

HELLO FROM LEADERSHIP

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This is an exciting year to be a part of the Leadership committee! Nena and I are working with women of all ages who are excited about the NC Women of the ELCA. Notice, I wrote, “women of all ages”. We have moms, grandmothers, aunts, young adults and teens. We have shared our vision and our ideas. I think the Annual Gathering for our tweens, teens and young adults is going to FUN and INFORMATIVE.

One of the changes that we made this year is to the **Leadership Legacy**. In the past couple of years, we have used an application process - we won't do that this year. We want to make our events easily accessible to our younger women. When you take a look at registration forms for the Annual Gathering, there will be a place to pay IN FULL or to pay a PARTIAL amount (the remaining cost will be automatically paid by the **Leadership Legacy**). There is a catch! You must meet the age criteria. Our apologies to those of us past the age of 22. This registration format will also be used for our Spring and Fall Retreats.

We continue with our Young Women Guests. There is still an application process and a small registration fee of \$35.00. The application can be found in the March and April Bulletins. Leadership Committee's budget covers your cost of attending the Annual Gathering. Your \$35.00 is refunded to you after you attend the Annual Gathering. You also receive a subscription to Gather Magazine. This year the age range is 23 - 35. It is for FIRST TIME guests only. Next year our age range will be 23 - 30. Those of you past 30, please don't hold it against us! We realize that a woman in her early twenties is in a different place than those in their mid thirties. We want you all at the Annual Gathering!!

There are programs for all our young women: Middle School, High School, Post High School and Young Women Guest. This year, each young women's group will have a tee shirt to wear that will help you stand out and to help you feel more a part of your group. Those of us who don't fit into one of the young women groups, will have an opportunity to order a tee shirt for \$10.00. If you order a tee shirt, please wear it on Saturday! I can't wait to see the groups in color!!

We'll see you in June!!