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THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA



St. Paul, Aiken, August 15-16, 2025

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Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention
South Carolina Women of the Evangelical Church of America

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Aiken, South Carolina

Friday, August 15 and Saturday August 16, 2025

Theme: Renew – Refresh – Remember

Scripture: Romans 12:2

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Purpose of the Convention

To conduct the business, to elect officers and synodical board members, and to adopt a budget that will enable us to continue to fulfill the purpose of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Women of the ELCA Mission Statement

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.



Women
of the
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA

The symbol – the cross, water, and water lily

– identifies Women of the ELCA as baptized, forgiven, children of God, full of grace and hope of eternal life.

It is a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water.

It is also a reminder of the mission of the church to

“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:19

Purpose Statement

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in 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.

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Blessings to each of you, my siblings in Christ!

I bring you greetings from your churchwide Executive Board. As you convene in your annual or biennial synodical women's conventions, know that you are being lifted up in prayer by the leadership of your Executive Board. We represent you as, together, we implement our strategic plan for the remainder of this triennium under the catetories of Connect, Create, Complement, Continue and Celebrate! You have a part in this plan, and I give thanks for each of you, and for your congregational units, your conferences and clusters, and your synodical women's organizations. I invite you to become familiar with the components of this plan as we

move forward together. Find the full plan from this link:

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Final-Strategic-Plan-2025.pdf>

Your conventions are more than transacting necessary business. Your time together is an opportunity to be inspired by the messages of clergy and gifted speakers. You have reason to be challenged by issues facing our neighbors and our communities, issues including immigration, human trafficking, anti-racism, gender identity, and truth-in-healing. You also celebrate accomplishments, make new friends and reconnect with old. You eat together, pray together, laugh together, grow in faith together. And you leave re-energized to continue our mission and ministry. You are touched by the Spirit! You are bold Women of the ELCA!

Thank you for being the face of Christ as we continue to dismantle actions that exclude our siblings from feeling welcomed, included, and heard. Each of you are ambassadors of God's Love. Together, we are the women's ministry arm of our ELCA. God has called us into this work. I pray you will feel the call, and the power of the Holy Spirit, as you gather together in this year's convention.

Grateful to share this journey with you,



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Meet our Churchwide Representative



Gwendolynn Edwards
Secretary, Executive Board
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Gwendolynn Edwards was elected secretary of the executive board of Women of the ELCA in September 2023. She serves on the constitution review committee and executive committee.

Gwendolynn has served on the board of Nebraska Women of the ELCA (4A) first as vice president, then president, and recently as treasurer.

A member of Lord of Love Lutheran Church in Omaha, Neb., she is a member of the handbell choir and an active member of her Bible study group. She has served her congregational unit in many positions throughout the years and a variety of roles within her church.

Gwendolynn serves the Nebraska Synod as the Synod Council Secretary and previously as parliamentarian at synod assemblies. She is a member of the ELCA Nominating Committee.

She volunteers with Boy Scouts in their Scouts BSA Troops and on the council level as an assistant council commissioner.

Gwen has worked for National Indemnity Company for nearly 38 years. She currently works in the infrastructure department.

Gwendolynn and her husband, John, celebrated their thirtieth anniversary in 2023. They are the proud parents of Aaron who is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and employed at a local Y branch in Lincoln as the Program Director-Youth, Teen, and Family. She is an avid bowler and travels to participate in national tournaments.

A Look Back in History

Term	President
1885	Mrs. JJ Steck
1885 - 1888	Mrs. Peter Robertson
1889	Mrs. CA Marks
1889 - 1894	Mrs. MC Rawl
1895 - 1896	Mrs. JH Wyse
1897 - 1899	Mrs. MM Kinard
1900	Mrs. SL Nease
1901 - 1908	Mrs. AB Scherer
1909 - 1933	Mrs. MOJ Kreps, Sr.
1933 - 1937	Mrs. HA McCullough, Sr.
1937 - 1942	Miss Marie Heinsohn
1942 - 1945	Mrs. MJ Moretz
1945 - 1949	Mrs. Karl W. Kinard
1949 - 1952	Mrs. JB Moose
1952 - 1955	Mrs. J Virgil Long
1955 - 1958	Miss Lois McCartha
1958 - 1961	Mrs. Ralph D Derrick
1961 - 1965	Mrs. Herman W Cauble
1965 - 1968	Mrs. Murray Counts
1968 - 1971	Mrs. John H Koch, Jr.
1971 - 1973	Mrs. J Harry Crout
1973 - 1975	Mrs. James F Shealy
1975 - 1979	Mrs. J Murray Shull, Jr.
1979 - 1981	Mrs. Thomas R Peacock
1981 - 1983	Mrs. Wilbur Shealy
1983 - 1985	Jean Shealy (Hallman)
1985 - 1987	Mrs. Heber Rast
1988 - 1990	Gloria Rast
1990 - 1992	Diane Smith
1992 - 1994	Dot Wise
1994 - 1996	Susan (Crosby) Sanders
1996 - 1998	Christine Whitaker
1998 - 2002	Carolyn Torrance
2002 - 2005	Bunny Wessinger
2005 - 2010	Diane Wicker
2010 - 2014	Donna Fulmer
2014 - 2016	Virginia Herlong
2016 - 2021	Becky Koch
2021 - 2025	Risse Snelgrove

Year	Convention Theme
1988	A New Creation
1989	Sisters in Christ Near and Far
1990	God's Gifts Go On and On
1991	Each One, Reach One
1992	Blessed To Be a Blessing
1993	Mirror of Hope
1994	We Are Called
1995	Here I Am Lord
1996	Proclaim God's Promise
1997	Living Our Faith
1998	Sending Forth Servants of God
1999	Moved By the Spirit
2000	Sowing Seeds of Justice
2001	Grow Through God's Grace
2002	Abundant Blessings
2003	Listen, God is Calling
2004	Guide Us Lord
2005	Responding to God's Call
2006	Act Boldly
2007	Walk Faithfully
2008	Seek Justice
2009	Come to the Waters
2010	Bold Women Crossing the Waters
2011	Renew, Respond, Rejoice
2012	Tend and Nourish
2013	Fill My Cup Lord
2014	Of Many Generations
2015	Be Thou My Vision
2016	For the Sake of Children
2017	All Anew
2018	Christ, Be Our Light
2019	Grace in Community
2020	No convention - pandemic
2021	Just Love
2022	He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
2023	Just Love One Another
2024	Just Love

General Information

RegistrationLobby at St. Paul, Aiken

Friday, August 15, 2025Begins at 11:30 AM

Saturday, August 16, 2025.....Begins at 8:00 AM.

Convention Committees

Convention committees will meet via Zoom before convention.
Room 235 will be available for committees to meet as needed.

Committee on Conduct of Elections will meet in **Room 219**.

Orientation – First Timers & Young Women Guest - Rm 203

Friday, August 15, 2025.....12:00 PM

Orientation - Voting Members & Visitors....Family Life Center

Friday, August 15, 2025.....12:30 PM

Seating

Voting members will be seated at designated tables.

Visitors will be seated at designated tables.

Voting members and visitors are expected to be in their seats ten (10) minutes before the scheduled time for the opening of each session.

Identification

Synodical Board.....Green

Young Women Guests.....Pink

Voting members Blue

First Timer Guests.....Lavender

Visitors.....Yellow

Staff/Participants/Volunteers.....Gold

Information Center.....Next to Registration Table

Resolution and Nomination Forms, Lost and Found, Announcements, etc.

Display Area.....Family Life Center

Evaluation and Volunteer Forms In Your Packet

Please complete and return the evaluation form in your packet.

Your comments will be valuable in helping to plan the next convention.

Also, please complete the volunteer form.

We depend on volunteers to fill many needed roles. **Thank you!**

Photographs
*By registering
for this event,
you give
SC Women
of the ELCA
permission to
use your
image in
informational
and
promotional
materials.*

Convention Special Guests

Assistant to the Bishop of SC Synod.....	Deacon Kimberly Heindl
Keynote Speakers.....	Pastor Lisa Isenhower
	Dr. Cathy Milejczak
Convention Chaplain.....	Pastor Rebecca Wicker
Companion Synod, ELC of Tanzania, SW Diocese.....	Dr. Cathy Milejczak
Entertainment.....	Encounters in Time

Lutheran Institutions

Newberry College.....	The Rev. David Coffman
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.....	Dr. Chad Rimmer/Kristi Tucker
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers.....	Dallas Shealy

Organizations

Thrivent Financial.....	Robert Kopp
Lutheran Disaster Relief.....	Ruth Ann Sipe, Kelly Fulmer
Lutheran Family Services.....	Sarah Quinney
Lutheran Homes of SC.....	Denise Dickinsen
SC Lutheran Men in Mission.....	Ronald Redd, Marshall Hulbert

Convention Projects

Fabric Kits.....	Lutheran World Relief
Farmer's Market Coffee & Chocolate bars.....	Lutheran World Relief
Lighthouse for Life.....	Jeffery & Hope Reece

Convention Workshops

Bible Study on Mark Chapter 6:

Room 214

In this chapter, Jesus returns to his hometown, continues his ministry, healing people and performing miracles. He also sends his apostles to preach on their own. The chapter also covers the beheading of John the Baptist, the feeding of five thousand people and Jesus walking on water.

Craft, Mustard Seed Necklaces:

Room 203

Remember the stories about the mustard seed? We will discuss this as we make these beautiful necklaces.

Churchwide Rep, Revive WELCA units:

Room 207

Gwendolynn Edwards, secretary of the Churchwide board, will be our guest. She will be here to discuss ways to revive our WELCA units.

Lutheran Disaster Response:

Room 217

Learn how we can provide support around the world with Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Meditation/Yoga:

Room 209

This workshop is for EVERYONE. No experience needed. Learn the art of peaceful meditation and gently stretching your body and mind.

Multicultural Blessings:

Room 221

We will discuss the importance of a life in faith and how to share them. There will be workshop and discussion based on the proven successes of established multicultural and interfaith connections.

Project Pack up with Mission Action:

Mission Action Table

We are packing up the Fabric Kits collected for Lutheran World Relief. Help us prepare the boxes to be sent in September.

Tour of Hopelands Gardens:

Registration Table

The gardens are behind a serpentine brick wall, under a canopy of ancient oaks, deodar cedars and magnolias. This 14-acre estate was opened in 1970 as a public garden. Radiating throughout the gardens is a network of paths shaded by 100-year-old live oaks. The lazy curves of the paths and the garden's borders lead visitors through a wonderful variety of experiences sure to please people of all ages.

2025 Convention Committees

Committee on Credentials – Room 235 (to be used as needed)

Title	Name	Email	Phone	Conference
Board Resource	Cindy McManus	Cjm.welca@gmail.com	336-918-4353	Midlands
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Member	Lenna Young	Lenna.c.young@gmail.com	864-557-0183	Saxe Gotha

Committee on Minutes - Room 235 (to be used as needed)

Title	Name	Email	Phone	Conference
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Chair	Beth Fischer	fischerfive@att.net	864-933-7446	Foothills
Member	Holly Niethammer	Bellina8517@yahoo.com	480-240-0162	Western
Member	Carol Schaeffer	Carolruthie113@gmail.com	484-226-5742	Coastal

Committee on Conduct of Elections – Room 219

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Member	Cathy Plowden	ceplowden59@gmail.com	864-638-6363	Foothills
Member	Beth Cribbe	Bcribbe1@gmail.com	864-617-6216	Foothills
Member	Karen Grimm	Kgrimm76@gmail.com	864-590-8779	Coastal

Committee on the Report of the President – Room 235 (to be used as needed)

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Chair	Lena Jones	Lena.m.jones@nctv.com	864-425-2622	Foothills
Member	Marie Lybrand	mlybran@aol.com	803-397-0503	Saxe Gotha
Member	Sallie Hutto	huttosallie@gmail.com	803-414-6009	Heartland

Committee on Reference and Counsel – Room 235 (to be used as needed)

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Member	Donna Boozer	boozerd1@yahoo.com	803-622-3468	Western
Member	Morgan Lee	Prhett831@gmail.com	864-425-2622	Foothills

2024-2025 Mission Committees

Mission Growth/Discipleship:

Chair: Joy Derrick (Board Member)
Sallie Folk (Board Member)
Cindy McManus (Board Member)
Lisa Petty (Board Member)

Mission Action/Justice:

Chair: Sarah Cheesman (Board Member)
Christie Gardner (Vice President)
Merri Lewis (Board Member)

Mission Community/Stewardship:

Chair: Cristina Guillermo (Board Member)
Brianna Harris (Board Member)
Risse Snelgrove (President)
Rachel Quesada (Treasurer)
Amy Rusnik (Non-Board Member)
Miho Yasukawa (Non-Board Member)

Communications Committee:

Cindy McManus (Board Member)
Lisa Petty (Board Member)

Anti-Racism Training Committee:

Cristina Guillermo (Board Member)

Audit Committee:

Jane Potter (Non-Board Member)
Diane Richardson (Non-Board Member)

Teen Suicide Prevention Taskforce:

Risse Snelgrove (President)
VACANT
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2025 Convention Staff

Chair: Christie Gardner
 Registrar: Luann Farish
 Young Women Guest Coordinator: Aubrey Guyton
 Mission Action Chair: Sarah Cheesman

Churchwide Rep: Gwendolynn Edwards
 Co-Registrar: Carolyn Watt
 First Time Coordinator: Cheryl Peters
 Keynote Speakers: Dr. Cathy Milejczak
 Pastor Lisa Isenhower

Parliamentarian: Diane Wicker*
 Song Leaders: Kathy Peddicord

Banquet Entertainment: Encounters in
 Time – Jazz Band

Chaplain: Pastor Rebecca Wicker
 Nominating Committee Chair: Joy Derrick

Musician: Praise Band
 Tech Coordinator: George Cartledge
 Lisa Petty

Host Committee: Sheri DeWitt and Amanda Cruse
 Host Church: St. Paul, Aiken
 Host Conference Western

Host Church Pastor: Pastor Jeff
 Erbskorn & Deacon Kathleen Cartledge

Asterisk (*) indicates Non-Board position

2024 – 2025 South Carolina WELCA Board

Synodical Officers.....2024-2025

President Risse Snelgrove (Exp. 2025) 803-378-7696 snelgroverisse@gmail.com	Vice President Christie Gardner (Exp. 2026) 803-924-6221 christiekesler@hotmail.com	Secretary Shari Donley (Exp. 2026) 843-409-5592 kipcorp07@aol.com	Treasurer Rachel Quesada (Exp. 2025) 861-866-3011 arachelq@gmail.com
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Synodical Board Membersterm expires 2025

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2025 CONVENTION AGENDA
37th Annual Convention of the SC Women of the ELCA
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Aiken, SC
August 15 - 16, 2025

Friday August 15, 2025

Registration Opens.....	11:30 AM
Orientation for Young Women Guests.....	12:00 PM
Orientation for Voting Members.....	12:30 PM
Opening Service of Holy Communion with Banner Processional.....	12:45 PM
Prelude	
Convention Hymn: "Crashing Waters at Creation"	
Prayer	
Forgiveness of Sins	
Readings	
Homily	
Holy Communion	

Formal Opening of Convention

President: May the Lord be with you.

Community: and also with you.

President: We gather as a community of women in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Community: Amen

President: We are created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Community: We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, and support one another in our callings.

President: Let us share our love of God with our sisters and brothers...

Community: By engaging in ministry and action, promoting healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

President: We walk in the company of the women who have gone before us.

Community: Mothers of the faith both named and unnamed, testifying with ferocity and faith in the spirit of wisdom and healing.

President: Grant us, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, to inspire us through your word. Be with us as we convene to deliberate, debate, plan, and vote.

Community: Well-spring, source of life eternal. Renew our faith, refresh our spirit, Quench our thirst and flood our soul.

President: As president of the South Carolina Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I declare the 2025 annual South Carolina Women of the ELCA convention is now in session. May the spirit of Christ direct us in all our efforts, so in the end God's will may be accomplished.

Plenary Session One

Welcome from St Paul Lutheran Church.....1:45 PM

Greetings from the SC Synod

Introductions:

Officers, Board Members, Past Presidents, Churchwide WELCA Representative, Conference Officers, Special Guest, First Time Attendee Guest, First Time Voting Members and Young Women Guest.

Appointment of the Parliamentarian and Convention Committees

Organization of Business

- Board Recommendation #1 Adoption of Rules and Procedure
- Board Recommendation #2 Adoption of Convention Program / Agenda
- Report #1 of the Committee on Credentials
- First Ballot for President**2:00 PM**
- Greetings

BREAK

*******NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER AND BOARD MEMBERS CLOSSES AT 5PM*******

Plenary Session Two

Plenary Session Two Begins..... 2:30 PM

Report #2 of the Committee on Credentials

Report of the Committee on Conduct of Elections on First Ballot for Vice President

Second Ballot for President

Churchwide Representative Gwen Edwards.....2:50 pm

Report of the Committee on Conduct of Elections for Second Ballot for President.....3:10 PM

Second Ballot for President

Third Ballot for President (if necessary)

Board Recommendation #3 – Adoption of the Audit Report.....3:17 PM

Report on Offerings

Presentation of the Proposed /budget for 2026-2027.....3:20 PM

Break for Workshops.....3:30 PM

Plenary Session Two Reconvenes.....4:30 PM

Report of the Committee of the Conduct on Elections Results of Ballot Three for President

Welcome New President

Greetings

Report of the Treasurer

Social Time Sponsored by Thrivent.....5:00 PM

Dinner.....6:00 PM

Entertainment.....7:00 PM

Saturday August 16, 2025

Registration Opens.....8:00 AM

Devotions with Pastor Rebecca Wicker.....8:40 AM

Plenary Session Three

Plenary Session Three Begins.....9:00 AM

Report #3 of the Committee on Credentials

Report of the Nominating Committee for Treasurer

Nominations from the Floor for Treasurer

First Ballot for Treasurer

Greetings

Report of the Finance Committee.....**9:15 AM**

Adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget for SC Synodical Women's Organization (Pg. 36)

Report of the Committee for the Conduct on Elections for Treasurer

Report of the Nominating Committee for Board Members

Nominations from the Floor for Board Members

Break..... 9:30 AM

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Cathy Milejczak - Coordinator Tanzania ELCT.....9:45 AM

Report from the Committee on Conduct of Elections Results.....**10:10 AM**

First Ballot for Board Members

Second Ballot for Board Members

Greetings from Special Guests

Break for Workshops..... 10:30 AM

Lunch..... 12:00 PM

Plenary Session Four

Joy in Singing.....**12:55 PM**

Plenary Session Four Begins..... 1:00 PM

Report #4 of the Committee of Credentials

Report of the Committee on the Conduct of Elections for Second Ballot for Board Members

Third Ballot for Board Members if needed

Report of the Convention Projects

Blessing of the Gifts

Greetings from special guests

Introduction of outgoing Board members

Introduction of New Board 2025-2026

Report of the Nominating Committee for Triennial Voting Members.....**1:30 PM**

First Ballot for Triennial Voting Member Ticket A (Women of Color)

Keynote Speaker Rev. Lisa Isenhower Coordinator Columbia ELCC.....1:35 PM

Report of the Committee on Conduct of Elections – Ticket A.....**1:55 PM**

Report of the Nominating Committee for Ticket B – Voting Member to the Triennial Convention
(First Time)

First Ballot for Ticket B

Triennial Gathering Promoter.....**2:08 PM**
 Introduction of Young Women Guests.....**2:11 PM**
 Introduction of First Time Guests
 Invitation to the 2026 Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa
 Report of the Committee of the Conduct of Elections Ticket B
 First Ballot for Ticket C Triennial Voting Member at Large

Report of the Secretary.....**2:30 PM**
 Report of the Vice President
 Report of the Presidents Report
 Address of the President
 Report of the Committee on the Conduct of Elections
 Triennial Voting Members at Large
 Report of the Committee on Minutes
 Report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel

Unfinished Business

New Business.....**3:00 PM**

Meeting Adjourned.....**3:10 PM**

FORMAL CLOSING OF CONVENTION

President: As this convention draws to a close, we offer our thanks to God for His Spirit, moving among us and in us during this time together as sisters in Christ.

Community: We praise you O God

President: Thank you, dear Lord, for guiding us as we conducted our business, studied your Word, prayed for each other, witnessed, and learned together.

Father God, continue to bless our efforts as South Carolina Women of the ELCA. Keep us grounded in faith and continue to unite us as we do Your Work here in South Carolina.

Community: Be with us, O Lord.

President: God be in our heads, and in our understanding;

Community: God be in our eyes, and in our looking;

President: God be in our mouths, and in our speaking;

Community: God be in our hearts, and in our thinking;

President: God be at our ends, and at our departing.

Community: Father, help us to keep our hearts and minds open so that we may continue to serve those who need us the most.

President: Father be with us as we leave this gathering and travel home.

President: The 2025 annual South Carolina Women of the ELCA convention is now declared closed. May the peace of the Lord go with you.

Community: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Worship Service with Holy Communion.....3:30 PM

Installation of 2024-2025 Officers and Board Members

Installation of Triennial Voting Members

Post Convention Board Meeting with current and new board members.....**4:30 PM**

Proposed Rules and Procedures

Voting Member Body

Voting members of a convention shall be the elected officers and board members of the Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) and two voting members from each unit on the roll of this SWO.

Seating of Voting Members

Voting members must present their credentials to the Committee on Credentials before being seated in the section reserved for them. Voting members must be registered by 12:00 PM, Friday, August 15, 2025. The roll of voting members may not be changed after 9:00 AM, Saturday, August 16, 2025.

Quorum

A majority of the registered voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Appointment of Committees

The president shall announce the appointment of the following committees:

- Committee on Report of the President
- Committee on Credentials
- Committee on Reference and Council
- Committee on Minutes
- Committee on Conduct of Elections

Privilege of the Floor

Seat and voice shall be granted to the following:

1. The representative of Women of the ELCA
2. Chairpersons of SWO committees, in connection to their reports
3. The Bishop of the SC Synod of the ELCA or the Bishop's representative
4. One representative from each congregation not represented by a unit (SC SWO Constitution – ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, Item 2)
5. Others to whom the Convention shall accord this privilege.

Conduct of Elections

The **PRESIDENT** shall be elected for a term of two years by an ecclesiastical ballot. The vote will be completed for the **President** before commencing a vote for the Treasurer.

Three-fourths of the votes cast shall be required for election for each of the first ballots, respectively. If no one is elected, the first ballot for each shall be considered the nominating ballot. On the second ballot, two-thirds of the votes cast shall be required for election. On the third ballot, the voting shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot and a majority of votes shall elect.

The **Treasurer**, and four (4) **BOARD MEMBERS shall be elected for a term of two years.** **Four TRIENNIAL VOTING MEMBERS** shall be elected for the 2026 Triennial. The Nominating Committee shall nominate twice the number of persons for the vacancies to be filled. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Nominations from the floor shall require permission of the person being nominated and biographical information shall be prepared for distribution at the time of the nomination. Biographical information must be received by the close of the last business session, Friday, August 15, 2025. A majority of votes cast shall be required for the election. After the first ballot, voting shall be limited to the two (2) persons receiving the highest numbers of votes for each remaining vacancy.

Each Election shall be completed before another election begins.

Voting Procedure

To be eligible to vote, a voting member must be seated in the designated voting member section. No proxy or absentee voting is permitted.

Voting cards will be used as follows:

Affirmative vote: GREEN

Negative vote: RED

Speeches

All speeches in general discussion, unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds vote of the Convention, shall be limited to two (2) minutes. No person shall speak more than twice on the same issue without the consent of the Convention, and only after others have spoken. Speakers must use the microphone and identify themselves by name, congregational unit, and city of the congregation to be recognized by the chair.

Motions and Resolutions

Any voting member may make a motion or present a resolution from the floor if the motion or resolution is germane to the question under consideration. If any voting

Proposed Rules and Procedures (cont.)

member desires to add any item of new business (that is, a motion or resolution of general character and not germane to the pending question), she shall:

- A. Write a motion or resolution on the appropriate form,
- B. Provide the signatures of five (5) voting members representing a different unit of the SWO, and
- C. Submit the form to the Committee of Reference and Counsel no later than the close of the last business session on Friday, August 15, 2025.

The Committee on Reference and Council shall report to the Convention with its recommendation for handling such new business, which may include a recommendation that the matter be not considered. A two-thirds vote of the Committee shall be required to add the item of New Business to the agenda or send the matter to the SWO Board for consideration and action.

All motions, other than routine ones, such as motions for approval of proposed action on adjournment, etc., shall be presented in writing to the secretary before action is taken.

If anyone desires to distribute printed matter, not issuing from the secretary, it must be given to the Committee on Reference and Counsel for approval before distribution.

Attendance

Voting members shall not absent themselves from any meeting of the Convention without valid excuse.

Governing Parliamentary Law

Robert's Rules of Order – latest edition – shall be the governing law of this convention, except as otherwise provided in the constitution and bylaws.

Board Recommendations

1. That the proposed Rules of Convention Procedures as printed in the Bulletin of Reports be adopted.
2. That the Convention program, which is outlined in the Bulletin of Reports (BOR), be adopted as the agenda for this Convention with changes as deemed necessary.
3. That the Audit Report of the Treasurer be adopted.
4. That the proposed budget for February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027, be adopted.

Report of the Synodical Board

The SC Synodical Women's Organization strived to meet all the duties and responsibilities deemed to us found in our SC SWO Constitution.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES of the SC Women's Organization Board in partnership with the Churchwide Women's Organization, Conferences, and Units, shall within its territory

- Item 1.** Establish plans and policies to fulfill the purpose of the organization;
- Item 2.** Activate churchwide organization emphases and priorities;
- Item 3.** Stimulate growth in faith and its significance for all of life;
- Item 4.** Recruit, prepare, and support leaders;
- Item 5.** Work within the church and society for the affirmation of women and the utilization of their gifts for ministry;
- Item 6.** Promote and advocate for peace and justice in cooperation with others;
- Item 7.** Foster creative programming in units and conferences;
- Item 8.** Assist units to design appropriate structure for effective functioning;
- Item 9.** Foster the grouping of units in conferences and assist in building supportive and interdependent relationship among individuals and units;
- Item 10.** Promote and interpret the life and work of the organization with the organization and the church and to the general public;
- Item 11.** establish financial policies, build budgets, and encourage support of the financial objectives of the synodical women's organization by individuals and units;
- Item 12.** Establish and promote ecumenical relationships, consistent with churchwide policy;
- Item 13.** Provide for synodical women's organization conventions; and
- Item 14.** Provide materials and historical information for the archivist.

Duties of the Board for Convention:

- Transact necessary business and make programmatic decisions between Conventions.
- Set policies required for effective and efficient functioning.
- Supervise and coordinate the work of all committees which the Board may appoint.
- Identify board members for networking between the churchwide organization and the unit in both programmatic and organizational concerns.
- Determine the time and place of each Convention.
- Prepare the proposed agenda, rules of procedure, and the program for adoption by each Convention.
- Report its actions to each regular Convention.
- Recommend the budget to the regular Convention.
- Fill vacancies in the offices and board membership until the next Convention.
- Determine the fact of the incapacity of an officer or board member to perform her duties.
- Act as constitution and by-laws committee.
- Act in such other matters as may be delegated to it by the convention of the Synodical Women’s Organization.

The synodical board is composed of four officers and eight elected embers. Board members have attended board meetings, given reports, and spent many hours fulfilling their duties faithfully. Non- board members have served on various committees, as part of the Convention Committees, as Young Women Guests Coordinator, and as First Time Guests Coordinator.

Board Meetings

- August 24, 2024.....Camp Kinard, Batesburg Leesville, SC
- February 28, 2025.....Camp Kinard, Batesburg Leesville, SC
- June 28, 2025.....St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aiken, SC
- August 14, 2025..... St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aiken, SC

SC Women of the ELCA Goals for 2025-2026

The goals for SC Women of the ELCA are based on the Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement. An expanded version, which has specific goals for each section, may be found on the SC WELCA website under Tools for Leaders (www.scwelca.com).

“Community of Women” – We are a group of women created in the image of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are called to develop and engage an inclusive movement to bring all women into fellowship and ministry for community. We do this by forming a better relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another through praying together, gathering of women in units, circles, conference gatherings, retreats, and holding an annual convention.

“Disciples of Jesus Christ” – We are followers of Jesus who strive to live in the way of Christ. We do this by strengthen our own faith with Jesus Christ and being like Mustard Seeds scattering the word of God with those who need to know Him.

“Grow in Faith”- Through faith opportunities and using resources available, we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and experience it at work in our lives as we minister to each other. We do this by studying God’s Word through Bible studies, subscribing and promoting the Gather Magazine, Bold Connections, Daily Grace, Bold Café, the Ripple Newsletter, Online resources at welca.org, holding retreats twice a year and praying at noon every day together.

“Affirm our Gifts”- Led by the Holy Spirit, we engage in a discernment process of our best gifts and use these gifts to serve God and serve others. We do this by building leaders who will carry out our mission through units, conferences, the SWO and the Churchwide Women’s Organization. We encourage women to use their talents and gifts within their Church, their local communities, their state WELCA and churchwide WELCA.

“Support one another in our callings”- We provide financial support and offer faith opportunities for women to share God’s grace. We do this by offering Scholarships at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of the Carolinas and offering scholarships to students attending the Newberry College School of Nursing. We pray for women who are discerning the call to ministry, we pray for our pastors and all those who need support in their personal lives.

“Engage in Ministry and Action” – United in love, we are called to act with justice, which is faith in action. We do this by support unit projects, conference projects, statewide SC WELCA projects and Global Mission projects. We advocate for those less fortunate especially woman and children in poverty, human and sex trafficking, children and youth who are risk and have mental health issues. We take action on Resolutions for justice such as our Teenage Suicide Prevention Resolution to the CWO Triennial Convention in 2023.

“Promote Healing and Wholeness” – United in love, we are called to act with justice, which is faith in action. We do this by praying for our country and world in times of uncertainty. We encourage programs for raising healthy women and girls. We pray for one another during times of illness and grief. We participate in Lutheran World Relief Projects (quilts, fabric kits, hygiene/health kits, baby layette kits, school kits). We donate to Lutheran Disaster Relief, Lutheran Family Services of the Carolinas, Lighthouse for Life, and we purchased a tractor and equipment for women who did the farming by hand in Tanzania to help provide food for their families easier in February 2025.



Report of the President

Let me state clearly...it has truly been an honor and joy for me to serve as your President. For me personally, it has been a time of learning as I worked closely with your Board to conduct the business of our organization. I have learned so much during the past four years on how to be a compassionate, effective leader doing everything I could to make our organization thrive in these times of uncertainty. Without the help of my wonderful, hardworking team, (your Board), I would not have come close to achieving my vision and goals of our organization.

We focused on our congregational units, with the goal to work with these units and revitalize them. Also, let me assure unit leaders and all our members it's okay to relax and enjoy being a part of Women of the ELCA. We want each unit to function and focus on what works for your groups. The old days of ridged structures are gone. "WELCA today is not your Mom's Buick." What is important? Spending time with each other, supporting each other, studying God's Word together and serving those who are less fortunate, who are oppressed and being treated unjustly. All of us working together can make a difference in others' lives, churches, communities and the world. Women working together is our foundation. By doing this we have accomplished so much since our last convention. In particular, in regards to your over \$70,000 in donations, here are a few highlights:

- Tanzania farm tractor and accessories - \$41,634
- Hurricane Helen Relief - \$5,685
- ELCA Good Gifts - \$1,150
- Regular Offering to Churchwide WELCA - \$12,242
- Joy Offering - \$4,495
- Katie's Fund - \$1,456
- Newberry College Nursing Scholarship - \$4,169
- Fifth Gospel Foundation - \$953
- Thank Offering - \$235
- Neighbors Together - \$1789

It has been a privilege to play a small part in this exciting, successful journey with the SC Women of the ELCA. Each of you are “BOLD” women of God. You have such loving and giving hearts. You work hard to grow in your relationships with Jesus Christ and with one another. You take care of those in need and most of all you are all disciples for Jesus Christ.

I thank you for your love, support and confidence in me to lead our organization over the past four years. We are indeed better together!

Together in Christ,

Risse Snelgrove

President, SC Women of the ELCA

Report of the Vice President



Ladies of the SC Women of the ELCA!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your vice president! I have enjoyed working with our board, convention staff, and ladies of SC WELCA!

During my year I attended conference meetings, worked with the Western conference and St. Paul for convention planning, and worked alongside our President and board to serve you! The Western conference, St. Paul, and I hope you enjoy this convention and leave with a sense of renewal and refreshment! The ladies have worked very hard to ensure the success of this convention!

Our projects are very exciting and hope you enjoyed assembling the kits! What a worthwhile cause! Thank you to the action team!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you! We should all be very proud of our dedication and generosity! We have done some amazing things to serve God and others!

Go spread the good news!

Christie Gardner

Report of the Secretary

Greetings to my Sisters in Christ!

We are just a few weeks away from our 2025 convention. I am always amazed how the ladies come together and make these events happen while making it look effortless. There is a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes that begins the day the previous convention ends. Please take the time to personally thank each of the ladies on the convention planning task force and especially Christie Gardner for her leadership of this group. They have done an impressive job!



My duties include recording the minutes of our Board meetings, transcribing them and providing a copy for approval. The minutes are posted on our Google Docs site for archiving. These approved minutes are then sent to the Church Wide Organization. A summary of the Board meeting business is provided in our subsequent issues of the RIPPLE. I am happy to do this as a means of communication to keep you informed on what is happening with the progress of our organization. I also keep up with the Congregation and Conference positions along with the respective meeting reports.

I have once again been engaged in correlating the Bulletin of Reports for the convention which gives me an opportunity to keep up with the computer skills I have gained over the years. I continue to have an appreciation of how important it is to provide you, our members, across our state with a comprehensive and detailed document that leads to the success of our convention.

I look forward to seeing old friends, making new friends, and making pleasant memories. Thank you for this privilege and for the honor to serve as your Board Secretary!

Peace and Blessings to you All!

Shari Donley,
Secretary, SCWELCA

Report of the Treasurer



The financial reports for the past fiscal year February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025, are included in this Bulletin of Reports (BOR). All of the FY 2024-2025 financial records were inspected by the Accounting Review Committee on May 17, 2025, in accordance with the Women of the ELCA Constitution. Their review letter is included in this BOR.

Regular Offering receipts of \$20,700 were 88% of the Regular Offering budget for 2024-2025. Joy Offerings of \$4,500 were 90% of budget and Convention offerings of \$2,700 were 38% of the budget. However, revenue for the convention projects for Katie's Fund, Neighbors Together, Fifth Gospel, Newberry Nursing Scholarship and Tanzania Tractor Project totaled over \$46,000, \$40,000 over the budgeted amount. Thank you for your support of these projects!

Budgeted expenses included 60% of Regular Offerings which were sent to Churchwide WELCA. All of undesignated Joy Offerings were given to the Tanzania Tractor Project and all of the Designated Gifts were sent as designated by the donors. All budgeted expenses were within budget limits except for an excess of \$500 for Convention Expenses.

The Proposed Budget for the fiscal year February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027, included in this BOR, was approved by the Board on June 28, 2025, and will be presented for adoption at this convention. The Finance Committee looked at the trends over the last 5 years for each line item and adjusted for the future accordingly. The total Proposed Budget is \$2,550 less than the current budget.

Thank you for your support of the work of SC WELCA through our various local and global projects to those in need. God's blessings to each of you and may we continue to be a blessing to others!

Together in Christ,

Ann Rachel Quesada
Treasurer, SC WELCA

Accounting Review 2025



South Carolina Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

May 17, 2025

To: The Officers of the South Carolina Women of the ELCA

This accounting review is in accordance with the Women of the ELCA Constitution, revised November 2017. An annual accounting review is to be conducted at the end of each fiscal year. A committee appointed by the Board of the South Carolina Synodical Women's Organization shall consist of members, none of whom are members of the current board, or of the congregational unit of the treasurer for the fiscal year under review. The Synodical Board appointed the undersigned as the Accounting Review Committee for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

This letter is to advise that we have reviewed the financial records for the SC Women of the ELCA beginning February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025. All of the financial policies set forth in the Standing Rules of the SC Women of the ELCA have been followed. Each expense was approved by a member of the Synodical Board and co-signed by the President.

Our review consisted of reconciling cash and checks received with deposits recorded in the bank statement and verifying that expense vouchers paid with check were recorded in the check register. The bank account statements were reconciled monthly with the check register and reviewed by the Board President. Complete detailed financial statements were submitted to the Synodical Board at each meeting. The review indicated that the books and records of the organization were maintained in a professional detailed manner.

Sincerely,

Jane Potter
Audit Committee Chair

Diane Richardson
Committee Member

South Carolina Women of the ELCA
Financial Summary
January 31, 2025

2/1/2024	Beginning Bank Balance -----	\$ 9,515.88
	Revenue to date	\$ 104,336.10
	Disbursements to date	\$ (97,473.84)

1/31/2025	Ending Bank Balance	<u>\$ 16,378.14</u>

Restricted Funds:

Conference Account	\$ 2,750.05	
Joy Offerings/Tanzania	\$ 2,176.19	
Tanzania Project	\$ 1,754.00	
LTSS Scholarship	\$ 1,440.60	

Total Restricted Funds	\$ 8,120.84	\$ (8,120.84)

1/31/2025	Cash Available -----	<u>\$ 8,257.30</u>
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MISSION INVESTMENT FUNDS
January 31, 2025

1-yr Mission Investment Fund CD .. 4281 \$10,000.00 (*matures 8/3/25*)
Interest is paid quarterly and applied as revenue

2-yr Mission Investment Fund CD .. 0726 \$30,630.71 (*matures 2/6/2025*)
Interest is paid quarterly and applied to the SC WELCA-LTSS Scholarship Fund

**SC Women of the ELCA
Revenue and Disbursements
January 31, 2025**

		ACTUAL YTD		BUDGET
2/1/2024	Beginning Bank Balance -----	\$	9,515.88	
REVENUE				
Budgeted				
	Regular CU Offering	\$ 20,706.83		\$ 23,500.00
	Jby Offering	\$ 4,495.79		\$ 5,000.00
	CWO Designated Gifts	\$ -		\$ 500.00
	Convention Offering	\$ 2,713.61		\$ 5,000.00
	Convention Income	\$ 11,565.23		\$ 12,000.00
	Convention Project - Local	\$ 5,344.09		
	Convention Project - Global	\$ 39,669.25		\$ 6,000.00
	RIPPLE Subscriptions	\$ 189.00		\$ 400.00
	Interest Income from MIF CD ... 4281	\$ 482.57		\$ 100.00
	Total Budgeted Receipts	\$ 85,166.37		\$ 52,500.00
Non-Budgeted				
	Triennial Gathering	\$ -		
	Conference Receipts	\$ 3,777.75		
	SC WELCA-LTSS Scholarship	\$ 915.60		
	Life Memberships	\$ 525.00		
	SC WELCA Retreats	\$ 7,432.50		
	Katie's Fund Grant	\$ -		
	Other Special Offerings	\$ 6,518.88		
	Total Non-Budgeted Receipts	\$ 19,169.73		
	TOTAL YTD REVENUE	\$104,336.10	\$104,336.10	
DISBURSEMENTS				
Budgeted				
	Women of the ELCA	\$ 12,424.10	60%	\$ 14,100.00 60%
	ELCA Good Gifts	\$ 1,150.00	26%	\$ 5,000.00 100%
	CWO Designated Gifts	\$ -	0%	\$ 500.00 100%
	Convention Expense	\$ 15,044.01		\$ 14,500.00
	Convention Project - Local	\$ 8,107.70		\$ 8,500.00
	Convention Project - Global	\$ 41,434.85		
	RIPPLE Publication	\$ 2,111.28		\$ 2,000.00
	Triennial Gathering Incentive	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
	Benevolence	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
	Mission: Action	\$ 385.89		\$ 800.00
	Mission: Community	\$ 200.00		\$ 800.00
	Mission: Growth	\$ 200.00		\$ 800.00
	Conference of Presidents	\$ -		\$ -
	Board Expense	\$ 906.35		\$ 1,000.00
	Finance & Stewardship	\$ 153.57		\$ 500.00
	Total Budgeted Disbursements	\$ 84,117.75		\$ 52,500.00
Non-Budgeted				
	Triennial Gathering	\$ -		
	Conference Disbursements	\$ 2,805.00		
	SC WELCA-LTSS Scholarship	\$ -		
	Life Memberships	\$ -		
	SC WELCA Retreats	\$ 6,488.13		
	Katie's Fund Grant	\$ 382.98		
	Other Special Offerings	\$ 3,679.98	56%	
	Total Non-Budgeted Disbursements	\$ 13,356.09		
	TOTAL YTD DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 97,473.84	\$ (97,473.84)	
1/31/2025	Ending Bank Balance -----	\$	16,378.14	

CONFERENCE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 31, 2025

	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Disbursements	Ending Balance
1 - Foothills	\$ 272.15	\$ 587.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 409.15
3 - Epiphany	\$ 200.07	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.07
4 - Amelia	\$ 270.30	\$ 1,238.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 308.30
5 - Heartland	\$ 697.71	\$ 274.00	\$ -	\$ 971.71
6 - Midlands	\$ 26.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 26.00
7 - Coastal	\$ 26.73	\$ 552.00	\$ 211.00	\$ 367.73
8 - Saxe Gotha	\$ 145.08	\$ 204.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 145.08
9 - Western	\$ 139.26	\$ 582.75	\$ 200.00	\$ 522.01
Conference Totals	<u>\$ 1,777.30</u>	<u>\$ 3,777.75</u>	<u>\$ 2,805.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,750.05</u>

**South Carolina Women of the ELCA
Congregational Unit Offerings
January 31, 2025**

					RECAP of Designated						
					Convention	Convention Projects					
		Regular	Jby Offering	Designated	Offering	Neighbors	5th Gospel	Nursing	Tanzania	Other	Description Other
1 - FOOTHILLS	Holy Trinity, Anderson	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	125.00						
	Immanuel, Greenwood	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	50.00				150.00		
	Messiah, Mauldin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. John, Walhalla	\$ 550.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 125.00					125.00		
	St. Matthias, Easley	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ 170.00					170.00		
	St. Michael, Greenville	\$ 512.55	\$ -	\$ 600.00		100.00		200.00	300.00		
	University, Clemson	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00		50.00			150.00		
2 - UPSTATE	Joy, Moore	\$ 601.00	\$ -	\$ 430.00						430.00	ELCA Good Gifts
	Reformation, Lancaster	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. John, Spartanburg	\$ 88.50	\$ -	\$ 1,257.00	100.00		25.00	272.00	860.00		
3 - EPIPHANY	Cross and Crown, Florence	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00			50.00		100.00		
	Shepherd of the Sea, Garden C	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. James, Sumter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. Luke, Florence	\$ 316.50	\$ 316.50	\$ 300.00				150.00	150.00		
	St. Peter, Pawleys Island	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. Philip, Myrtle Beach	\$ 230.41	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		50.00		
4 - AMELIA	Ehrhardt Parish	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	Good Shepherd, Walterboro	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00		300.00			300.00		
	Hope, Vance	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00					300.00		
	Lord of Life, Bluffton	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,722.00					1,722.00		
	Fine Grove, Lone Star	\$ 550.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 550.00	50.00	200.00		300.00			
	St. Matthew, Cameron	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
5 - HEARTLAND	St. Nicholas & Trinity, Fairfax	\$ 926.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 350.00		100.00			250.00		
	Bethel, White Rock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	50.00						
	Bethlehem, Pomaria	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	Colony, Newberry	\$ 17.50	\$ -	\$ -							
	LC of the Redeemer, Newberry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00					500.00	100.00	Lutheran Disaster Relief
	Macedonia, Prosperity	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 920.00				100.00	100.00	120.00	ELCA Good Gifts
	Mt. Horeb, Chapin	\$ 313.80	\$ -	\$ 50.00	50.00						
	Mt. Olivet, Chapin	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 515.00	50.00				100.00	185.00	ELCA Good Gifts
	Mt. Tabor, Little Mountain	\$ 378.30	\$ 135.00	\$ 75.00	25.00				50.00		
	Pomaria, Pomaria	\$ 374.80	\$ -	\$ 275.00	10.00				265.00		
	Silverstreet, Silverstreet	\$ 209.40	\$ 17.00	\$ 14.00							
	St. James, Newberry	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,309.00	100.00			1,209.00			
	St. John, Irmo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. John, Pomaria	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. Luke, Prosperity	\$ 625.00	\$ 278.07	\$ -							
	St. Matthew, Pomaria	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. Philip, Newberry	\$ 300.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 365.00	50.00	100.00		100.00			
	St. Thomas, Chapin	\$ -	\$ 89.00	\$ -							
	Summer Memorial, Newberry	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00						100.00	Lutheran Disaster Relief
6 - MIDLANDS	Bethlehem, Irmo	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -							
	Christus Victor, Columbia	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	Ebenezer, Columbia	\$ 1,150.00	\$ -	\$ 763.09	50.00			388.09	140.00	185.00	Thank Offering
	Good Shepherd, Columbia	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 293.00					293.00		
	Living Springs, Columbia	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 234.00					234.00		
	Redeemer, Columbia	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. Andrew's, Columbia	\$ 189.80	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00					200.00		
	St. Paul, Columbia	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 286.00	\$ 525.00	60.00			100.00	365.00		
	St. Timothy, Camden	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 675.00					675.00		
7 - COASTAL	Messiah, Hanahan	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00					200.00		
	St. John's, Charleston	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00							
	St. Luke, Summerville	\$ 423.00	\$ -	\$ 1,330.00					1,130.00		
	St. Mark, Isle of Palms	\$ 250.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 100.00							
	St. Matthew's, Charleston	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	Christ Community, N Charlest	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00			100.00			50.00	Thank Offering
	Holy Spirit, Charleston	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ -							
8 - SAXE-GOTHA	Emmanuel, West Columbia	\$ 800.00	\$ 260.78	\$ 80.00	50.00				30.00		
	Faith, West Columbia	\$ 71.25	\$ 52.82	\$ 500.00				100.00	200.00	200.00	Lutheran Disaster Relief
	Mt. Tabor, West Columbia	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -							
	Our Saviour, West Columbia	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 385.00	50.00		50.00	50.00	50.00	185.00	Katie's Fund/LDR
	Pilgrim, Lexington	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	Providence, Lexington	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	Sandy Run, Swansea	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. David, West Columbia	\$ 1,498.80	\$ 93.00	\$ 1,646.00				100.00	346.00		
	St. Matthew, Lexington	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00						50.00	Restoration Chapel
	St. Stephen's, Lexington	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 605.62	\$ 1,000.00					500.00	500.00	Lutheran Disaster Relief
9 - WESTERN	Transfiguration, Cayce	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	Cedar Grove, Leesville	\$ 68.22	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.00						
	Faith, Batesburg	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
	Grace, Gilbert	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -							
	Mt. Calvary, Johnston	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00					300.00		
	St. James, Graniteville	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -							
	St. James, Leesville	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00	\$ -							
	St. Mark, Prosperity	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -							
	St. Paul, Aiken	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 1,720.00				650.00	950.00	120.00	ELCA Good Gifts
	St. Paul, Gilbert	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00				300.00	50.00		
	St. Peter, Batesburg	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -							
	Union, Leesville	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00	250.00				200.00		
	Wittenberg, Leesville	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,654.25					1,654.25		
Other/Individual		\$ 500.00		\$ 28,103.61	1,443.61			150.00	26,510.00		
FY 2023-2024 YTD TOTAL		\$ 20,706.83	\$ 4,495.79	\$ 52,480.95	2,713.61	900.00	275.00	4,169.09	39,669.25	2,239.00	

SC Women of the ELCA
5-YEAR COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Beginning Balance	\$28,164.13		\$ 15,510.77		\$14,210.84		\$ 7,349.49		\$ 9,515.88	
Matured CD Withdrawal							\$ 5,000.00			
Income/Receipts										
<i>Budgeted</i>										
Regular Offerings	\$17,783.26	\$ 30,000	\$ 18,956.04	\$ 28,000	\$21,486.64	\$ 25,000	\$21,525.84	\$ 25,000	20,706.83	\$ 23,500
Joy Offering	\$ 4,009.82	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,772.08	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,636.60	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,882.92	\$ 5,000	4,495.79	\$ 5,000
CWO Designated Gifts	\$ 564.41	\$ 1,000	\$ 361.50	\$ 700	\$ 364.50	\$ 700	\$ 289.00	\$ 500	-	\$ 500
Convention Offering	\$ 510.00	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,020.38	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,722.00	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,898.00	\$ 5,000	2,713.61	\$ 5,000
Convention Income	\$ 847.00	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 12,000	\$15,249.33	\$ 12,000	\$11,519.24	\$ 12,000	11,565.23	\$ 12,000
Convention Project	\$ 3,447.75	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,347.33	\$ 6,000	\$27,141.02	\$ 6,000	\$12,349.96	\$ 6,000	45,013.34	\$ 6,000
Ripple Subscriptions	\$ 196.00	\$ 600	\$ 105.00	\$ 500	\$ 294.00	\$ 500	\$ 391.00	\$ 250	189.00	\$ 400
Interest Income	\$ 335.46	\$ 200	\$ 274.68	\$ 300	\$ 72.70	\$ 300	\$ 196.91	\$ 250	482.57	\$ 100
Total Budgeted	\$27,693.70	\$ 64,800	\$ 36,412.01	\$ 62,500	\$73,966.79	\$ 54,500	\$55,052.87	\$ 54,000	\$ 85,166.37	\$ 52,500
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>										
Triennial Incentive/Travel	\$ 200.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ -		\$ -		-	
Conference Receipts	\$ 128.25		\$ 646.00		\$ 2,241.29		\$ 3,878.00		3,777.75	
SC WELCA-LTSS Scholarship	\$ 886.06		\$ 933.64		\$ 618.68		\$ 305.08		915.60	
Life Memberships	\$ 475.00		\$ 479.00		\$ 667.00		\$ 907.38		525.00	
Camp Kinard Retreat	\$ -		\$ 720.00		\$ 2,365.00		\$ 2,295.00		7,432.50	
Fund Raisers	\$ -				\$ -		\$ 1,000.00		-	
Other Special Offerings	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 374.00		\$ 837.00		\$ 1,920.75		6,518.88	
Total Non-Budgeted	\$ 3,489.31		\$ 4,152.64		\$ 6,728.97		\$10,306.21		\$ 19,169.73	
Total Income/Receipts	\$31,183.01	\$ 64,800	\$ 40,564.65		\$80,695.76		\$65,359.08		\$ 104,336.10	
Expense/Disbursements										
<i>Budgeted</i>										
Women of the ELCA	\$11,559.12	\$ 19,500	\$ 12,321.43	\$ 18,200	\$13,966.31	\$ 16,250	\$12,915.50	\$ 15,000	12,424.10	\$ 14,100
ELCA Good Gifts	\$ 4,009.82	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,772.08	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,636.60	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,882.92	\$ 5,000	1,150.00	\$ 5,000
CWO Designated Gifts	\$ 564.41	\$ 1,000	\$ 361.50	\$ 700	\$ 364.50	\$ 700	\$ 289.00	\$ 500	-	\$ 500
Convention Expense	\$ 945.08	\$ 14,500	\$ 4,121.02	\$ 14,500	\$21,039.52	\$ 14,500	\$13,517.59	\$ 14,500	15,044.01	\$ 14,500
Convention Project	\$ 2,471.75	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,663.53	\$ 8,500	\$29,548.52	\$ 8,500	\$12,349.96	\$ 8,500	49,542.55	\$ 8,500
Ripple Publication	\$ 1,287.09	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,388.13	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,751.14	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,009.11	\$ 2,000	2,111.28	\$ 2,000
Triennial Incentive/Travel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	-	\$ 1,000
Benevolence	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000	2,000.00	\$ 3,000
Mission Action	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600.00	\$ 600	\$ 451.55	\$ 500	\$ 742.90	\$ 800	385.89	\$ 800
Mission Community	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600.00	\$ 600	\$ 501.73	\$ 600	\$ 903.80	\$ 800	200.00	\$ 800
Mission Growth	\$ 65.76	\$ 600	\$ 600.00	\$ 600	\$ 326.81	\$ 600	\$ 1,002.88	\$ 1,000	200.00	\$ 800
Conference of Presidents	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 600.00	\$ 600	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	-	
Board Expense	\$ 150.30	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,150.81	\$ 800	\$ 555.95	\$ 500	\$ 977.11	\$ 1,000	906.35	\$ 1,000
Finance and Stewardship	\$ 209.05	\$ 1,000	\$ 381.12	\$ 700	\$ 653.97	\$ 550	\$ 460.97	\$ 400	153.57	\$ 500
Total Budgeted	\$25,762.38	\$ 64,800	\$ 38,959.62	\$ 62,500	\$79,396.60	\$ 54,500	\$55,551.74	\$ 54,000	\$ 84,117.75	\$ 52,500
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>										
Triennial Convention	\$ -				\$ -		\$ 2,400.00		-	
Conference Expense	\$ 100.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 2,460.52		\$ 4,223.90		2,805.00	
SC WELCA-LTSS Scholarship	\$ 1,337.36		\$ 1,400.14		\$ 618.68		\$ 619.76		-	
Life Memberships	\$ 23.70		\$ 12.50		\$ 667.00		\$ 592.70		-	
Camp Kinard Retreat	\$ 253.22		\$ 618.32		\$ 2,873.31		\$ 2,266.82		6,488.13	
Fund Raisers	\$ 809.71				\$ 704.00		\$ 617.02		382.98	
Other Special Offerings	\$ 550.00		\$ 374.00		\$ 837.00		\$ 1,920.75		3,679.98	
Total Non-Budgeted	\$ 3,073.99		\$ 2,904.96		\$ 8,160.51		\$12,640.95		\$ 13,356.09	
Total Disbursements	\$28,836.37	\$ 64,800	\$ 41,864.58		\$87,557.11		\$68,192.69		\$ 97,473.84	
Ending Balance	\$30,510.77		\$14,210.84		\$7,349.49		\$ 9,515.88		\$ 16,378.14	

South Carolina Women of the ELCA

Current and Proposed Budgets

	Current Budget 2/ 2025 to 1/ 2026		Proposed Budget 2/ 2026 to 1/ 2027	
Income/Receipts				
Regular CU Offering	\$	23,500.00	\$	22,000.00
Joy Offering	\$	6,000.00	\$	5,000.00
CWO Designated Gifts	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Convention Offering	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Convention Income	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00
Convention Project	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
RIPPLE Subscriptions	\$	400.00	\$	350.00
Interest Income from MIF CD ... 4281	\$	100.00	\$	100.00
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Total Income/Receipts	\$	55,500.00	\$	52,950.00
Expense/Disbursements				
Churchwide Programs				
Women of the ELCA	\$	11,750.00	50%	\$ 11,000.00 50%
ELCA Good Gifts	\$	6,000.00	100%	\$ 5,000.00 100%
CWO Designated Gifts	\$	500.00	100%	\$ 500.00 100%
Synodical Programs				
Convention Expense	\$	14,850.00		\$ 15,300.00
Convention Projects	\$	11,500.00		\$ 11,500.00
RIPPLE Publication	\$	2,800.00		\$ 2,500.00
Triennial Gathering Incentive	\$	1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Benevolence	\$	1,500.00		\$ 3,000.00
Mission: Action	\$	1,000.00		\$ 500.00
Mission: Community	\$	1,000.00		\$ 500.00
Mission: Growth	\$	1,000.00		\$ 500.00
Conference of Presidents	\$	-		\$ -
Board Expense	\$	2,000.00		\$ 1,150.00
Finance & Stewardship	\$	600.00		\$ 500.00
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Total Expense/Disbursements	\$	55,500.00		\$ 52,950.00

Mission: Growth/Discipleship Committee Report

But grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3: 18)

June 2025

Joy Derrick (chair), Sallie Folk, Lisa Petty, Cindy McManus

MISSION: GROWTH/DISCIPLESHIP— This area deals with our relationship with God and how we relate to God. Mission growth /discipleship nurtures spiritual growth through enabling and encouraging women to share the good news as disciples of Jesus Christ in their daily lives. It also provides opportunities for each woman to identify her own gifts and leadership skills and makes available resources for Bible study and personal faith development.

Goal: To provide a variety of learning and growth experiences that strengthen each woman as a whole person, develop her potential and call as a disciple and child of God, and to equip her for ministry.

Goals

1. Continue to offer resources* for prayer, Bible study, and devotion.
2. Continue to emphasize publications* for Gather, Daily Grace, and Bold Café.
3. Provide leadership training and Bible studies at retreats.
4. Provide monthly emails introducing each board member.

**Goals # 1 and #2 are available on the SC WELCA website: scwelca.com. They are maintained and updated on a regular basis.*

2025 Retreat Dates

Camp Kinard - February 28-March 1, 2025

- Pegi Roberts
- 27 participants

Coastal Retreat Center - May 16 – 18, 2025

- Jennifer Nuovo
- 37 participants

2026 Retreat Dates

Camp Kinard - March 6 - 7 2026

Coastal Retreat Center – May 29 – 31, 2026

Mission: Action/Justice Committee Report

Greetings from your Action Team!

Last year at convention, you ladies were awesome! Our projects were so well supported! Just a reminder of how generous you were:

Our Tanzania She Shed project – over \$41,000, the 5th Gospel Foundation was over \$2,000, the Newberry Nursing Scholarship Fund was over \$4,000, Katies Fund was over \$1400 and the Neighbors Together local project was over \$1500 plus 523 collected items!

We are sure that this year you will be just as awesome! For our Local Project we are collecting “wish list” items for Lighthouse for Life and their Karis House for rescued women and men who have been victims of sex trafficking. If you were not able to participate with the wish list items you may still give donations to Lighthouse for Life via our SC WELCA treasurer, Rachel Quesada.

For our Global Project we hope to collect 1,000 fabric kits to send to Lutheran World Relief! These kits help women, men and children who need clothes, carrying bags and even a small wrap. Another part of our donations to Lutheran World Relief is to support their Farmer’s Market. We will be tasting and selling their coffee products as well as selling their chocolate bars! The money will go back to Lutheran World Relief to support the farmers with “seed” money to actually grow the coffee and cocoa beans!

As always you may make monetary donations for any and all of our projects. Just make out your check to SC WELCA and denote in the “FOR” section what you are supporting.

Action Team will give a report during this year’s convention with a final report in the next issue of ***The Ripple*** and we will also be blessing our gifts as a thank you to all of you who support the work of SC WELCA as we grow in faith and engage in ministry and action.

Many Thanks to all of you from your Action Team,
Sarah Cheesman, Chair
Merri Lewis and Christie Gardner

P.S. You may also continue to give to the Newberry Nursing Scholarship Foundation!

Mission: Community/Stewardship Committee Report

The Mission Community/Stewardship committee met Monday, January 20, 2025 via Zoom.

Committee Chair is Board Member Cristina Guillermo (Holy Spirit, Charleston).

Committee members include Amy Rusnik (Good Shepherd, Walterboro), Miho Yasukawa (St. Nicholas, Fairfax), Risse Snelgrove (St. John's, Walhalla), Brianna Harris (St. Luke's, Prosperity), Rachel Quesada (University Lutheran, Clemson), Cheryl Peters (Two Rivers, North Charleston), Luanne Farish (St. Luke's, Summerville), Ellen Girardeau (Reformation, Lancaster).

Goals for this year's committee included:

- Developing a job description for Board Members serving as Conference Liaisons
- Establishing a monthly giving program to help offset operations of the SC WELCA Board (similar to the "Faithful Friends" program for churchwide WELCA)
- Increasing awareness of available churchwide and SC WELCA projects and resources, especially teen suicide awareness, through social media and direct contacts
- Finding more creative ways to engage young women and girls
- Promoting Churchwide Women of the ELCA in their endeavors to raise donations to cover the \$250.000 deficit for 2024. The fundraising task force is called S.A.L.T (**S**hare **A**bundance, **L**ove and **T**hanks)
- Create a task force for prevention of teen and youth suicide

The Committee welcomes anyone interested in sharing their ideas and talents to contact the Committee Chair via email at cristina.guillermo@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cristina Guillermo Chair

Report of the Finance Committee

The Finance/Stewardship Committee has worked toward achieving its goal to help our members recognize that all they are and have belongs to God by:

1. Supporting the actions of the SC Women of the ELCA Treasurer:
 - a. Presenting a display at Convention about where our offerings go.
 - b. Placing regular articles in *The Ripple* to educate women on Stewardship matters.
 - c. Corresponding with and providing financial reports to all Congregational Unit Treasurers and Conference Financial Secretaries from the SC Women of the ELCA Treasurer.
 - d. Sending regular remittances to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA which reflect the interdependent relationship between the synodical women's organization and churchwide women's organization.
2. Presenting the Treasurer's Report at the 2025 South Carolina Women of the ELCA Convention to include an accounting of income and disbursements made in the previous 2024-2025 fiscal year.
3. Ensuring there is an Accounting Review by a board-appointed committee consisting of three non-board members at the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
4. Formulating the SC Women of the ELCA 2026-2027 proposed budget for vote at the 2025 convention.

Finance Committee

- Rachel Quesada Treasurer
- Sarah Cheesman Chair (Chair of Mission Action/Justice)
- Joy Derrick (Chair of Mission Growth/Discipleship)
- Cristina Guillermo (Chair of Mission Community/Stewardship)
- Christie Gardner (Vice President)

Definition of Ecclesiastical Ballot

In response to requests from synods for a definition of the ecclesiastical ballot and guidance on the use of such ballot, the Church Council adopted the following definition in 1994:

To define an “ecclesiastical ballot” for the election of a bishop in Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as an election process;

In which on the first ballot the name of any eligible individual may be submitted for nomination by a voting member of the assembly;

Through which the possibility of election of office exists on any ballot by achievement of the required number of votes cast by voting members of the assembly applicable to a particular ballot;

That precludes spoken floor nominations;

In which the first ballot is the nominating ballot if no election occurs on the first ballot;

In which the first ballot defines the total slate of nominees for possible election on a subsequent ballot, with no additional nominations permitted;

That does not preclude, after the reporting of the first ballot, the right of persons nominated to withdraw their names prior to the casting of the second ballot;

In which any name appearing on the second ballot may not be subsequently withdrawn;

That does not preclude an assembly’s adoption of rules that permit, at a defined point in the election process and for a defined period of time, speeches to the assembly by nominees or their representative and/or a question-and-answer forum in which the nominees or their representatives participate; and

In which the number of names that appear on any ballot subsequent to the second ballot shall be determined in accordance with provisions of the governing documents (or, if the governing documents are silent, in accordance with rules adopted by the assembly).

Ecclesiastical Ballot

On the first ballot, the name of any eligible individual may be submitted for nomination by a voting member of the assembly.

POLICY AGAINST ELECTIONEERING FOR THE SYNODICAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION

This policy not only prohibits promoting one candidate over another in person, but also by email, telephone and on social media including Facebook, Twitter, and any other platform.

POLICY AGAINST ELECTIONEERING

There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit AND

There are a variety of services, but the same Lord AND

There are a variety of activities, but the same God who activates them in everyone.

Women of the ELCA affirms and believes all women should have equal opportunity for involvement and leadership in the organization.

Women of the ELCA further believes that the Spirit that binds us all through baptism is the guiding factor for each voting member to prayerfully review and consider each nominee's biographical information prior to the synodical women's conventions or churchwide Triennial Convention.

Each participant further understands that promoting one candidate over another through campaigning is in fact interfering with God's plan and actions for participants of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Adopted by the Churchwide Executive Board, October 2016.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee was formed and a plan of action was executed. We contacted many ladies from across the state and have been blessed to have secured the total numbers of nominees needed to present at our convention. All candidates have gifts and talents to use to glorify God, and each is deserving of your consideration. Please prayerfully make your choices based on the nominee that you think can do the best job for our Synodical Women's Organization. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations have been made. In keeping with the guidelines of the SC WELCA constitution, the nominations are as follows:

<u>Nominee for Treasurer</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Conference</u>
Karen Grimm	St. Luke's, Summerville	Coastal

Nominees for Synodical Board

Amanda Cruse	St. Peters, Batesburg	Western
Sallie Folk	St. Like, Florence	Epiphany
Helen Gnann	St. Lukes, Summerville	Coastal
Cindy McManus	Bethlehem, Irmo	Midlands
Cheryl Peters	Christ Community, N. Charleston	Coastal
Linda Roland	Reformation, Lancaster	Upstate
Ella Shumpert	Emmanuel, W. Columbia	Saxe Gotha
Carolyn Watt	St. Matthias, Easley	Foothills
Denise Warren	Transfiguration, West Columbia	Saxe Gotha

Nominees for Triennial Voting Members

Beverly Harrison	St. Luke's, Summerville	Coastal
Ella Shumpert	Emmanuel, W. Columbia	Saxe Gotha
Linda Roland	Reformation, Lancaster	Upstate
Risse Snelgrove	St. Johns, Wahalla	Foothills

Nominating Committee
Joy Derrick, Chair
Merri Lewis
Lena Jones

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

Biography Legend:

1. Experience with WELCA Congregational Unit
2. Experience with SC WELCA Conference, Synod, and Churchwide
3. Experience with ELCA Congregation, Conference, Synod, and Churchwide
4. Occupation
5. Other Comments
6. Age

Biography for Treasurer

Karen Grimm

St. Luke's/Coastal



1. I have experience managing a budget as an elementary school principal.
2. I am currently serving as the Chairman of our Congregational Life Committee.
3. Belonged to and served as president of my circle in Spartanburg at St. John's Lutheran.
4. Member of a circle at St. Luke's. Currently serving on church council. Served as chairman of our Children's Center at St. Luke's.
5. See above.
6. Served on various committees at St. John's in Spartanburg.
7. N/A
8. Over 60

Biography for Board Members

Amanda Cruse

St. Peters, Batesburg/Western



1. 42+ years educator-BA degree in Education, Masters Degree in Education EdS Degree in Literacy, National Board Certified Teacher 25 years, Musician-(organist, pianist, vocalist), Bible School Director in several churches, pastor's wife-46 years, WELCA member 46+ years-(leadership positions at the local level, former board member, State Treasurer of South Carolina State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Teaching Society-4 years.
2. Western Conference Coordinator 3 years pastor's wife 46+ years, former SC WELCA Board member, Church unit leader-20 years, secretary/treasurer in other church units, active SCWELCA and NCWELCA for 46+ years.
3. Held the position of president of the local unit at St. Peters Batesburg-15 years, St. Johns Lexington, Trinity/St Nicholas Fairfax
4. SC Western Conference Leader 3 years
5. Organist/Choir member-leader, pastor's wife-46+ years
6. South Carolina State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Teaching Society-State Treasurer-4 years, leadership positions in Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Royal Matron (State level) Order of the Amaranth, Teacher of the Year at Gilbert Elementary, SC and Northbrook Elementary, NC, Top 5 Teacher of the Year in Lexington District #1-2009, member of Alpha Delta Kappa Teaching Sorority, Newberry College Sorority/Fraternity Council-president 1975.
7. Amanda is very dedicated, a professional and effective leader in all areas of her life.
8. Over 60

Sallie Folk**St. Luke/Epiphany**

1. Creative, persistent, happy go lucky
2. Served on the SCWELCA board in my 30's. Just completed a 2-year Term as a board member.
3. Served on the WELCA board as membership development, served on WELCA, Fellowship committee
4. Previous chair of SC WELCA Growth Committee, former Young Woman Guest Coordinator, Triennial voting member and participant
5. Organized previous and current Isle of Palms retreat, former Sunday School teacher. Prior Shawl Minister member. Former Youth Advisor and SC WELCA Convention delegate.
6. Florence Area Embroiderer's Guild of American
7. Experienced, dedicated, and dependable
8. 50 - 59

Helen Gnann**St. Luke's/Coastal**

1. I have a deep commitment to Christian faith and the Lutheran church heritage. Desire to see the Lutheran Church and WELCA grow and expand in South Carolina.
2. I volunteer time to church organizations, previous Parish Administrator at Shades Valley Lutheran Church in Homewood AL.
3. Long time member of WELCA, serving as VP and President in some circles, committee member for WELCA churchwide retreat.
4. Attended previous WELCA convention as a delegate; served as secretary of a local Regional group.
5. Member of Worship and Music Committee, handbell choir member, organized revitalization of Chrismon group, part of the team that prepares and serves meals to St. Luke's Community outreach.
6. Member and VP of Woman's Group of Charleston, Board member of Episcopal Place Center in Birmingham AL.
7. Organizational skills and commitment to service.
8. Over 60

Cindy McManus**Bethlehem/Irmo**

1. I am a member of Keisler Circle, Bethlehem Lutheran, Irmo. I am also a former member of the church council at Memoria Lutheran, Glendale WI and member of Grace Gathering WELCA unit for 12 years.
2. As a SCWELCA board member I have served on the Mission Growth Committee (2 years as chair). I have also served as the Chair of the Communications Committee. I am the current editor of The *RIPPLE* and webmaster for our website. I have spent the last 3 years as Coordinator for the Camp Kinard Retreat.
3. I participated in many outreach programs and children's ministries throughout the years. I worked as the Christian Education Director at a previous WI church.
4. I served on the Greater Milwaukee Synod El Salvador Committee. I was a voting member for the 2023 WELCA Triennial in Phoenix AZ.
5. I spent many years teaching Sunday School and confirmation classes in TX, GA, & WI. Worked as the Christian Education Director and Office Manager at previous church in Wisconsin.
6. I worked as the Office Manager of Lutheran Human Relations Association in Milwaukee. We focused on anti-racism workshops and seminars. Provided the set up and participated in the workshops and fundraisers for the organization. I was a board member for 4 years and President of the Glendale-River Hills School District Foundation for 1 year. I was also an elected official, Alderperson, for the City of Glendale WI for 11 years.
7. I love the Lord and doing my best to be a good example of a Christian. I am semi-retired, office manager for Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Irmo. I am detailed oriented
8. 60 and over.

Cheryl Peters**Christ Community/N. Charleston**

1. Involved in several aspects of SC WELCA. See #4.
2. Previous experience as President of CCL Church Board Vision Team. I have implemented many new missions for the Two Rivers Parish.
3. Co-President of Two-Rivers Parish WELCA
4. Member of Mission Community Committee, First-Timers coordinator, Coastal Conference Coordinator. I have attended Camp Kinard retreat yearly. WELCA meetings.
5. Served twice as a previous delegate to Synod Assembly.
6. N/A
7. Organized and dedicated to SC WELCA and WELCA.
8. 60 and over

Linda Roland**Reformation/Upstate**

1. Lifelong Lutheran, previous leadership roles as a nurse, previous board member
2. On Board of Directors Community Kitchen, previous SC WELCA board member.
3. Unit member new. Unit President in 2 previous congregations.
4. Conference Secretary, SWO Secretary and board member. Attended 3 Triennials.
5. Previous Sunday School and Bible Study leader, Church Council member, delegate to several Synod Assemblies
6. Member of American Nurses Association, Board member of Bluffton Community Kitchen.
7. N/A
8. 60 and over

**Ella Shumpert****Emmanuel/Saxe Gotha**

1. Ella has been the Saxe Gotha Coordinator for 30 years. Loves her Lord and loves to serve others.
2. Coordinator for WELCA (Chair), Altra (Chair), Bereavement Chair, Lenten Services.
3. Mother/Daughter Banquet, Chrismon Committee, Christmas Banquet.
4. Has served as coordinator for 30 years for Conference, Saxe Gotha Retreats.
5. Circle leader Election Chair, Workshops, delegate for 40 years.
6. WELCA for 53 years, Girl Scout leader for 20 years. Retreats for 50 years.
7. Ella loves WELCA and is willing to serve at any program or project she can.

**Carolyn Watts****St. Matthias/Easley**

1. St. Matthias – served as Sunshine Coordinator (cards and communication with members). Participates in leading devotions.
2. Active in state and local WELCA for 20 years. Attended Camp Kinard retreat on Prayer. Attends Foothill Conferences.
3. Member of St. Matthias for 45 years. Past president of church council. Attended Synod as a church representative for 2 years.
4. Small business owner for 37 years (state licensed preschool). Taught public school for 9 years. Volunteer at The Dream Center, Easley. Volunteer at Soup kitchen/Shone. Volunteered at Piedmont Emergency Relief Center (food bank).
5. Have been active in WELCA for many years on both the local and state levels. Is forward thinking, has creative ideas, and works well with others.
6. 60 and over.





Denise Warren Transfiguration/Saxe Gotha

1. Member of WELCA unit, President of WELCA unit, Flower Committee, Altar Guild, Created banner.
2. Served on the SCWELCA board for 2 terms, Growth Committee Chair, Retreat Coordinator.
3. ELCA Convention voting member.
4. Voting member several years at SCWELCA conventions,
5. World of Prayer participant, Delta Zeta, Gallaudet School for the Deaf volunteer.
6. n/a
7. 60 and over.

2026 TRIENNIAL VOTING MEMBERS BIOGRAPHIES

Biography Legend:

1. Have you been a Voting Member or Delegate at a WELCA Triennial Convention in the past?
2. *Ethical Racial Heritage
3. Experience: within your congregation, conference, Synodical Women's Org, and Churchwide WELCA.
4. Service and Experience (Community, organizations, vocational).
5. Why do you wish to be a voting member at the Triennial Convention?
6. Age: 34 or under, 35-49, 50-64, 65 or order

Beverly Harrison

St. Luke's/Coastal

1. No
2. African American
3. WELCA at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Endowment Committee at St. Luke's, Church Council, St. Luke's Outreach programs: International - Christ's Children Home Mission School in Gbanga, Bong County - Liberia, Community meals server and greeter, welcomed community to the church during the Flowertown Festival
4. Charleston Jazz Orchestra - Concierge for subscription patrons, Family Circle Tennis Open - Daniel Island - Concierge for guests and ticket taker, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - I served as a member of: Nomination Committee; Fundraising Committee; Community Outreach Programs; Scholarship Committee; and Arts Committee. I also served as the Pearl Day Chair.
5. I would like to be involved in selecting programs and projects the SC Synodical Women's organization supports and implements. I would like the St. Luke's Lutheran Church's WELCA to be well informed of all projects and become engaged in implementing them in the Lowcountry. I would like to vote to represent the concerns of the St. Luke's WELCA at the convention. This would certainly engage the WELCA team at St. Luke's to make an impact in our community.
6. 65 or older

Ella Shumpert**Emmanuel/Saxe Gothe**

1. No
2. Caucasian
3. Saxe Gotha Coordinator, 30 years. Altra Chair, 4 years. Sunday School teacher: Adult & Youth. Choir, VBS. WELCA leader, 10 years. Bereavement Chair, 11 years.
4. Pine Ridge Garden Club to help those in need. Compassion cards to help vets, active and retired. Girl Scout leader, 20 years. Food Pantry Community garden.
5. I love the WELCA organization. I am willing to serve and be of service to my church community and the world. I just want to go where the Lord leads me.
6. 65 or older

Linda Roland**Reformation/Lancaster**

1. Yes
2. Caucasian
3. Currently a member of a congregational unit. Previously on the SCWELCA board for 7 years and also in WV. Have been a Secretary for Amelia Conference SC. Also, previously president of a congregational unit.
4. Currently volunteer at HOPE in Lancaster, a social service agency and on the Board of Directors on Bluffton Community Kitchen in Bluffton SC.
5. I love this organization and feel my experience would be useful in discerning its future.
6. 65 or older

Risse Snelgrove**St. John's/Foothills**

1. Yes
2. Caucasian
3. President SCWELCA, board member SC SWO, CWO Nominating Committee, CWO Stewardship Committee, Unit Vice President.
4. 40 years in Healthcare Administration, served on the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Professional Coders.
5. To help in the future change in WELCA in this uncertain time. As a past president, I have the knowledge to help our organization forward.
6. 65 or older

Balloting Results

President.....1st Ballot.....2nd Ballot.....3rd Ballot

Nominating Ballot is Ecclesiastical

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Treasurer1st Ballot.....2nd Ballot.....3rd Ballot

Karen Grimm _____

Balloting Results

Board.....1st Ballot.....2nd Ballot.....3rd Ballot

Amanda Cruse	_____	_____	_____
Sallie Folk	_____	_____	_____
Helen Gnann	_____	_____	_____
Cindy McManus	_____	_____	_____
Cheryl Peters	_____	_____	_____
Linda Roland	_____	_____	_____
Ella Shumpert	_____	_____	_____
Carolyn Watts	_____	_____	_____
Denise Warren	_____	_____	_____
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Triennial Voting Member.....1st Ballot.....2nd Ballot.....3rd Ballot

Whoever is not elected in Ballot A, if eligible for Ballot B, will be added to Ballot B.

Majority of votes elects. Whoever is not elected in Ballot B will be added to Ballot C.

Ballot A

Woman of color or whose primary language is other than English. (Vote for one)

Beverly Harrison _____

Ballot B

First time Voting Member to a Triennial Convention. (Vote for one)

Ella -Shumpert _____

Ballot C

All others (Vote for two)

Linda Roland _____

Risse Snelgrove _____

Report of Credentials

	Friday PM	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	
CU Voting Members				
Officers				
Board Members				
Voting Strength				
Visitors				
Young Women Guests				
First Timer Guests				
Other				
Total in Attendance				

Report of Offerings

Joy Offering \$ _____

Convention Offering \$ _____

Report of Convention Projects

Lighthouse for Life \$ _____

Fabric Kits for LWR \$ _____

Farmer's Market for LWR \$ _____

2024 – 2025 Conference Leaders (as of 7-28-25)

1 FOOTHILLS

SWO Board Liaison, Sarah Cheesman

Coordinator: Christina Fischer

Secretary: Lianne Smith

Fin Secretary: Patricia George

2 UPSTATE

SWO Board Liaison, Risse Snelgrove

Coordinator: vacant

Secretary: vacant

Fin Secretary: vacant

3 EPIPHANY

SWO Board Liaison, Sallie Folk

Coordinator: Elsie Angus

Secretary: vacant

Fin Secretary: vacant

4 AMELIA

SWO Board Liaison, Joy Derrick

Coordinator: Joanne Perrin

Secretary: Cathy Deloach

Fin Secretary: Candace Fralix

5 HEARTLAND

SWO Board Liaison, Merri Lewis

Coordinator: Sarah Cheesman

Secretary: Janet Ballentine

Fin Secretary: Cathy Meetze

6 MIDLANDS

SWO Board Liaison, Cindy McManus

Coordinator: Christine Price

Secretary: Gaye Belcher

Fin Secretary: Bobbie Bell

7 COASTAL

SWO Board Liaison, Cristina Guillermo

Coordinator: Cheryl Peters

Secretary: Louann Weidman

Fin Secretary: Kate Thon

8 SAXE GOTH

SWO Board Liaison, Lisa Petty

Coordinator: Ella Shumpert

Secretary: Kristie Marshall

Fin Secretary: Betty B. Enlow

9 WESTERN

SWO Board Liaison, Brianna Harris

Coordinator: Amanda Cruse

Secretary: Deborah Rhoden

Fin Secretary: Donna Fulmer

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				Inactive
Grace, Rock Hill 26 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill 29730, 803-324-5295				
				Inactive
Holy Communion, Spartanburg 1430 John B. White Blvd., 29306, 864-576-1953				
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Sec				Active

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Treas				Active
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Glossary of Terms

Adopt – To choose or accept and put into effect by vote or consensus.

Approve – To confirm or formally sanction; to ratify.

Assembly – Term used by the ELCA for the gathering of voting members for decision-making or legislative functions.

Bylaw – A provision which relates to a specific practice or detail of the organizations' operation and ongoing responsibilities.

Churchwide – An inclusive ELCA designated term for the whole organization to acknowledge that the church extends beyond any one nation's borders.

Churchwide Executive Board – The group of board members and officers elected by the Triennial Convention for three-year terms who serve as the legislative authority between triennial conventions; the highest level of authority of the Women of the ELCA.

Churchwide Women's Organization (CWO) – The entire Women of the ELCA organization, manifested in the Triennial Convention and the Executive Board, which describe the staff and office that support the activities of the organization.

Circle/Group – A non-legislative group of women within a Congregational Unit, usually for the purpose of program activities, Bible study, fellowship, and personal growth, which meet regularly and support the purpose of the Women of the ELCA.

Conference – A non-legislative grouping of Units within the territory of the Synodical Organization for the purpose of fostering interdependent relationships among congregations.

Conference Offering – Received at each conference meeting. The conference determines where it will be applied.

Congregational Unit (CU) – The women's organization within a congregation which supports the mission of the Women of the ELCA.

Constitution – A legal document that outlines the name, purpose, authority, relationships, and financial structure of an organization.

Contact Person – A person selected in a congregation to receive and disperse information for the purpose of networking.

Convention – The gathering of voting members for decision-making or legislative functions within Women of the ELCA and the Synodical Women's Organization.

Convention Offering – Given at the convention by the Congregational Units to help defray the cost of the convention.

ELCA – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a mainline Protestant Lutheran church headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, officially formed in 1988 by the merging of three Lutheran church bodies.

Expression – One of three legislative groups within the Women of the ELCA, which are: units, synodical women's organizations, and the churchwide women's organization.

Designated Gift – An offering which supports a specific ministry identified by the donor(s).

Gather – The magazine of the Women of the ELCA, formerly "Lutheran Women" magazine.

Honorarium – A payment in recognition of acts or professional services.

In Kind Gift – A tangible gift (not monetary) which is given to an agency or ministry through a gathering or convention.

Inter-congregational Unit – A community of women from two or more congregations who come together for study and action which support the mission of the Women of the ELCA.

Joy Offering – A special gratitude offering designated for the world-wide ministry of the ELCA. South Carolina WELCA sends all Joy Offering to the ELCA Good Gifts Program.

Member – A congregational, inter-congregational, or special unit of the Women of the ELCA. For individuals, see Participant definition.

Memorial – A statement which addresses a broad policy issue and presented to a legislative body for consideration; may be brought by a Congregational Unit to the Synodical Convention, or by the SWO to the Triennial Convention.

Participant – A woman who takes part in carrying out the mission of Women of the ELCA and supports its ministries. Not all women in an ELCA congregation are automatically participants in WELCA; only those who take part in carrying out the mission of the organization and support the ministries of WELCA are participants.

Policy – A statement of principles for action; a position that guides the decision-making and activities of an organization.

Quorum – The majority of members of a body that, when duly assembled, is legally competent to transact business.

Region – A geographic territory in the ELCA which includes several synods. South Carolina is in Region 9 and the SC synod code within Region 9 is C.

Regular Offering – A voluntary offering given at each circle/group meeting which is the primary source of support for the ongoing ministries of the unit, the synodical, and the churchwide women's organization.

Resolution – A proposal or request for consideration of a specific action by the legislative organization, usually with a narrower focus than a memorial. A resolution and a memorial may not be combined in one action.

Special Unit – A community of women who come together in a unique setting (such as on a college campus or within a retirement community) for study and action which supports the mission of the Women of the ELCA

Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) – The legislative and programmatic expression that assists congregational, inter-congregational and special units with its territory to fulfill the purpose of Women of the ELCA.

Taskforce – A temporary grouping of women for the purpose of accomplishing a definite objective, usually with a specific deadline, and reports its finding to a larger group or legislative body.

Thank offering – A gratitude offering sent on Form B to Churchwide Women of the ELCA for their program activities; used the same way as Regular Offering.

The Ripple – The newsletter publication of the South Carolina Women of the ELCA.

Triennial Convention – The highest legislative authority of the Women of the ELCA with elected voting members from each region in the US and Caribbean which meets every three years.

Triennial Gathering – Open to all women in the ELCA from each region in the US and Caribbean which meets immediately following the Triennial Convention.

Unit – A member of the Women of the ELCA, such as a Congregational Unit, an Inter-Congregational Unit, or a Special Unit.

Voting Member – An elected woman who has voting privileges on legislative matters at a synodical or triennial convention. The congregational unit elects voting members to a synodical convention. Voting members to a triennial convention are elected at the prior year's synodical convention.

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) – The shortened form for “Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,” the legal name for the women’s organization of the ELCA, which is a separately incorporated ministry of the ELCA. A relational organization, a community of women living in relationships to God, one another, the church, the society, and the world.

Honorary Life & Memorial Recognition



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 the South Carolina Retreat Centers

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 Risse Snelgrove, 133 Big Creek Trail., Six Mile SC 29682

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