

NORTH CAROLINA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

www.ncwelca.org

NOVEMBER 2010 BULLETIN

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, the Fall Gatherings are in full swing. Many of you are in the midst of planning your Women's service (there are many good ideas in this issue to help you). Others are rushing to get the last of the kits ready for Lutheran World Relief. Thanksgiving is fast approaching. There is so much to do. Remember you are not alone. Turn to your sisters, invite them. "Sister, take my hand..." as we serve, learn, pray and grow together.

Each of the committees of the NC Women of the ELCA has included in this "Bulletin" opportunities for all of us for growth, ministry and service.

Be sure to share the information in the Bulletin with all of the other participants. Additionally, anyone not currently receiving the "Bulletin" can be added to the e-mail list by contacting Kiana Sinz, our secretary. The "Bulletin" and lots of other information can be accessed on the NC Women of the ELCA website ncwelca.org.

In November 2010 we honor the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the first woman clergy in the Lutheran Church in North America. Admittedly, the approval of the ordination of women earlier in 1970 by both the LCA and the ALC was highly controversial. Today, 40 years later, nearly 20% of the ordained clergy in the ELCA are women and 86% of those are serving in congregations. ("LWT", May 2010 issue)

In this issue of the Bulletin you will find:

- **Mission: Community**
 - Sample the M&M's - Mission Morsels
 - November is Thankoffering Month
 - Election Day is November 2.
 - On November 5, Church Women United, will celebrate, World Community Day with the theme "Building the Beloved Community". It shares a vision of people of many nations and communities working together in a commitment of non-violent means.
 - Are you planning your Women of the ELCA Sunday? Kim Sheeks' article helps you look at that planning process: "Women of the ELCA Sunday... It's Like Planning a Wedding"?
- **Mission: Growth**
 - A prayer for your use.

- A brief article on Thanksgiving and the tradition of the Thankoffering Service. Women gather to give thanks and praise to God for the many gifts/blessings He has given them.
 - Plan now to attend the One-day Retreat - "Faithful Women: Invite, Encourage, Serve". The retreat will be held at locations in each of the 15 Conferences – each happening the same day at the same time.
- **Mission: Action**
 - Lutheran World Relief Parish Projects Fall Collections are scheduled for early November. You will find information about what is being collected, how it needs to be packaged, and locations and dates for drop-off.
- **Communications**
 - Here is a new Subscription Form for the Carolina Vine. You can now subscribe to this NC Women of the WLCA publication for one, two or three years. Consider giving a subscription as a gift.
 - **Where Do I Find That????** We all struggle to find the information we need in the most convenient way. Here is a listing of websites and publications that you will find helpful and enjoyable.
- **Leadership**
 - Bring your TAGG and TGIF girls to the Spring Gatherings in 2011. Totally Awesome Groupies for God are girls ages 11 to 14 and Teens Gathering in Faith are ages 15 to 19. Leadership has a new awareness opportunity planned for them. Come and see.
- **Gathering Planning**
 Planning for the 24th Annual NC Synodical Women's Organization Women of the ELCA Gathering is in full swing.
 - Pastor Ruth Ann Sipe of Mt. Zion, Richfield as our chaplain, and Gathering Planning have included her biography.
 - Day care will be available at the Gatherings. The programs for teens and tweens have been well received and will continue. Begin now to encourage the young women of your congregations to attend. There are some scholarship opportunities available to cover their registration.
 - Gathering Planning Committee would like for you to share your ideas. Give them your input.
- **Lutheran Services for the Aging (LSA)** has kicked off their *Keeping the Promise* campaign to build four new or replacement nursing homes, renovate existing facilities and launch a Home and Community Based Services project.
- **Eighth Triennial Gathering** to be held in Spokane, Washington, July 14 through 17, 2011
 - Registration has begun for the **Eighth Triennial Gathering**. Find out more online at www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial4 or call 800-638-3522, ext.2730.
 - **Triennial Registration Scholarship Application**
 The NC Women of the ELCA will provide one scholarship for registration for the Eighth Triennial Gathering. Applications for the scholarship need to be postmarked or emailed by November 1, 2010. The applications will be reviewed by the Executive Board and the choice of recipient will be made based on reason for applying and financial need. The recipient will be responsible for her own transportation to and from the Gathering.
- **Nominations:**

- **For SWO officers and board** – it is time for nominations for Vice President, Secretary and 4 board members. You will find the nomination form and job descriptions enclosed. Prayerfully consider this opportunity. The deadline is January 2, 2011. Tamarah Hefner and Jane Cadwallader are the nominating co-chairs.

Sisters – Pray With Me and your sisters around the nation **each Monday at noon**. Just stop for a few minutes to pray for all the many projects in which we are all involved and in remembering all those who might need a

special prayer on that particular day or throughout that week. If you wish to receive our list of individuals wanting prayer, let me know by sending me your email address.

Grace and peace,

Sharon Johnson

NC Women of the ELCA President

URGENT! NEW & IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE LWR FALL COLLECTION!

To: All Congregations of the NC Synod of the ELCA
From: Women of the ELCA/The Mission Action Committee/ Lutheran World Relief
Re: Parish Projects/ Drop-off Info
Date: August 14, 2010

I hope your congregation is continuing its efforts in these LWR Year Round Projects. In the year 2009, 1050 cases were collected for LWR with one and one-half trailer loads being delivered to New Windsor. The weight was approximately 17,957 pounds. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. Remember, the two important changes in the projects--**NO CLOTHING WHATSOEVER AND NO TOOTHPASTE IN THE HEALTH KITS.** Please refer to **BE INVOLVED** for more information, especially related to assembling and packing items. Call 1-800-LWR-LWR2 for free copies of *Be Involved* and keep the brochures as they are used for multiple years. You can also get the same info at the website **lwr.org** by clicking on **Be Involved**.

Follow packing directions

No more than 40 pounds to a carton

Only one kind of an item to a carton

No plastic or paper bags!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAPE CASES CLOSED AND WEIGH THEM!

Label with contents, weight, and your church information and address it to:

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
601 MAIN STREET
NEW WINDSOR, MD 21776

THERE IS ONE IMPORTANT CHANGE BEGINNING THIS YEAR! For many, many, years the synod has paid for the shipments of all these cases from the drop-off sites to the Hickory terminal for consolidation. They are no longer able to do this. **IT IS NOW THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NC WOMEN OF THE ELCA to pay for these shipments!** Last year's cost was almost \$2700.00. The charges vary due to distance, but more importantly, the weight. **We invite congregations, groups, and individuals to make monetary contributions to this very worthwhile cause. Make your check payable to: NC Women of the ELCA, mark it for LWR pickups, and send it to the NC Women's treasurer, Karen Mitchell, 280 Carter Loop Road, Rockwell, NC 28138-6694. DO NOT put the check in the cases or take it to the drop-off sites.**

(It is difficult to find a drop-off site for every conference and poor stewardship of our money as it would be very expensive. There is one replacement drop-off site this year. **If the drop-off site listed for your conference is not convenient, you may take your items to another drop-off site, as all items are consolidated in Hickory and sent as one shipment from the NC Synod.**)

The churches at the drop-off sites may contact you if your donations are not packed according to LWR specifications!

The dates are (Mon- Fri.) Nov 1-5, and 8-12, EXCEPT FOR ASHEVILLE AND HICKORY-- these two churches host elections on Nov 2--NO DELIVERIES THERE UNTIL AFTER NOV 2.
We gratefully appreciate these churches agreeing to be drop-off sites for the conferences.
NOTE: RALEIGH HAS A NEW SITE THIS YEAR!

Asheville--St. Mark's (Blue Ridge Mtn. and Smokey Mtn. Conferences)

Dates are Wed., Nov. 3 through Sat., Nov. 13.

10 N Liberty Street, Asheville NC 28814-8608

Contact Eileen Cram 828-253-0043

Charlotte--St. Luke's (Mecklenburg/Union and Cabarrus Conferences)

3200 Park Road, Charlotte NC 28220

Contact Sandra Taylor 704-523-7981

Dallas--St. Paul's (Southwestern and Gaston Conferences)

531 Hardin Road, Dallas NC 28034

Contact Joe Rhyne and Gail Summey 704-922-4387

Hickory--New Jerusalem (East Catawba and West Catawba Conferences)

Dates are Wed., Nov. 3 through Mon., Nov. 15. (No Saturday deliveries, please)

2120 Startown Road, Hickory NC 28602

Contact Pastor Randall Cauble 828-324-7272

Jacksonville--Church of our Savior (Northeast and Southeast Conferences)

1115 Lejuene Boulevard Road, Jacksonville, NC 28540

Contact Sherry Ercolanese 910-347-2207

Raleigh--St. Philip (Northeast Piedmont and Sandhills/Piedmont Conferences)

7304 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh NC 27615

Contact Pastor Diane Amidon 919-846-2992

Salisbury Area--Faith (West Central, West Rowan and East Rowan Conferences)

Dates: Mondays (Nov 1 & 8) 9-11am, Tuesdays (Nov 2 & 9) 1-3pm, and Thursdays (Nov 4 & 11) 5-7pm

205 S. Main Street, Faith, NC 28041

Contact Betty Hunt 704-279-4597

Winston-Salem--Augsburg (Northern Piedmont, Triad, and Northwestern Conferences)

845 W. 5th Street, Winston-Salem NC 27101

Contact Phyllis Still 336-722-8144

The cartons will be picked up by Estes Express Lines, consolidated in Hickory, and delivered to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, Md. **Many, Many, Many thanks to Estes for delivering our goods all these years. They have also picked up some of the local shipments FREE OF CHARGE. What a wonderful display of love and friendship!**

Thank you so much for your efforts,

Rachel T. Price, LWR Coordinator

1330 Wessex Lane Hickory 28602

Home Phone--828-294-1135

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Mission Community: Women of the ELCA Sunday... ...It's Like Planning a Wedding!

Whether your congregation uses a Blackberry...or...a computer...or...an oversized calendar in the hall...or even just a scratchpad, make certain that your congregation has saved a space for Women of the ELCA Sunday. No matter what method your congregation uses for scheduling purposes, it's important that a congregation has set aside a time to observe this day.

Traditionally, the first Sunday in November is designated as Women of the ELCA Sunday, but the date isn't as important as the message. That message is that Women of the ELCA is guided by its Mission Statement, **"To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ"**.

Finding it hard to squeeze two separate services such as Thankoffering and a Women of the ELCA Sunday into calendars is often hard for congregations. So combining the Women of the ELCA Sunday with a Thankoffering service enables participation from the total congregation. This choice affords itself to be a splendid opportunity to provide a powerful worship experience.

It's like planning a wedding or other special event. Once the date is set, then the plans begin. Even though planning a wedding may be stressful, it needn't be—with lots of productive thinking and willing workers. In fact, it can be fun and exciting. Such planning may bring new and zestful energy to your church! After all, we find in the New Testament, that Christ, the Bridegroom, has sacrificially and lovingly chosen the church to be His bride (Ephesians 5:25-27; so why shouldn't we be excited about the "wedding Plans")?

Your group may begin by asking some or all of the following questions:

- Who will coordinate the special event?
- What format will we use?
- What will the "theme" of the day be?
- What scripture will best convey our theme?
- Who will be the "guest preacher"?
- Will we want to do a skit?
- Do we want a special choir made up of Women of the ELCA members?
- How will we advertise this special event?
- Will we send out special invitations?
- Where do we get resources?
- Will we have displays of our projects and activities?
- Will we use a special bulletin?
- Will we have a special reception afterwards or a special breakfast beforehand?
- What can we do that makes this occasion unique and memorable?
- What are some changes which could be made from previously held events?

Many resources can be found in book stores, in church or public libraries, online and especially at the Women of the ELCA website at: [/www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Women-of-the-ELCA.aspx](http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Women-of-the-ELCA.aspx). Go ahead...set the date...and plan away! The more excited you are with the project, the more excited your whole congregational unit will be. Now...gather the names for the guest list...and...send out the invitations!!!

THANKSGIVING – THANKOFFERING SERVICE

(For November Bulletin – Mission: Growth Committee)

Have you ever wondered about Thanksgiving Day's location on the calendar? It is sandwiched between trick or treat and Christmas. Many refer to it as "Turkey Day". Isn't it more than that? At Christmas, many will think of gift giving. At Thanksgiving let's think of thanking.

God has given us so many gifts. Shouldn't this be the time to give Him thanks? These gifts are more than the many foods that are prepared for this special day. There are many gifts for which we may forget to give thanks – life, happiness, love, family, joy, health, church and many more for which we are thankful.

Many years ago Lutheran church women began a tradition that continues today in many congregational units/expressions. It is the Thankoffering Service. Women gather to give thanks and praise to God for the many gifts/blessings He has given them. This tradition is grounded in our celebration of community. In 2009, 25.5% of the offerings received by the Churchwide Women of the ELCA were through the Thankoffering Service. The total amount was \$1,214,779. What a way to thank and praise God!

A Thankoffering Service that can be structured to your circle, study group, personal devotional time, retreats and informal worship time is available at the Women of the ELCA. It includes prayer, litany, scripture readings, reflections, responsive readings and hymns. The Great Thanksgiving is included. This service is found on the website www.welca.org Consider using the materials that are available at this website and tweak them for your group.

PRAYER for NOVEMBER BULLETIN – Mission: Growth Committee

Father, as the month of November comes around; we are all planning for Thanksgiving and praying for a fruitful harvest.

As I sit here today, another prayer comes to mind. As you are a mighty Father, with much to do in your mind's eye, please help those who suffer from domestic violence. Whether it is physical or mental, give all in need the comfort, hope and help they so need. As we stand here with our arms open wide to gather all together in faith, guide us to know what to say and do to bring about your vision of help and kindness for all your creatures both great and small. With a grateful heart lead us to your holiness and grant all the strength to go on in these relationships with knowledge that you will let all who come to the fountain drink and be healed.

Let us share with our sisters and brothers a sense of comfort, caring and above all, healing.

Almighty Father, hear our prayers!! Amen.

(Prayer written by Marie Piisila, Mission: Growth Committee)

Gathering- Planning Committee

➤ Highlights Chaplin: Rev. Ruth Ann Sipe

The Rev. Ruth Ann Sipe is a native of central Illinois, but moved to North Carolina in 1983. She is a 1998 graduate of Montreat College with a Bachelor in Business Administration, and a 2008 graduate of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

A long time member of Incarnation Lutheran Church and The Well of Hope-Southpark Campus in Charlotte, she was active with the NC SWO prior to attending seminary serving as president of the Southern Conference, as a member of the SWO board, editor of the North Carolina Vine and a delegate to two CWO Gatherings.

Women of the ELCA played a significant role in her seminary education. She received the NC SWO Rainbow Scholarship as well as support from the Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund. She was also a recipient of the Chilstrom Scholarship from Church Wide Women of the ELCA during her senior year of seminary.

Ruth Ann is married to the Rev. K Raymond Sipe. They have two children and six grandchildren (including a set of twins and a set of triplets). Ruth Ann and her husband served as co pastors of Beck's Lutheran Church in Lexington. She currently serves as pastor of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Richfield.

Submitted by: Kathy Wallace - Co-chair of the Gathering Planning Committee

➤ Child care will be available at all Gatherings this year

Because of an insurance glitch a number of years ago, our NC Women of the ELCA Board had to drop child care at the Annual Gathering in Hickory. Yes, it was a not the best decision ever made and not looking into alternatives was the second part. But, as always, God had other plans, and those children also did not want to stop coming. The TEEN/TWEEN programs were born.

With thanks to the Leadership Committee, we have TAGG's (Totally Awesome Groupies for God) and TGIF's (Teens Gathering in Faith) and some very special leaders for these groups, who keep these groups interested and participating in our Annual Gathering.

Because of the missing child care, we have had fewer applications for our YWGaB (Young Women Gifted and Blessed). The cut off for that program is 35, which also means young Mothers. So, by a unanimous vote of the Board, child care is to be provided at the Annual Gatherings. It will also be provided at the Spring and Fall Gatherings.

In keeping with the great programs already in place, the Gathering Planning Committee is looking for ideas from, you, young mothers to provide the very best experience for your children while you are attending and enjoying the Gathering. Contact Phyllis Myers or Kathy Wallace with your suggestions.

And for all of our Women of the ELCA, encourage the young women/mothers from your congregation to apply for the Young Women Gifted and Blessed program. There are 8 scholarships available. If you have more than one young Woman in your church that might like to apply, why not have your group collect money to provide a scholarship for the second one so both can attend.

Submitted by: Phyllis Myers - Co-chair of the Gathering Planning Committee

➤ **Wants Your Input**

The Gathering/Planning Committee would like your input. We will be meeting October 23rd to select scriptures and hymns for our 2011 Annual Gathering. If you have any suggestions please let Kathy Wallace herseywal@aol.com or Phyllis Myers phylma@suddenlink.net know.

If you would like any awareness sessions repeated please let Kathy or Phyllis know. If you have any other suggestions please let us know. We appreciate all comments and suggestions.

Submitted by: Kathy Wallace - Co-chair of the Gathering Planning Committee

Teens and Tweens Coming to Spring Gatherings

Sisters bring your TAGG (Totally Awesome Groupies for God are ages 11 to 14) and TGIF girls (Teens Gathering in Faith are ages 15 to 19) to the Spring Gatherings in 2011. Let's start early and often; not just once a year. Imagine the friendships and bonds that will be made as our daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and sisters' fellowship together in Christ. The NC Women of the ELCA are committed to Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls. Encourage **all** the Ladies in your congregation to come and dance with us as we fulfill our Purpose Statement. The TAGG and TGIF girls will have an awareness activity during the 2011 Spring Gathering. Look for more information to come in future issues of the Newsletter, Carolina Vine and online Facebook - NC Women of the ELCA.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Job Title: Vice President, North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization

Purpose: To act in the absence, disability or resignation of the President

Responsibilities:

1. Assume the duties of the President when required and serve until the vacancy is filled by the Board of the Synodical Women's Organization.
2. Chair or co-chair a synodical committee as directed by the President.
3. Perform other duties as the Board may from time to time direct (e.g. submit reports, write newsletter articles, lead workshops, attend events).

Time required: The Board generally meets six times a year including two meetings held in conjunction with the annual convention/gathering. Preparation time could require 10-15 hours per month.

Term of office: The term of office for this position is two years with eligibility for one re-election.

Qualifications and skills:

1. Be committed to the mission of the Women of the ELCA.
2. Be an active participant of a unit of the Women of the ELCA.
3. Have the ability to organize, motivate and enable.



Job Title: Secretary, North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization

Purpose: To keep accurate records of this organization and its congregational/intercongregational units and to keep units informed of pertinent matters.

Responsibilities:

1. Record and distribute minutes of the synodical convention(s), the Board, and the Administrative Committee.
2. Keep an accurate register of the congregational/intercongregational units and their officers, conferences and their officers, as well as the roll of synodical committee members.
3. Give the units notification of the annual convention as least three months in advance and of a special convention at least one month in advance.
4. Prepare and mail correspondence to units; gather information as needed from the units.
5. Collect historical records, documents and other materials for the archives.
6. Perform other duties as the Board may from time to time direct (e.g. submit reports, write newsletter articles, lead workshops, attend events).

Time required: The Board generally meets six times a year including two meetings held in conjunction with the annual convention/gathering. Preparation time could require 15-20 hours per month.

Term of office: The term of office for this position is two years with eligibility for one re-election.

Qualifications and skills:

1. Be committed to the mission of the Women of the ELCA.
2. Be an active participant of a unit of the Women of the ELCA.

3. Be able to use a computer and perform other secretarial duties as demanded by the position.



Job Title: Board Member, North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization (SWO)

Purpose: To conduct the business of the SWO between conventions.

Responsibilities:

1. Chair or co-chair a synodical committee as directed by the President.
2. Perform other duties as the Board may from time to time direct (e.g. submit reports, write newsletter articles, lead workshops, attend events).

Time required: The Board generally meets six times a year including two meetings held in conjunction with the annual convention/gathering. Preparation time could require 10 hours per month.

Term of office: The term of office for this position is two years with eligibility for one re-election to the same position.

Qualifications and skills:

1. Be committed to the mission of the Women of the ELCA.
2. Be an active participant of a unit of the Women of the ELCA.
3. Have the ability to organize, motivate and enable.
4. Be able to travel for meetings on weekends.

Where Do I Find That????

How often we need information and do not know how to track it down. Here are some of the websites and sources for information that you may need.

Websites

NC Synodical Women's Organization

www.ncwelca.org

(North Carolina Women of the ELCA information: Monthly Bulletin, Events, Committees, Footsteps to Leadership – step by step information for Conference and Congregational leaders.)

Churchwide Women's Organization

www.womenoftheelca.org or

www.elca.org and click on Women of the ELCA

(Churchwide information: Programs, bible studies, resources, Triennial registration, tools for leaders, graphics)

NC Synod

www.nclutheran.org

Publications

The "Bulletin"

Sent or emailed each month to NC Women of the ELCA unit presidents

Available on line at www.ncwelca.org

"Carolina Vine"

(\$5/year–4 issues)

Elizabeth Webb – Editor

Linda Schmidt – Subscriptions

"Lutheran Woman Today"

(\$12/year)

www.lutheranwomantoday.org or 800-328-4648

"Café"

www.womenoftheelca.org/cafe

(e-zine – online magazine for young women of all ages)

"Interchange"

(Subscription or download from Churchwide website)

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## Alphabet Soup – what do all those letters mean?

#### **CE**

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= Congregational Expressions (another name for the Women of the ELCA units in local congregations)

#### **Conferences**

= North Carolina Women of the ELCA divides our Synod into 15 "regions" (Each Conference has a Presider, Director of Communication, and Treasurer's Assistant. The Conferences each have a Conference Gathering in the Spring and in the Fall)

#### **SWO**

= Synodical Women's Organization

CWO  
ELCA

= Churchwide Women's Organization  
= Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## **M&M**

### **MISSION MORSELS from MISSION COMMUNITY**

#### **NOVEMBER, 2010**

Tiny morsels of information for you to find and share with your church units. Go to [www.ncwelca.org](http://www.ncwelca.org) or [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org) for more information.

- November is also our Thankoffering month, when we share with Churchwide our offerings to various causes. Please plan your celebration with this in mind.
- November 2 is Election Day. Be sure you remember to vote and vote knowledgeably.
- November 5 is Church Women United World Community Day; please refer to the October Bulletin for what this day is all about. The theme for this year is "Building the Beloved Community". Check your local newspaper for the day, time, and place of the celebration closest to you.
- November 7, is Women of the ELCA Sunday (or any other date that you choose). Have you made your plans yet? If not Kim Sheeks from Mission Community has an article in this Bulletin with a few suggestions on how you can observe this day. Look for, "It's Like Planning a Wedding!"

Submitted by: Judy Gainey for Mission Community

### **Women of the ELCA and the *Keeping the Promise* (KTP) Campaign**

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Marjorie McDaniel, Chair, [mcd2@twave.net](mailto:mcd2@twave.net)

Alice Nelson, Vice-Chair, [hakady@juno.com](mailto:hakady@juno.com)

Phyllis Myers, Vice-Chair, [phylma@suddenlink.net](mailto:phylma@suddenlink.net)

# FAITHFUL WOMEN

## INVITE – ENCOURAGE – SERVE



As Christian women, who are faithful, we **INVITE, ENCOURAGE and SERVE.**

We will look at when, what, to whom and how we do each of these actions. For example, when we invite others, what do we invite others to do; whom do we invite and how do we invite others? We will apply these actions in specific ways to our daily ministry. The study is adapted from "Lesson's for Today's Disciples" from the Women of the ELCA. Each participant is invited to bring a Bible to the retreat.

### ONE-DAY RETREAT

**Saturday, February 26, 2011  
9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

**Registration and Refreshments begin @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Cost: \$8.00 (includes materials, snacks and lunch)**

**Registration Deadline: February 12, 2011**

| CONFERENCE/CITY             | HOST CONFERENCE   | LEADER             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alexander/Iredell           | Shiloh            | Sharon Sharpe      |
| Blue Ridge Mt/Granite Falls | Philadelphia      | Krickett Militello |
| Cabarrus/Richfield          | Mt. Zion          | Denise White       |
| Catawba/Hickory             | St. Andrews       | Karen Birkedal     |
| Central/Lexington           | Beck's            | Becky Hoppensteadt |
| Meck/Union/Charlotte        | A Mighty Fortress | Ann Glovier        |
| N. Coastal/Greenville       | Our Redeemer      | Phyllis Myers      |
| Northern/Burlington         | St. Paul's        | Jeanette Snipes    |
| Rowan/China Grove           | Ebenezer          | Terri Brown        |
| Salem/Winston Salem         | Augsburg          | Melanie Denny      |
| Sandhills/Southern Pines    | Our Savior        | Tonie Neal         |
| Smoky Mt/Hendersonville     | Grace             | Rhoda Hargrave     |
| S. Coastal/Wilmington       | Reconciliation    | Laura Frank        |
| South Western/Lincolnton    | St. Luke's        | Marguerite Taylor  |
| Triangle/Durham             | Abiding Savior    | Judy Schlegel      |

You may attend any location. Please send a check for \$8.00, payable to **NC SWO**, with registration form to : Marguerite Taylor, 1118 Dumbarton Road, Gastonia, NC 28054. Phone # 704-867-2653.  
**Registration deadline is February 12, 2011.**

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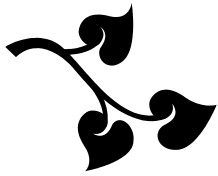
#### ONE-DAY LENTEN RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

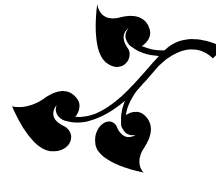
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Congregation Name/City \_\_\_\_\_



# Carolina Vine

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Subscription year is June 1 – May 31

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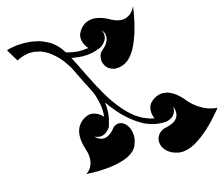
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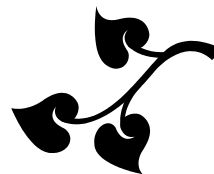
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Of The Women Of The ELCA**

**THE INDIVIDUAL NOMINATED MUST CONSENT TO SERVE IF ELECTED.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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AGE RANGE: \_\_\_\_\_ 34 OR UNDER \_\_\_\_\_ 50-64  
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ETHNIC/RACIAL HERITAGE:

\_\_\_\_\_ NATIVE AMERICAN \_\_\_\_\_ AFRICAN AMERICAN  
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\_\_\_\_\_ CAUCASIAN \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
(SPECIFY)

PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CONGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply to your congregational unit:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Re-affirmation of Membership on file with the SWO Leadership/Constitution Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regularly meet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in Women of the ELCA activities beyond our unit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Support financially the total program of the Women of the ELCA
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have a leader and receive regular mailing from the synodical and churchwide women's organization

ADDRESS OF CONGREGATION \_

CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION BEING NOMINATED FOR \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXPERIENCE beginning with the most RECENT.**

**List the experience in each area over the LAST 5 YEARS.**

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:**

Congregational \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Synodical Women's Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Churchwide Women's Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Involvement in Women of the ELCA prior to last 5 years \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER CHURCH EXPERIENCE:**

Congregational \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Synodical \_\_\_\_\_

Church-at-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Interdenominational \_\_\_\_\_

**MISCELLANEOUS EXPERIENCE:**

Occupational \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Community Participation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REASON FOR ACCEPTING NOMINATION:**

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



**North Carolina Women of the ELCA  
Scholarship Application for Eighth Triennial Gathering  
July 14 – 17, 2011  
Spokane, Washington**

The scholarship recipient will receive a registration for the Triennial Gathering. (The recipient will be responsible for transportation to and from the Triennial Gathering in Spokane). Applications are open to ALL women whose church membership is with an ELCA congregation in North Carolina. For questions, call Sharon Johnson, President NC Women of the ELCA at 704 392-1932 or e-mail [sadj@bellsouth.net](mailto:sadj@bellsouth.net)

(Please print or type)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Place an "X" on the lines that apply:

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 20-29; \_\_\_\_\_ 30-39; \_\_\_\_\_ 40-49; \_\_\_\_\_ 50-59; \_\_\_\_\_ 60 and over  
Ethnic/Racial Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_ Asian; \_\_\_\_\_ African American; \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic;  
\_\_\_\_\_ Native American; \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian; \_\_\_\_\_ Other

I did \_\_\_\_\_ did not \_\_\_\_\_ attend the 2008 Triennial Convention.

Why would like to receive this scholarship?

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

How do you intend to use the experience of attending the Triennial?

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

Discuss your financial need for applying.

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