

South Carolina Women of the ELCA Goals

"Community of Women" – We are called to bring all women into fellowship and ministry for community.

- Encourage all women to participate in congregational unit activities, conference meetings, and convention attendance; promote sponsorship of Young Women Guests and First Timer Guests.
- Work with the convention host conference to formulate and assist with the convention project plans; facilitate an annual convention that conducts the business of the SC Women of the ELCA and meets their needs with regards to spirituality, leadership development, family health, and stewardship.
- Suggest a convention workshop and/or keynote speaker related to our local and/or global projects.
- Promote awareness of the Triennial Convention.
- Continue to expand our *Ripple* circulation by offering it free via email.

"Disciples of Jesus Christ" – We are followers of Jesus who strive to live in the way of Christ.

- Worship weekly; read and study the Bible together and individually; pray often.
- Promote peace; seek justice; advocate; and serve others out of a spirit of love; give freely of our time and resources; and be Christ-like.
- Promote the stewardship of God's creation.
- Promote and focus on World Day of Prayer.

"Grow in Faith" – We grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we experience grace in our lives.

- Encourage women to attend retreats at Camp Kinard, Isle of Palms, and the Wild Women Weekend at Lutheridge by providing information and publicizing the activities.
- Promote church-wide growth resources: *Daily Grace*, *Gather*, *Interchange*, *Bold Café*, *Bold Connections*.
- Promote Synod, SC WELCA and CWO websites and resources such as WELCA provided Bible studies.
- Promote SC WELCA Facebook page.
- Provide information that encourages building relationships between generations through mentoring.

"Affirm our Gifts" – We engage in a discernment process of our best gifts and use these gifts to serve God and serve others.

- Affirm our relationship with Christ through worship and prayer; filled by the Holy Spirit, we serve others.
- Receive God's grace and joyfully share his love made known in Christ.
- Value the mutual support and friendships as sisters-in-Christ.
- Encourage congregations to host WELCA Day/ Bold Women's Day.

"Support one another in our callings" – We provide financial support for faith opportunities to share God's grace.

- Encourage and support SC WELCA Scholarships at LTSS through Honorary Life Memberships and Memorial Recognition Program; promote and support Katie's Fund.
- Support conference leaders and congregational unit leaders.
- Strive to increase Regular Offerings.

"Engage in Ministry and Action" – We respond to discipleship by serving others.

- Promote Thrivent Financial resources and other ministries to do community service projects.
- Provide information about human trafficking via our website to the conferences and congregational units.
- Present information about our projects at conference meetings.

"Promote Healing and Wholeness" – United in love, we are called to act with justice, which is faith in action.

- Support and promote ELCA church-wide efforts to address natural disasters, human trafficking, domestic violence and hunger.
- Promote healthy lifestyles by offering a convention workshop.
- Continue to give Regular Offerings, 65% of which are shared with Church-wide organization.
- Give Joy Offerings for ELCA Good Gifts.