

NORTH CAROLINA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

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MARCH 2011 BULLETIN

Women of Faith – With Arms Wide Open

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Have you heard it said that the only Christ some people see is the Christ they see in us? Whether we mean to show it or not or even remember it's happening, as Christians we are walking advertisements for Jesus Christ. I wonder what it is that others see when they look at us. As Women of the ELCA we say we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to support one another, to engage in ministry and action, and to promote healing and wholeness. As women of faith, I pray we are seen living that statement - welcoming a stranger or a child, freely sharing what God has given us, speaking out against injustice, striving to understand someone from a different culture, praying for a hurting friend, or caring for a neighbor. We are empowered by the Christ to be bold, faithful women. When others look at us, may they see faithful women reaching out with outstretched arms, serving others, sharing our faith, and sharing God's comfort, forgiveness, and acceptance? May they see Christ in us?

I will be attending the Conference of Presidents in Chicago, February 17-20. I will share all the news (and snow stories) with you at the Spring Conference Gathering. I hope that you plan to attend your Spring Gathering and the Annual Gathering of the North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the ELCA, June 10-12, at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory.

We have a busy and exciting and challenging new year ahead. This *Bulletin* is full of opportunities for all of us for growth, ministry and service. Come and take part. In this issue of the *Bulletin* you will find:

• **Spring Conference Gatherings:**

- **Spring Gatherings are happening** in each conference on a Saturday sometime between March 5 and May 14. A listing is enclosed showing the date and location of the Spring Gathering in your Conference. Plan to be there and bring a friend to share the ride. What better way to grow our organization than for each of us to bring someone. The Spring Conference program is entitled "Women of Faith - With Arms Wide Open". The offering is designated for Motherhead, and the new Pennies for Hope campaign began February 1 (see the enclosed information from Mission Action). You will also be electing a Presider in each conference. Don't miss it.

▪ **Mission: Action**

- The **Motherhead** program combines teaching literacy skills with child development and family empowerment issues. Offerings and in-kind gifts from the Spring Conference Gatherings will be given to this program.
- Our 2011 **Pennies of Hope** project will help women to escape poverty by providing microloans to start small businesses.
- **Growing the Group** – ideas from Mission Action on how to "grow" our congregational units by increasing the number of participants.
- Report on the **Lutheran World Relief Collections**

- **Mission: Community**
 - Taste those **M&M's - Mission Morsels**
 - Information about **World Day of Prayer**
 - The **Christine Bohr Anderson Seminary Scholarship** applications are due **April 1**
 - Collect the drink can tabs for the **Ronald McDonald House**
 - Explore ways you can help **Crossnore School** - collect Campbell bar codes and UPC box tops from General Mills products

- **Mission: Growth**
 - We usually talk about giving up something for Lent. How about **adding something for Lent?**
 - Accept an invitation to **Carbon Fast** during Lent
 - March is **Women's History Month** – “Our History is Our Strength”. Honor women within your congregation.
 - **Spring Retreat – “Sacred Spaces”** is at Kure Beach – April 8 – 10, 2011. (brochure enclosed)

- **Gathering Planning**
 - The NC Synodical Women's Organization **Annual Gathering is June 10 – 12, 2011**, at Lenoir Rhyne. *Come - Learn - Grow - Fellowship and Worship Together*
 - **Registration forms** for the Gathering are enclosed. Registrations postmarked by March 31 take advantage of the “Early Bird” discounts. Registration forms for regular priced registration will be in the April Bulletin.

- **Leadership**
 - **YWGaB: Young Woman Gifted and Blessed, ages 20-35.** We are inviting a group of young women to attend the Annual Gathering as our guests. Complete the form (enclosed) and submit it by April 1, 2011.

- **Triennial Gathering** will be held in Spokane, Washington, July 14 - 17, 2011.
 - Plan now to *ESCAPE, RENEW, REJOICE, DISCOVER, RESPOND* and *ATTEND*
 - Register for the **Triennial Gathering** online at www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial4 or call 800-638-3522, ext.2730.

Mark your Calendar:

- **Spring Retreat at Kure Beach:** April 8 – 10, 2011 (brochure enclosed)
- **Annual Gathering:** June 10 – 12, 2011 (“Early Bird” registration forms enclosed)
- **Triennial Gathering:** July 14 - 17, 2011

Sisters, join me and your sisters around the nation **each Monday at noon**. Stop for a few minutes to pray for all the many projects in which we are all involved and in remembering all those in need of a special prayer. If you wish to receive our list of individuals wanting prayer, let me know by sending me your email address.

Share the information in the *Bulletin* with all of the other participants. 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.

Grace and peace,

Sharon Johnson

NC Women of the ELCA President

SPRING CONFERENCE GATHERINGS FOCUS ON MOTHEREAD!

North Carolina Women of the ELCA are committed to increasing literacy and improving conditions for women and children in crisis. To help meet both these goals for women in prison and the children of incarcerated mothers and grandmothers, we are partnering this year with **Motheread**.

Founded in Raleigh in 1987, **Motheread, Inc.** is a nationally acclaimed private, non-profit organization that combines the teaching of literacy skills with child development and family empowerment issues. Offerings from the spring conference gatherings will be given to the **Motheread** program. Also, all congregational units are invited to bring in-kind gifts of children's books and other supplies used by the program. For more information about **Motheread** and a more complete list of the books needed, visit www.ncwelca.org.

Supplies needed: 1) bubble or padded envelopes sizes 6x10, 8½x11 or 10x16;
2) composition writing books 7½"x9¾" 100 sheets wide rule;
3) small 3"x5" memo pads bound on top.

TITLE (Author)

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible,

No Good, Very Bad Day (Viorst)

Amelia's Road (Altman)

Angel's Kite / La Estrella de Angel (Blanco)

(The) Bossy Gallito (Gonzalez)

Cat in the Hat (Dr. Seuss)

Chair for My Mother (Williams)

Cherries and Cherry Pits (Williams)

Flossie and the Fox (McKissack)

George Shrinks (Joyce)

Giant's Toe (Cole)

Goggles (Keats)

Goodnight Moon (Brown)

Grandfather's Journey (Say)

Gregory, the Terrible Eater (Sharmat)

Hairs / Pelitos (Cisneros)

Harold and the Purple Crayon (Johnson)

Horton Hatches the Egg (Dr. Seuss)

Horton Hears a Who (Dr. Seuss)

How You Were Born (Cole)

In My Family / En Mi Familia (Garza)

Ira Sleeps Over (Waber)

It Looked Like Spilt Milk (Shaw)

Knight and the Dragon (dePaola)

Leo the Late Bloomer (Kraus)

Love You Forever (Munsch)

Maggie B. (Haas)

Margaret and Margarita (Reiser)

Ming Lo Moves the Mountain (Lobel)

Moon Rope / Un Lazo a la Luna (Ehlert)

My Little Island (Lessac)

Peter's Chair (Keats)

Quick as a Cricket (Wood)

(The) Runaway Bunny (Brown)

Salamander Room (Mazer)

(The) Story of Ferdinand (Leaf)

(The) Story of Jumping Mouse (Steptoe)

(The) Talking Eggs (Souci)

Tell Me a Story, Mama (Johnson)

Ten, Nine, Eight (Bang)

There's an Alligator Under My Bed (Mayer)

(The) Three Billy Goats Gruff (Galdone)

Umbrella (Yashima)

Uncle Elephant (Lobel)

(The) Very Hungry Caterpillar (Carle)

Where the Wild Things Are (Sendak)

Who's in Rabbit's House (Aardema)

2011 “PENNIES OF HOPE” PROJECT WILL SUPPORT MICROLOANS TO WOMEN WHO WANT TO START SMALL BUSINESSES

The church year begins at the start of Advent, the calendar year begins at the start of January, and the fiscal year of the North Carolina Women of the ELCA begins the first of February. That means the new **PENNIES OF HOPE** project also begins the first of February! The pennies collected from now through January 31, 2012 are designated for the ELCA Good Gifts nurture program called Microloans. Microloans are offered to women who wish to escape poverty by starting a new business in their homes or in small collaborative groups.

In the Peruvian mountain region of Palca, woolen handcrafts have been a tradition for women for many years. When the women began to collaborate, this traditional craft became an important source of income for them and their families.

The 19 women in the Taller Artesanal Workshop make handcrafts together, often with alpaca wool and other natural fibers. “When we first started working together,” said one woman, “our husbands thought we were just leaving the house to gossip. Now that we have an income, they don’t complain so much about our group!”

Thanks to a microloan through the ELCA Good Gifts program, the women now have an electric wool-spinning machine, increasing production and income. Our offering of pennies for microloans will help make sustainable solutions like this possible for other women who are ready to start a home-based or collaborative business. The women, their children, their families and their communities all benefit!

MARCH – WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

February 27th was Bold Women’s Day and we celebrated all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

March is here and, according to our annual calendar, it Women’s History Month. You may ask, “What is this all about?” Women’s History Month is a time when we not only celebrate women of the past but women who are making history.

This year’s theme is “Our History is Our Strength”. Congregational units are asked to honor women within their congregation. This is a time to pay tribute to women who helped create a better world for the times in which they lived as well as for future generations. There are many stories to be told about women’s achievements in the Lutheran churches of North Carolina. Learning about their tenacity and courage is a source of strength. Throughout the years many of the achievements of women were denied or distorted. Hearing their stories today will provide role models for all of us. We need genuine role models as we face the many challenges in this time

Gerda Lerner, a teacher credited with teaching the first women’s history course, is being honored for her role in pioneering work in the field of women’s history and research that demonstrates that **Our History is Our Strength**. Her recent book is *Living with History/Making Social Change*.

For additional information contact the National Women’s Project www.nwhp.org

“Growing the Group” - Ideas from Mission: Action

Growth takes many forms: exercise and vegetables help our bodies grow healthy; Bible studies and worship help us grow spiritually; crossword puzzles and “brain games” help us grow mentally. But our emphasis the past few months has been exploring ways to grow our congregational units by increasing the number of participants.

If you are on a quest to grow your unit with new participants, we trust that you have reviewed “How to Get and Keep Active Participants” (www.ncwelca.org – Footsteps to Leadership), ideas from Mission: Growth on how to grow your “CU garden” (*Bulletin*, December 2010), and ideas from Mission: Community on being **BOLD** about it (*Bulletin*, January 2011) and the “Creatively Recruiting Young Women” article By Sara Richmond-Walls and Donna Prunkl in the Fall Issue of the *Carolina Vine*.

If you have tried all the obvious ways to involve more girls and women and are still looking for ideas, maybe it is time to THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX (or circle as the case may be!) Here are some ideas for initial events. From there let the group decide how they want to proceed and don't be discouraged if they prefer annual “special events” and not monthly Bible studies (that might evolve later).

Borrowed from ‘olden times’ – a box lunch for girls and women from 10 to 100. Everyone makes a lunch, puts it in a decorated box or bag, and draws numbers to get a lunch made by someone else. Plan some cross-generational games to play and have your lunch at a local park. If Saturday does not work for your group, how about Sunday after church?

Ladies Night Out – go to a special movie or play or just have dinner at a special restaurant. Emphasize getting to know each other better and use the time to gather ideas about activities the CU can do that are of special interest to the newcomers.

Fast-food Breakfast – if the group of women you would like to attract are young mothers ask for the “party room” at a fast-food restaurant that has a playground for the children. Keep the conversation light but let it be known that Women of the ELCA planned the event and try to elicit other ideas for similar events.

Cultivate honorary members – plan to meet at a local nursing home or assisted living facility. Choose a facility that has a limited social program or make arrangements with the social director of the facility. Choose a date that does not coincide with a holiday or monthly birthday celebrations. “*Middle Name Pride Day*” occurs in March on the Friday of *Celebrate Your Name Week* (first full week of March). Other days to celebrate that week are *Namesake Day*, *Old Stuff Day*, *Fun Facts about Names Day*, *Learn What Your Name Means Day*. Any day you plan something like this, all the ladies who attend from the facility are counted as honorary members of your CU. For other dates and months, visit http://www.gone-ta-pott.com/weird_holidays.html.

Become computer savvy – conduct a virtual meeting using one of the popular social communication networks. If everyone in your group is not already computer savvy, they can gather in small groups at designated homes or around the church computer. No need to get dressed up, use gas, or find babysitters. An occasional regular Bible study or circle meeting can be done this way as long as there are other times planned for face to face activities

Whatever idea you decide to try, remember to publicize it everywhere, but be sure there are personal one-to-one invitations for the newcomers you want to attract. If ‘no’ is the first answer, keep trying and, above all else, be **enthusiastic!**

M&M's -- "MISSION MORSELS"
from MISSION: COMMUNITY
March 2011

M&M's are tiny bits of information from Mission Community Committee for you to share with your church units. Go to www.ncwelca.org or www.womenoftheelca.org for more information.

- **World Day of Prayer** will be celebrated all over the world on Friday, March 4, 2011. The theme: "How Many Loaves have you," is inspired by two selected readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-10 and Kings 17:8-16. This year's program focuses on Chile. It is a fertile country, rich in resources and abundant food, but it also has many people who work long hours and yet do not have enough food to eat. World Day of Prayer is a time for interdenominational communities to come together to pray for peace and justice. Our Women of the ELCA affirms that prayer and action are inseparable. In our Purpose Statement "we commit ourselves to engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world." So join our brothers and sisters in March to learn more about the plight of the people of Chile and what we can do as a people to make a difference.
Information submitted by: Gail Welch for mission community.
- The North Carolina Women of the ELCA has a new name for the Rainbow Scholarship. The name has been changed to the **Christine Bohr Anderson Seminary Scholarship** in honor of the first woman pastor ordained in NC. This scholarship is for NC women seminarians who are pursuing a degree from the Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, or any other Lutheran Seminary in the United States. Do you know any female student who would be interested in applying? Even if she has applied or received a scholarship before, she is still eligible to receive another. The amount this year is \$662.00 per scholarship. The deadline is **April 1, 2011**, and the winners will be notified by **May 1, 2011**.
Information submitted by: Gelene Lineberger for mission community.
- Ladies, hopefully you are saving **tabs from drink cans for the Ronald McDonald House**. If you have not been saving them, it is not too late to start. Designate someone in your group to take care of this project. Before the Gathering in June at Lenoir Rhyne University, have the assigned person to take them to your local American Legion or VFW to have them weighed. Bring the weight total to the Gathering to report to someone on Mission Community Committee. We want to keep a record of the poundage we collected. If you do not have a local Legion or VFW to turn the tabs in, bring them to the Gathering, and we will take care of them. There will be designated places at the University where you may leave the tabs. Last year we collected 642 pounds, keep up the good work. This will help all Ronald McDonald Houses in North Carolina. Information submitted by: Ruby Anthony for mission community.
- The **Crossnore School** is a miracle in the mountains. It was founded in 1913 as a private non-profit child's home and school in the western North Carolina Mountains. Most residents live at Crossnore because they can no longer remain in their current homes due to circumstances beyond their control. Residents come from all counties in NC. We can help by clipping Campbell's Soup bar codes and UPC box tops from General Mills products. These children benefit from the companies that honor these bar codes with material gifts. Less than one half of the operating budget for the school comes from fees for services, so they are very dependent upon the generous gifts of friends who believe in caring "for the least of these," the voiceless, powerless children who come to them for refuge. For ways you can help go to www.crossnoreschool.org and click "You Can Help". You will find: Volunteering, Special Needs, Special Events and Church Involvement listed, and they need you.
Information submitted by: Tonie Neal for mission community.

LENT: Addition or Subtraction

For many Christians, Lent is one of the most significant seasons of the Church Year. Not long ago, during Advent, we were preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. During Lent we are preparing for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Many will include fasting.

How often have you heard "What are you giving up for Lent?" Maybe you have been asked this question. You may have heard or answered this question with "I am giving up chocolate, ice cream, coffee or candy". This is the subtraction part of Lent. Consider other things that may be given up for Lent: spend fewer hours exploring the YouTube, send fewer instant messages and spend less time on the telephone. These are just a few examples. How often have you heard "Are you adding something for Lent?" If so, how did you respond? Some suggestions include: adding spiritual disciplines to heighten your awareness of God's presence in your life through daily prayers (Martin Luther used to pray four hours a day), use a prayer journal, devotional Bible reading, attend a Bible Study, listen to beautiful music and focus on the melody, volunteer at a non-profit organization, practice self care through exercise, eating healthy foods, getting enough sleep and rest. Add to your list to memorize some scripture verses such as Psalm 119:105, I Thessalonians 5:16-19, and Job 33:4. Many years ago the early monastic's known as the Desert Fathers and Mothers wrote a prayer called The Jesus Prayer. Some prayed it 3,000 – 12,000 times a day. The prayer is very simple: "**Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**" Try praying this many times daily.

During Lent, listen and talk to God. Explore the possibility of God's call and your baptism. It may be to serve in your congregational unit/expression, teach Sunday School, sing in the church choir, lead a Bible Study, play a musical instrument, and serve on a North Carolina Synodical Women's committee or the Board. There is a place for you to use the gifts that have been given to you.

What are your math plans for Lent? Will you add or subtract or do both? **Let Lent be your time to be more God –aware** (Prepared by Mission: Growth Committee)

LENT: An Invitation to Carbon Fast

During the season of Lent, we are called to **metanoia** --- the changing of our minds and hearts to new ways of thinking and acting. Change involves taking an honest look at ourselves – the lives we live and the choices we make – and the discerning how our values correspond to those that Jesus offers his disciples – you and me. This Lenten season, we are called back to reclaiming our roles as stewards of creation as you are invited to participate in a "carbon fast". Some things you can do to reduce your carbon consumption on a daily basis are as follows:

- Switch off all electrical equipment instead of leaving them "on standby."
- If you drink bottled water, give up bottled water.
- Select the air-dry option on your dishwasher.
- Reduce travel miles.
- Commit to line-drying your clothes whenever possible.
- Select the Cold/Cold wash when washing clothes.
- Eat less meat and seafood. When you do, purchase locally and sustainably raised meat and seafood.
- Avoid using disposable goods that really aren't necessary; e.g. Styrofoam or plastic ware.
- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs and other energy appliances.

The average emissions of carbon per person per year in the United States are 19.8 tons. In India, the average emissions are 1.2 tons and in Bangladesh the amount is 0.3tons. Strive to become better stewards of God's creation. (Prepared by Mission: Growth Committee - Information is from Prairie Climate Stewardship Network)



Gathering Planning Committee Women of Faith-With Arms Wide Open



Time is of the essence!!! Did the groundhog see his shadow? After careful consideration the Gathering Planning Committee decided to **extend the Early Bird Registration to March 31st**. Don't wait till the last minute. Registration must be postmarked March 31st or before, anything after that, without the correct amount, will be billed.

Awareness Sessions are coming into us. It looks like we are going to have a wide variety to choose from. We will have one Early Bird Awareness Session on Friday at 3:00 p.m. called Triennial Craft Stations. Melissa Jernigan will be the coordinator of this event. It will also be going on Saturday. Some new Awareness Sessions are Partner Massage, Clearing the Cobwebs based on Isaiah 1: 16-20, "The View"-Women of the ELCA Style. We want to bring back the Healthy Heart Stations. More to come next month stay tuned.

Submitted by: Kathy Wallace

SPRING 2011 CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

CONFERENCE	LOCATION	DATE
Alexander/Iredell	St. Paul, Statesville	April 9
Blue Ridge	Calvary Lutheran, Morganton	May 14
Cabarrus/Stanly	Mt. Herman, Concord	April 30
Catawba	Mt. Zion, Conover	April 2
Central	First Lutheran, Lexington	April 2
Mecklenburg/Union	Living Savior, Charlotte	March 26
North Coastal	Our Redeemer, Greenville	May 14
Northern	First Lutheran, Greensboro	April 16
Rowan	Grace, Salisbury	April 30
Salem	Epiphany, Winston Salem	March 12
Sandhills	St.James, Fayetteville	March 26
Smoky Mountain	St Andrews, Andrews, NC	April 2
South Coastal	Our Savior, Jacksonville	TBA
Southwestern	St John's, Cherryville	April 9
Triangle	Joy of Discovery, Raleigh 750 King Richard Rd	March 5

To: The Congregations of the NC Synod of the ELCA
From: Rachel T. Price
Date: February 1, 2011
Re: **Lutheran World Relief Collections**

Location	Number of Cases	Weight	Shipping Cost
Asheville	250	5000 lbs	\$541.31
Charlotte	62	1241 lbs	270.32
Dallas	65	1179 lbs	261.33
Hickory	353	6376 lbs	100.00*
Jacksonville	31	600 lbs	194.70
Raleigh	177	3169	325.46
Salisbury	86	1500	259.57
Winston-Salem	67	1190	279.48

*This low cost is because of the proximity of the church to the terminal.

These 1091 cartons (weighing about 20,255 pounds) were taken to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, MD. Many thanks to the following coordinators at the eight drop-off sites for another great year. They were Eileen Cram, Sandra Taylor, Gail Summey, Joe Rhyne, Pastor Randall Cauble, Sherry Ercolanese, Pastor Diane Amidon, Betty Hunt, and Phyllis Still. A very special thanks also to Tom Elliott at Estes in Conover for giving us reduced rates of 75%. FANTASTIC!

Thanks for all your help. We had the SMOOTHEST RUNNING YEAR EVER! in the collection of parish projects and quilts for Lutheran World Relief. There will be some changes in the parish project kits beginning this year. DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING. Quilts and blankets will remain the same. If you have already assembled some kits, they will be accepted this year, as 2011 is a transitional year for the kits.

It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.

Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both. -- Eleanor Roosevelt

Women of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA NORTH CAROLINA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION



June 10-12, 2011 Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC Early Bird Registration due March 15, 2011

DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

North Carolina Women of the ELCA Gathering 2011 ~ Women of Faith With Arms Wide Open

Delegate's Name _____ Telephone _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 E-mail Address _____
 Congregation _____ Conference _____
 Church City _____
 Roommate _____ Dorm Preference _____ Living Learning Center _____
 Fritz/Conrad _____ None _____

Check here if this will be your 1st SWO Gathering ____ * Note: Dorm preference honored based on availability.
 Complete the following if your child, T.A.G.G., or T.G.I.F. will be staying with you:

CHILD CARE FOR AGES 10 AND YOUNGER will be available during the Business & Awareness Sessions Friday and Saturday.

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ (There is no lodging charge for children under 6.)

"T.A.G.G." Name _____ "T.G.I.F." Name _____

T.A.G.G. (Totally Awesome Groupies for God) ages 11-14 & T.G.I.F. (Teens Gathering in Faith) for girls ages 15-19.
 (You must complete additional registration form and return by March 15 for Early Bird discount.)

Check here if you need 1st floor because of a physical condition _____

Check here if you need a sign interpreter for the gathering _____

Would you be interested in singing in the choir on Sunday morning? _____ Soprano or Alto

Do you play an instrument that you would be willing to play at Sunday Worship? _____

What instrument? _____ How many years experience? _____

ROOMMATES MUST MAIL REGISTRATIONS TOGETHER!

ENTIRE WEEKEND (\$130.00-lodging included)	\$ _____
SATURDAY ONLY (Registration and Lunch) (\$45.00)	\$ _____
SATURDAY ONLY (Registration, Lunch & Dinner(\$55.00)	\$ _____
COMMUTER (Registration & five (5) meals) (\$80.00)	\$ _____
CHILD'S LODGING (Ages 6 -10) (\$45.00)	\$ _____
CHILD'S MEALS (5) ages 2-10 if applicable(\$16.75)	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

REFUNDS will only be made if extenuating circumstances occur and only after written request to the SWO Treasurer and approval by the SWO Board. Refund requests must be received in writing or via email by June 25.

NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE (\$20.00)

A check for the correct amount must be included. Make check payable to NC Women of the ELCA.

**Mail To: Jean Beaver, 1963 13th Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601
 (828-327-2490) jean.beaver@lr.edu**

CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION AS A CONGREGATIONAL UNIT

- * Agrees to the Statement of Purpose of the Women of the ELCA
- * Agrees to come together to fulfill the purpose
- * Agrees to participate in the program activities of Women of the ELCA beyond the congregation
- * Agrees to support financially the total program of Women of the ELCA
- * Agrees to designate leadership that shall be in communication with the Synodical women's organization and Churchwide women's organization

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Amount Received _____ Date Received _____

**Women of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
NORTH CAROLINA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION**



June 10-12, 2011 Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC Early Bird Registration due March 15

**T.A.G.G (Totally Awesome Groupies for God)
T.G.I.F. (Teens Gathering in Faith)
REGISTRATION FORM**

North Carolina Women of the ELCA Gathering 2011 ~ Women of Faith With Arms Wide Open

TAGG or TGIF Name _____ Age _____
 Parent/Guardian Name _____ Telephone _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 E-Mail Address _____
 Congregation _____ Church City _____
 Conference _____
 Roommate _____ Dorm Preference _____

- TAGGs and TGIFs eat/sleep with their mothers while at the Gathering. I would like to stay in Living Learning Center with other moms and their TAGGs and TGIFs. Circle one: YES NO
- Registration is required by May 10, 2011.
- Absolutely NO walk-ins due to supplies that must be pre-purchased.
- This program will be offered for girls **11-19** years of age.
- List any health conditions that the adult staff will need to know _____
- List any allergies and specific medications the adult staff will need to know (You must provide meds)
- Would you be interested in singing in the Choir on Sunday morning? _____ Soprano or Alto
- Do you play an instrument that you would be willing to play at Sunday Worship? _____
- What instrument? _____ How many years experience? _____

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SATURDAY ONLY (Registration, Lunch & Dinner(\$25.00)	\$ _____
COMMUTER (Registration and five (5) meals) (\$45.00)	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

***\$40.00 discount from Leadership Committee & \$10.00 discount from Gathering/Planning Committee

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Kiana Sinz
123 Crescent St.
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Change of Name/Address for Expression Officers

Name of Conference _____
Effective date of change: _____
Church Name: _____
Church Town: _____

President Treasurer

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Send information to: Kiana Sinz, 123 Crescent St., Kannapolis, NC 28081-7107
Or

E-mail information to: ksinz@vnet.net