#) (<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/resources/Knitting.pdf>).

For patterns, do an online search for more information about prayer shawls and prayer squares or check with other fiber artists in your congregation or community. We've run [a blog post \(our most popular ever!\) that included prayer squares](#) (<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/post/will-prayer-squares-inspire-a-new-ministry-for-you>) and you can check there too for a prayer square pattern.

Financial support is always a welcome response, too. Getting money where it can make the most direct impact is important. Gifts can be made to:

[Lutheran World Relief](#)

[https://donate.lwr.org/give/393187/#!/donation/checkout?](https://donate.lwr.org/give/393187/#!/donation/checkout?utm_source=website&utm_medium=organic&utm_content=hero&utm_campaign=UA_WoG&c_src=website&c_src2=hero)

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[Lutheran World Federation](#)

<https://www.lutheranworld.org/news/ukraine-lwf-calls-donations-support-people-and-churches>

[Lutheran Disaster Response \(ELCA\)](#)

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If you are reading this online, hold down the "Ctrl" key and click the name of the organization. Otherwise copy the URL into your internet browser (Chrome, Firefox, etc.)



APRIL ISLE OF PALMS RETREAT

APRIL 22 - 24, 2022



All women of SC WELCA and their friends are invited to the Isle of Palms Retreat hosted by St. Luke Lutheran, Florence. St. Luke's has hosted this retreat for the past 31 years! Isle of Palms Retreat Center is situated directly across the street from the beautiful Atlantic ocean. Join us for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

Check out the SCWSELCA website for the Tentative Schedule for this weekend. Please use the registration form below to register.

Isle of Palms Retreat April 22-24, 2022

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**

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Home Church: _____

Roommates: (2 to 4 ladies to a room)

Full Retreat: \$130.00

Day Timers: \$65.00

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 need, please bring items to supplement what we serve.

Please a favorite snack or dessert to share with the group.



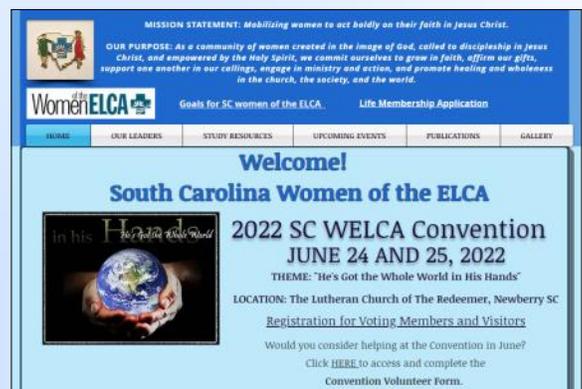
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



First and foremost I want to thank all of the Board members for their constant support, suggestions, and keeping me on track. I have enjoyed the creative process for both *The RIPPLE* and the website. I realized a long time ago that God gave me my creative skills to serve HIM.

I am excited as I am beginning a new path in my life. I bought a house! It's a cute two bedroom on the west side of Batesburg-Leesville. I am looking forward to living close to my son and his family again. Please notice the new address on the subscription page.

I have also been working on updating the website (scwelca.com) and giving it a new look. Thanks to the Board, this process has been so easy. They have all given me insights to what they think we should provide and giving me new and updated information. I hope you will take a look. We have added a new page called "Study Resources". This is an interactive page where you will find information and links to Bible Studies, videos, music, and general resources. We are inviting our female pastors in South Carolina to share some of their teachings and resources. We look forward to posting those in the near future. You will find Bible studies for individual or groups, music to share, and resources that may be useful for yourself and for meeting groups. If you have something that you would like to share with the women of SC WELCA, please send it to me at cjm.welca@gmail.com. Also, check back to these pages often, as I will be adding new information periodically as I receive resources from all of you.



I have also added a "Gallery" page. Here you will find photos of activities from WELCA circles from around the state. Send me your photos!! Please include the location, your church, conference and a short description. If permitted, please include the names of the people shown. It's so much fun to see what we are all doing!

Again, I want to thank those who have given me so much support. I especially want to thank Denise Warren and Virginia Herlong who have been my second set of eyes.

I have lived in South Carolina for just over two years and I firmly believe that God led me here for a reason. Besides being close to my son and family again, He led me to you all.

Peace and Blessings,
Cindy J. McManus
The *RIPPLE* Editor & Webmaster



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Lutheran women have a long history of Bible study, discipleship, and desire to deepen their spiritual life and learn about issues. Women of the ELCA (WELCA.ORG) offers free, downloadable program resources—all in English and many in Spanish—to help you grow in faith and engage in ministry and action.

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**There are so many ways that Women of the ELCA can stay connected;
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