



**North Carolina Synodical Women's  
Organization  
of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
[www.ncwelca.org](http://www.ncwelca.org)

Thirty-Fifth Annual Virtual Gathering

September 16-17, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church  
Salisbury, North Carolina

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# Program and Reports

## Mission Statement

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

## Purpose Statement of the Women of the ELCA

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

## Theme

Renewed Day by Day

## Theme Scripture

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:1,8-10,16

# **A G E N D A**

## Friday, September 16, 2022

Voting Member Orientation (*mandatory*) 6:40 pm

FIRST SESSION 7:00 pm

Prelude

Tim Warren

Formal Opening of Gathering

Lisa Philbeck, President

President: We gather in the name of the + Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

President: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

President: Join me in expressing our commitment to the purpose of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**ALL: As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus 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.**

President: Since it is God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry,

**ALL: We do not lose heart.**

President: We are afflicted in every way,

**ALL: But not crushed.**

President: Perplexed,

**ALL: But not driven to despair;**

President: Persecuted,

**ALL: But not forsaken.**

President: Struck down,

**ALL: But not destroyed.**

President: Always carrying in the body the death of Jesus,

**ALL: So that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.**

President: So we do not lose heart.

**ALL: Our inner nature is being renewed day by day.**

President: As President of the North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I now declare that the thirty-fifth annual gathering is in session. May all that we do and all that we say be in accordance with God's holy will.

**Introduction of Chaplain**

Lisa Philbeck

**Meditation**

Rev. Karin O'Donnell



**Gathering Hymn Day by Day**

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**Organization of the Gathering**

Presentation of the Gathering Program

Lisa Philbeck, President

**Report of the Treasurer**

Tithely – A Way to Give

Debra Weinel, Treasurer

Presentation of the Budget for 2023-2024



**Adoption of Budget for 2023**

*(Voting members will be presented a ballot in order to vote.)*

**Offering**

(1/2 Churchwide (CWO) and 1/2 Crossnore School Youth Independent Living Program)  
(Make checks payable to NC Women of the ELCA or give through Tithely)

**Offering Prayer**

Rev. Karin O'Donnell, Chaplain

**Introduction of CWO Representative**

Anita Miller, Vice President

**Address by CWO Representative**

Raeanne Purcell



**Closing Hymn**

# Saturday, September 17, 2022

**SECOND SESSION** 8:45 am

**Morning Matins**

Rev. Karin O'Donnell, Chaplain

**Announcements/ Video Greetings**



**Gathering Hymn**

*Day by Day*

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**Triennial Gathering Update**

Lisa Philbeck, President



## **Ballot A for Triennial Voting Members**

Report of Credentials Committee

Chair of Credentials

Report of Committee on Nominations

Jane Cadwallader, Chair of Nominations

Prayer for Guidance

Rev. Karin O'Donnell, Chaplain

Ballot for Triennial Voting Members

Report of Election

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

Cindy Whisenant

**Keynote Address**

Mindy Makant

**Offering**

(1/2 Churchwide (CWO) and 1/2 Crossnore School Youth Independent Living Program)  
(Make checks payable to NC Women of the ELCA or give through Tithely)

**Offering Prayer**

Rev. Karin O'Donnell, Chaplain



## **Ballot B for Voting Members**

Report of Credentials Committee

Chair of Credentials

Report of Committee on Nominations

Chair of Nominations

Prayer for Guidance

Rev. Karin O'Donnell, Chaplain

Ballot for Triennial Voting Members

Report of Election

**Announcements/Video Greetings**

**Christine Bohr Anderson Scholarship Presentation**



## **Ballot C for Triennial Voting Members**

Report of Credentials Committee

Chair of Credentials

Report of Committee on Nominations

Chair of Nominations

Prayer for Guidance

Rev. Karin O'Donnell, Chaplain

Ballot for Triennial Voting Members

Report of Election

# Report of Patterson Memorial Scholarship Committee

**Blessing for Lunch**

Rev. Karin O'Donnell, Chaplain



**Closing Hymn**



**Postlude**

Tim Warren

**Lunch**

11:30 am -12:00 pm

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**THIRD SESSION**

12:15 pm

**Prelude**

Tim Warren



**Hymn**

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**Additional Ballot for Triennial Voting Members** *(if needed)*

Report of Credentials Committee

Chair of Credentials

Report of Committee on Nominations

Chair of Nominations

Prayer for Guidance

Rev. Karin O'Donnell, Chaplain

Ballot for Triennial Voting Members

Report of Election

**Report of the President**

Lisa Philbeck



**Adoption of Resolutions**



**Hymn**

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**Additional Ballot for Triennial Voting Members** *(if needed)*

Report of Credentials Committee

Chair of Credentials

Report of Committee on Nominations

Chair of Nominations

Prayer for Guidance

Rev. Karin O'Donnell, Chaplain

Ballot for Triennial Voting Members

Report of Election





P            Go in Peace, Sisters, remembering that we are Renewed Day by Day.  
C            **Thanks be to God.**

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## **Day by Day**

LBW # 790

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort  
to my anxious soul, Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine, beyond all  
mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior  
lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and  
wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil  
of the morrow. I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior,  
help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter  
what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior,  
with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.

## **For All the Faithful Women**

ELW # 419

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,  
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.  
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.

O God, for saints and servants, those named and those unknown,  
in whom through all the ages your light of glory shone,  
we offer glad thanksgiving and fervent prayer we raise  
that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly  
while Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea.  
as Israel marched to freedom, her chains of bondage gone,  
so may we reach the kingdom your mighty arm has won.

To Hannah, praying childless before the throne of grace,  
you gave a son and called him to serve before your face.  
Grant us her perseverance, Lord, teach us how to pray  
and trust in your deliv'rance when darkness hides our way.

All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!  
All praise to God the Spirit, who binds the church to one!  
With saints who went before us, with the saints who witness still,  
we sing glad alleluias and strive to do your will.

# **R E P O R T S**

Spring 2022

Shalom!

Thank you for all you do for Women of the ELCA! Your time, talents and treasures are needed now more than ever, not only to Women of the ELCA, but also in the world. You also make a huge difference in our churches and communities. Thank you again for all that you do and continue to do!

As promised, there have been some changes in Women of the ELCA. One of our biggest priorities is anti-racism work (you can find more information on [welca.org](http://welca.org)). Here are a few examples:

1. A Leadership Event in February 2022 was a digital event entitled, "For Such a Time as This: Spirit fed, Spirit led." It was based on the story of Esther. In addition to presidents, all synodical officers and board members were invited as were conference and cluster leaders. Following the event, more training sessions for WELCA leaders were planned. The training sessions were again via Zoom and open to everyone. Training and bringing up leaders are the responsibility of all of us, not just the few.
2. Bold Women's Sunday has been moved from the last Sunday of February to the first Sunday of March. Why you may ask – because February is Black History Month; March is Women's History Month and includes International Women's Day. This way we do not dilute Black History Month and honoring our African American sisters and brothers.
3. Churchwide executive board members can now serve as the churchwide representative at her own synodical convention. As a reminder, a churchwide representative cannot be a voting member of her own congregational unit at her synodical convention. She is also there to serve as a resource not just for your convention, but after as well.

God's special blessings on your time together! I am praying for you and your time together. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [jmichali@d.umn.edu](mailto:jmichali@d.umn.edu).

Blessings,



Joy Michalicek  
President, 2020-2023 Triennium  
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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## SPECIAL GUESTS

### Mindy Makant – Keynote Speaker



Dr. Mindy Makant serves as Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, director of the Living Well Center for Vocation and Purpose, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and director of the Youth and Family Ministry Program at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina.

She is the author of two books: *The Practice of Story: Suffering and the Possibilities of Redemption*, (Baylor University Press, 2015) and *Holy Mischief: In Honor of Women in Ministry* (Wipf & Stock, 2019, forthcoming).

Dr. Makant is also an ordained deacon in the ELCA and certified Spiritual Director. She is currently serving on the ELCA's Task Force on the Social Statement on Church, Government, and Civic Participation. And she chairs the NC Synod's Task Force responsible for the Synod's relationship with its companion Church in Costa Rica.

Dr. Makant and her husband, Russell (an ELCA pastor), have been married for 30 plus years and have two wonderful young adult children, two amazing kids-in-law, three adorable grand-puppies, and just became Mimi and Papa to precious baby Lucas last month.



## Reverend Karin O'Donnell – Gathering Chaplain



Our Chaplain, the Reverend Karin O'Donnell, may be a familiar face to some of you, having served on the NC Women of the ELCA Board prior to discerning her call to the ministry.

She is currently serving as pastor of Mt. Hebron Lutheran Church, Hildebran, NC

Karin was born into a military family in NYC and graduated from Wagner High School, in the Philippine Islands. Karin started college at Antioch in Ohio but moved to Japan with her family and attended Sophia University. in Tokyo. She met her military husband, Mick, and married him in Japan. They traveled to many places including Germany, had three daughters, and Karin got a master's degree in Ed. Psych from Wayne State University. When Mick retired at Goldsboro, Karin started teaching middle school, high school, and community college. Karin coached swimming, was active in the community, and with Women of the ELCA. She served on the Synodical Board, was part of TDTR, and a process builder for Churchwide. After retirement, with much urging from many, including Maxine Amos, Karin attended Gettysburg Seminary, which became United Lutheran Seminary. She graduated in 2020, was ordained in 2021, and is pastor at Mt. Hebron and vice-pastor for Bethany Lutheran in Hickory. Five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren provide much joy.

## Raeann Purcell – Churchwide Board Representative



Raeann Purcell was appointed to the executive board of Women of the ELCA in March 2019 to fill a vacancy. She was elected treasurer at the 2021 digital convention. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Smyrna Beach, Fla., she lives in DeLand, Fla. She retired from the Florida Department of Revenue in 2021.

At Trinity, Raeann is on the church council and serves on the outreach and hospitality teams. She is a circle leader of one of Trinity's three Women of the ELCA circles. Raeann is a cradle Lutheran whose mother nurtured her in Women of the ELCA.

Raeann has served the Florida/Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) as a board member, treasurer, and president. As SWO president, Raeann visited Haiti in September 2010 and met with Haitian women about their faith journeys. She has served as an advisory board member for the Florida/Bahamas SWO and provided education and resources on human trafficking. Raeann was a voting member at three triennial conventions and served as the triennial promoter for two gatherings.

At the last five Florida/Bahamas Synod assemblies, Raeann has served on the elections committee. She has also worked the assemblies in communications, updating social media, and as a photographer. As an ELCA Mission Interpreter, Raeann enjoys sharing the stories of the church and how we live Christ's love. She has also held listening sessions and studies for the ELCA Social Statement on Women and Justice. Raeann was a voting member at the 2013 Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh.

She worked as a recruitment specialist for the Florida Department of Revenue where she was employed for 38 years. She previously worked in purchasing, child support, and public assistance. She started her career working with juvenile delinquents. Raeann has two adult children: a son in Denver, Pa., and a daughter and son-in-law whom she lives with. She is also ecstatic to live with and help care for her grandson who was born December 23, 2021. He is completely adorable!

<b>NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN OF THE ELCA 2023 BUDGET</b>				<b>*****</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Regular Offerings	\$35,000.00	\$ 16,949.61	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 17,500.00
Pennies Projects				
2021 Youth4Abolition		\$ 3,919.67		\$ -
2021 Homeless Shelter		\$ 2,916.37		\$ -
Discipleship Retreats	\$12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
Spring Retreat		\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00
Fall Retreat				
One Day Retreats				
SWO Gatherings				
Fall Gathering Offerings				
Spring Gathering Offerings				
Conference Overages	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
SWO Annual Gathering				
Gathering Offering		\$ 316.66		\$ -
Gathering Registrations	\$16,700.00		\$ 16,700.00	\$ -
Triennial Scholarship				
Miscellaneous--WELCA Items sold				
Discipleship				
Retreat Scholarships	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ -
Leadership				
Gift for Synodical Board President		\$ 320.00		\$ -
Leadership Legacy	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Stewardship				
Christine Bohr Anderson Scholarship	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Lutheran World Relief	\$ -	\$ 2,004.10	\$ -	\$ -
Lutheran Services Carolinas				
ELCA Good Gifts				
Miscellaneous				
Interest Income				
Certificate of Deposit				
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$67,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,301.41</b>	<b>\$ 67,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,100.00</b>
<b>NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN OF THE ELCA 2023 BUDGET</b>				
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Churchwide Offerings (60%)</b>	\$21,000.00	\$16,949.61	\$ 21,000.00	\$21,000.00
<b>SWO Gatherings</b>				\$ -
Fall Gathering Offering				

Spring Gathering Offering				\$ -
Spring Gathering expense				
SWO Annual Gathering		\$ 316.66		
Gathering Offering – Churchwide				
Gathering Offering – Designated for Triennial Scholarships				
Annual Gathering Expenses	\$16,000.00		\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Efird & Martha Hine Fund				
Triennial Offering				
<b>Administration</b>				
Cards for Caring Correspondence		\$ 48.01		
Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,860.07	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Insurance	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$300.00
Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 89.83	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 4.15	\$ 500.00	\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous/Stop Payment Fee		\$ 37.00		
Audit Expense	\$ -		\$ -	
Computer		\$ 256.89		\$300.00
<b>Pennies Projects</b>				
2020 Youth4Abolition		\$ 3,650.67		
<b>SWO Committees</b>				
Board	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 983.46	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 3,000.00
Discretionary Fund		\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00
Communications				
Bulletin	\$ 700.00	\$ 566.52	\$ 700.00	\$ 570.00
Electronic Media/Website Fee	\$ 400.00	\$ 263.88	\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00
Conference Leaders	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Discipleship	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Discipleship - Retreats				\$ -
Fall Retreat	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Spring Retreat	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
One Day Retreat	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Gathering Planning	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Justice	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Today's Dream Tomorrow's Reality	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	
Stewardship	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Leadership Legacy	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	
Christine Bohr Anderson Scholarship	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$2,500
<b>Special Projects</b>		\$ 320.00		\$ 320.00
ELCA World Hunger				
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$67,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,946.75</b>	<b>\$ 67,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 67,890.00</b>

<b>Checking Account as of September 9,2022</b>			<b>\$37,987.60</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>			<b>\$5,932.12</b>
<b>Designated:</b>			
Christine Bohr Anderson		3,135.83	
Disaster Relief Fund		31.00	
Discretionary Fund		443.03	
Annual Gathering Balance		101.31	
Leadership Legacy		2,447.48	
Lutheran World Relief		300.00	
Discipleship Retreats		1,670.29	
Discipleship Scholarships		962.91	
Total Designated			<b>\$9,091.85</b>
<b>Total Available Monies January 31, 2022</b>			<b>\$43,919.72</b>

## Report of the President

The Board of the North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) met eight times during the past year to conduct the business of the Women of the ELCA. Two of those meetings were in person and the other six were virtual. The SWO Board consists of four officers and eight board members who are elected by the voting members at the annual gathering. The new 2022 theme is "Renewed Day by Day". The committees promote this theme at conference gatherings, retreats, Bible study, and the programming of the annual gathering through awareness sessions, worship, and the keynote address. Each board member chairs or co-chairs a synodical committee. The committees are comprised of women, like you, from across the synod who volunteer to share their gifts and time. Generally (pre-COVID), the committees meet twice each year, but some meet more frequently to carry out their specific goals. Once again pre-COVID, the conference leaders (three from each conference) would meet at committee days as well, along with the many women who serve on the various committees. However, as of late we have been meeting and planning via zoom, telephone, and/or email. Please consider volunteering to serve on a committee this year by completing the Service Opportunities form or contacting one of the officers or board members.

Lisa Philbeck, President

### **Board Meetings June 2021 – September 2022:**

November 6, 2021 - Annual Gathering – Mooresville & Zoom

November 6, 2021 – Board Meeting – Mooresville

January 28-29, 2022 – Board Retreat - Zoom

February 18-19, 2022 – For Such a Time as This – CWO Program – Zoom

February 19, 2022 - Board Meeting - Zoom

March 19, 2022 – Board Meeting - Zoom

April 23, 2022 – Training for SWO Presidents – CWO Program - Zoom

June 4, 2022 – Board Meeting - Zoom

June 12, 2022 – Board Meeting – Zoom

June 24-25, 2022 – Board Retreat – Grace Lutheran, Salisbury

July 31, 2022 – Board Meeting - Zoom

August 24, 2022 – CWO Region 9 Meeting – Zoom

(Many, many, many email communications)

## Patterson Memorial Scholarship Committee

The members of the Patterson Memorial Scholarship committee met in July to consider the applications for the annual scholarship. We were able to provide scholarships from the investment income to deserving students. (See the report for the list of recipients.) We were very happy that we could help these students further their education in institutions of higher learning. The checks for the first semester were mailed in early August and the second semester checks will be mailed in late November.

As usual, the application deadline for the 2023-2024 academic year will be June 25, 2023. Interested students may contact either of the three committee members to obtain an application and request further information.

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PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
FOR THE YEAR 2022  
(School Year 2022-2023)

GRANTS TO SEMINARIANS

Sylvia Johnston (LSTC)	3,500.00
Thomas Johnston (Trinity)	3,500.00

3,500.00  
\$ 7,000.00

GRANTS TO LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

William Stewart	\$ 5,000.00
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\$ 5,000.00

GRANTS TO OTHER COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Annabella Fish (UNCW)	\$ 3,500.00
Elliott Fish (ECU)	3,500.00
Cole Harris (ASU)	3,500.00
Bodie King (NCSU)	3,500.00
Kathleen McIntosh (UNC-G)	3,500.00
Peyton Price (UNC-CH)	3,500.00
Laura Roseman (ASU)	3,500.00
Mary Rosenberg (UNC-P)	3,500.00
Connor Stewart (Gettysburg College)	5,000.00
Aiden Stockham (ASU)	3,500.00

36,500.00

TOTAL GRANTS	\$48,500.00
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# **N O M - I N E E S**

# REPORT OF NOMINATION CHAIR

## Triennial Voting Member - Nominees

### Ballot A

(Woman of color or whose primary language is other than English)

**Maxine L. Amos**

**Sandhills**

**St. Mark's, Lumberton**

**Congregational:** President, Bible study leader; **Conference:** Treasurer's Assistant, Conference Gathering participant, Presenter at Spring Gathering (2022); **Synodical:** Voting member, attended retreats and Gatherings, served on committees; **Churchwide/CWO:** Receives and reads daily devotions (Daily Grace), served on CWO committees, Today's Dream, Tomorrow's Reality (TDTR); **Other Church Experience – Congregational:** Sunday School participant, serve where needed; **Synodical:** Voting member and attended Gatherings and Assemblies; **Church-at-Large:** Contributes to many causes that are requested (disasters, food and hunger projects); **Occupational:** Retired school personnel, assisting universities to help students who are interested in attending to further their education; **Community:** Volunteer-Robeson County Disaster Recovery Coalition-CWS, UNCP-GPAC Advisory Board (Givens Performing Arts Center); **Other:** During the peak of the pandemic, I followed proper protocol and delivered KN95 masks to seniors, church members, and community members, Hand wipes, gloves, soap, and cleaning supplies were also delivered; Contributed to Robeson County Church and Community Center (supports Lumberton Christian Care Center; **Age, Ethnic/Racial Heritage:** 65+, American Indian.

### Ballot B

(First time voting member)

**Debra Weinel**

**Triangle**

**Holy Trinity, Raleigh**

**Congregational:** President, Secretary; **Conference:** Board Liaison for Northern Conf. and Triangle Conf.; **Synodical:** Treasurer, Board member; **Churchwide:** Attended Triennial in Minneapolis; **Other Church Experience-Congregational:** Faith formation; **Interdenominational:** Bible study; **Occupational:** Caregiver for elderly parents; **Community:** Family Promise, YMCA; **Age, Ethnic/Racial Heritage:** 50-64, Caucasian.

**Sheldon Lutz**

**Southwestern**

**Daniel's, Lincolnton**

**Congregational:** Participant; **Conference:** Director of Communications; Participant; **Synodical:** Attends retreats; **Occupational:** Medical Coding; **Community:** DAR member, Chair County Board of Health; **Age, Ethnic/Racial Heritage:** 50-64, Caucasian.

**Ballot C**  
**(Voting Member)**

**Terri Brown**

**Rowan**

**Grace, Salisbury**

**Congregational:** Participant; **Conference:** Participant; **Synodical:** Board member, Chair of Stewardship Committee; former SWO Treasurer; **Other Church Experience-Congregational:** Congregation Council secretary; **Occupational:** Retired Special Education teacher, Church Secretary (Grace); **Community:** Plan trips for NC Transportation Museum; **Age, Ethnic/Racial Heritage:** 50-64, Caucasian

**Jane Rimmer Cadwallader**

**Catawba**

**Beth-Eden, Newton**

**Congregational:** Participant, Secretary and President; **Conference:** Participant at Spring and Fall Conference Gatherings and Spring and Fall retreats; **Synodical:** Vice president, president **Churchwide/CWO:** Voting member, attended Conference of SWO Presidents; **Other Church Experience- Congregational:** Pianist and organist at Beth-Eden and Salem; **Occupational:** Retired educator and presently helping in schools, as needed, to help students; **Community:** Community theater, Relay for Life of Catawba County Planning committee and participant; **Age, Ethnic/Racial Heritage:** 65 or older, Caucasian.

**Susan P. Harris**

**Southwestern**

**Salem, Lincolnton**

**Congregational:** Secretary and treasurer; **Synodical:** Secretary, Treasurer of Patterson Memorial Scholarship Committee, Previously served as President; **Churchwide:** Voting member; **Other Church Experience-Congregational:** Congregation Council member; **Synodical:** Former Synod Council member, certified lay preacher, Synodically-Authorized Minister candidate; **Church-at-Large:** Previous voting member to Churchwide Assembly; **Interdenominational:** Former World Day of Prayer-USA board member; **Occupational:** Retired court reporter; **Community Participation:** Member of Blowing Rock Women's Club; **Age, Ethnic/Racial Heritage:** 65 or older, Caucasian.

**Tamarah Hefner**

**Catawba**

**St. Mark's, Claremont**

**Congregational:** President, Bible study leader, participant and leader of Women of the Vine; **Conference:** Past Presider and participant; **Synodical:** Board member (2017-2021), Co-chair of Conference leaders; **Churchwide:** Triennial Convention Nomination Committee (2021); **Other Church Experience- Congregational:** Praise team member, Technology Team (Prepares slides); **Occupational:** Retired Teacher Assistant, Bus driver, Works part-time on Life Enrichment team at Abernethy Laurels; **Community:** Organizer and participant in World Day of Prayer services; **Age, Ethnic/Racial Heritage:** 50-64, Caucasian.