

# The Joyful News

The Women of the ELCA  
Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization

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## A Message from the President

Dear Sisters,

Here we are near the end of another calendar year. I hope everyone enjoyed sharing Thanksgiving with loved ones rejoicing and giving thanks for the many blessings we receive daily. I am thankful for each of you and your efforts to act boldly in the faith we all share.

*Where you there on that Christmas night  
when the world was filled with a holy light?  
Were you there to behold, when the wonder foretold  
came to earth?*

*Did you see how they hailed Him King  
with the gifts so rare that they chose to bring?  
Did you see how they bowed as they praised Him aloud  
at His birth?*

*Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang  
at the glory of the sight?  
Did you hear how the bells of Heaven rang  
all through the night?*

*Did you know, did you know it was God's own Son,  
the salvation of the world begun?  
Did you know it was love, that was sent from above  
to the earth?*

These words are from a beautiful piece of music written by Natalie Sleeth. I was so touched by them during our church choir rehearsal that I wanted to share them with you and ask you to think about the impact Christ had at the time of His birth and in your life today as we prepare and look forward to celebrating His birth.

May you all have a beautiful and blessed Christmas!

In His Name,

Linda Heffern  
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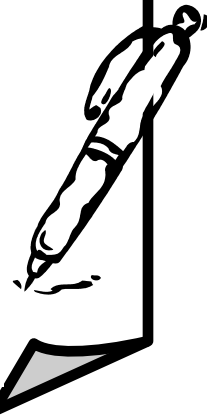
 **WOMEN**  
of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Purpose Statement...

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.

## Mark Your 2011 Calendar!

January 22	<b>Together in Mission</b> King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA
May 7	<b>SWO Spring Convention</b> Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, Burke, VA
July 14-17	<b>Triennial Gathering</b> Spokane, WA
Oct 1	<b>Fall Gathering</b> Christ Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA



### SUPPORT HEALTHY HEARTS

Women of the ELCA is supporting new federal legislation aimed at fighting heart disease in women, and your participation will help. The Heart Disease Education, Analysis, Research, and Treatment (HEART) for Women Act would amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women. To find out more and to see a letter we hope you'll print, fill out, and send to your state's lawmakers, visit [www.womenoftheelca.org/getinvolved/health.html](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/getinvolved/health.html).

This message is an excerpt from the **Act Boldly toward the Goal** Bible study resource.



Have an article to submit for *The Joyful News*? Please email them to the editor, Cheryl Dwyer, at [DWYERCL2@VERIZON.NET](mailto:DWYERCL2@VERIZON.NET) or send via snail-mail at:  
8500 Oak Chase Circle  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039-3322

# Around the Synod...

## THE 2010 FALL GATHERING

... was held at First Trinity in Washington, DC, with 28 women present. We received a welcome by Pastor Thomas J. Knoll and enjoyed the gracious hospitality provided by the ladies of First Trinity. We had the pleasure of seeing a slide presentation by Fred and Roberta Anderson and hearing them tell of their experience on a return visit to Mongolia where they had previously served as missionaries. It was a first-hand look and awesome to see what progress had been made in spreading Christianity there.

Our shopping experience throughout the day couldn't have been any better thanks to Fair Trade Winds bringing wonderful selections from many different parts of the world.

There was opportunity for sharing of ideas and resources. In-kind gifts of non-perishable food items were collected for Community Life Services. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and a day in fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Our next Fall Gathering will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Fairfax, VA on October 1, 2011. Save this date and look for details in future issues of The Joyful News.



## TOGETHER IN MISSION

The Metro DC Synod's annual *Together in Mission* program will be held on January 22, 2011 at King of Kings, Fairfax, VA, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. "To See Ourselves As Others Do" with guest speaker, Dr. Amy G. Oden, Dean and Professor, Wesley Theological Seminary. Cost: \$25 per person (\$20.00 per person with groups of 6 or more). Childcare and transportation from metro provided with reservation. Registration forms are available from [www.metrodcelca.org](http://www.metrodcelca.org) under the **Events** tab.



## 2011 SPRING CONVENTION—RENEW, RESPOND, REJOICE!

The Metro DC SWO convention will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke, VA 22015. Our keynote speaker for the day is Debbie Streicher, Consultant for Children & Family Ministries. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there for a day of Renewing, Responding, and Rejoicing together.

Your convention offering will be shared equally with the Churchwide Women's Organization and Lutheran World Relief's Malaria Initiative. \$10.00 is the cost of a bed net that protects sleeping children and adults from mosquitoes that carry the disease.

Our In-Kind gifts for the day will be items to be used by the Lutheran outdoor ministries including such things as coloring books, crayons, scissors, glue, paints, construction paper, and board games.

We are in need of a Parliamentarian on the day of convention so if you know of anyone who can be of help, or would like to take part in the convention planning process, please contact Marcia Ihnen ([mcihnen@aol.com](mailto:mcihnen@aol.com)) or Linda Heffern ([lindaheffern@aol.com](mailto:lindaheffern@aol.com)).

The nominating committee will begin making calls in February in preparation for a slate of nominees to present at the Metro DC SWO convention. If you have a candidate to recommend please contact one of the following committee members.

Shirley Gibbs, Chair ..... 571-333-9454  
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Jessie Roderick ..... 202-342-3747  
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([kathysinfo.russell@gmail.com](mailto:kathysinfo.russell@gmail.com))



## NEED QUILTING MATERIAL?

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Leesburg, VA, has excess fabric that it is willing to share with any WELCA unit in the Metro DC Synod that is making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Please contact Betty Schafer at 703-771-9257 if interested.



## TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

*Carolyn (Callie) Thomas, from First Trinity Lutheran Church in Washington, DC, recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land and shared some of her thoughts with us:*

I am officially back from Israel and Palestine, and I had quite the adventure. I saw and experienced the Holy Land in an entirely different way and it changed something in me. I think that the main reason the experience was completely different was that this time I was traveling around with Palestinian women who were experiencing the conflict every day of their lives. Our mission was to simply walk with them in solidarity and see what their lives were like. We walked with them through check points, we were with them when Israeli security forces harassed them, and we felt what it was like to be constantly under the all-seeing eye of fully armed teenage soldiers on a power trip. It was difficult and heartbreaking to see such women filled with life to be dehumanized in such ways.

But the part that hit me the most was when we would have evening discussions with the ladies. Almost every night they would say something like you care now, but you will go home and forget. You will go home and care for about a month and then forget. It broke my heart because I knew it was true.

Americans are so jaded with the political process that we do not know how to run a political marathon, just short spurts. We feel so powerless that we simply give in to it and become apathetic. But while I am becoming apathetic, my government is sending billions of dollars to Israel so that Israeli forces can continue to dehumanize my sisters in Palestine in the name of security. I saw so much and yet it still was only the tip of the iceberg. Everywhere people were watching, and everywhere people were listening. The tension was so palpable and terrifying. When we visited the villages, one of the women told me that she no longer has dreams because she is so worried for her kids each night when the Israeli soldiers are shooting off guns outside of her house.

This was only one of so many stories I heard of desperation and fear. They wanted to know why we weren't doing anything. They wanted to know why we did not care. I felt so helpless.

So, what I have decided to do is to join the ELCA campaign, "Peace Not Walls," to try to raise awareness of the issues and advocate for change. It may not be a huge thing but at least I know that the next time I talk to my sisters in Palestine I can tell them that I am trying and that I have not forgotten. I only hope that I will never forget. It is so easy to forget when I come back to my comfortable life. All I want to do is remember, but it was so hard and so emotionally exhausting that it is in my brain's natural defense system to forget. So, if you get an invitation to join a cause for peace sometime soon from Facebook, don't ignore it like I always do. Please accept it and send it to some friends. Please help me be accountable to the amazing women that I met in Palestine.

*[Editor's note: For more information on the ELCA's "Peace Not Walls" campaign, go to <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls.aspx>.]*



## ALL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

*Fran Eck, from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield, VA, shares her thoughts on the 2010 All Lutheran Women's Retreat:*

Seventy Lutheran women from Virginia, and a few from Maryland and North Carolina, enjoyed a wonderful October weekend retreat in the Shenandoah Valley. Pastor Jean Bozeman, assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod, led the retreat with the theme "Laughter is a gift from God" and laugh we did! One of the highlights of the weekend was when many of us descended on the Dayton Farmer's Market, carrying balloons that we promptly gave away to wish others a joyful day. We also sang, shared, studied, and discussed how Joy is part of our Lutheran heritage, even in times of distress. One participant, a 90+ year old, had travelled more than five hours to attend—and she plans to come again in 2012, "God willing," as she said. We hope you will come, too.





**Did you know** that you can access *The Joyful News* online? It is now available at [www.metrodcelca.org](http://www.metrodcelca.org):

- Click the **Publications** tab at the top of the home page.
- Next, click the *Joyful News* link in the drop-down menu and the date of the latest editions appear.
- Click that date selection and enjoy the archived or current news from the Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization.

**Katie's Fund began** as an endowment fund in 1997 with gifts given in thanks for the first 10 years of Women of the ELCA ministries. To date, interest earned on the fund has provided leadership opportunities for young women at triennial gatherings and global networking on behalf of the organization. It has also supported our participation in ELCA National Youth Gatherings and human trafficking advocacy training. Gifts to the fund help to support ministries in three key areas: Leadership Development, Global Sharing, and Living Theology.



**Roanoke College Fund—** Let's continue our support empowering women for the ministry. Our financial support can be a blessing to many.



**Check out Café**, the on-line monthly publication for young women at [www.boldcafe.org](http://www.boldcafe.org).

**The December Interchange features** highlights of the fall churchwide executive board meeting, financial statements, and the quilt challenge for 2011 Triennial Gathering. Please contact Linda Heffern at 540-822-4033 for a copy of the December *Interchange* if you do not have access to it on the Internet.



# Bulletin Board

# PROGRAM IDEAS AND RESOURCES

## Ideas for Celebrating Bold Women's Day

Women of the ELCA's fifth annual Bold Women's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, February 27, 2011. How will your church celebrate the day? You can find some ideas on [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org). Please feel free to share the ways in which you celebrated this day and send them to our newsletter editor, Cheryl Dwyer at [DWYERCL2@VERIZON.NET](mailto:DWYERCL2@VERIZON.NET).



## Stewardship

By action of the 1990-1993 churchwide executive board, at least one-half of all offerings taken at Women of the ELCA events should be directed to the Women of the ELCA churchwide organization for its ongoing ministries.

Your offerings support the efforts of the Women of the ELCA to reach out to women of all ages. That includes support for the production of free, award-winning online magazine, Café which provides a Lutheran faith perspective in its articles and reflections on issues facing women today. Visit Café this Advent season. For more information on stewardship and ways to give, including new planned giving materials, visit [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org) (go to "Stewardship and Giving").

Not only do we have access to the online magazine, there are also free program resources provided for us. Here are three of the newest ones.

### How to Lead a Bible Study\*

Whether you are a confident, experienced leader or are struck with terror when someone asks, "Could you help lead the Bible study?" This new resource offers many practical suggestions and will motivate and inspire you to claim—or reclaim—your role in building up the body of Christ through teaching.

You'll know more about the different ways adults learn best, how to prepare the space, how to generate and sustain discussions, and a whole lot more. You can lead Bible study!

### Living a Life of Daily Bread\*

Reflection on the phrase "Give us this day our daily bread" that explores what you can learn by baking bread: patience, community, how to be intentional and attentive, and the joy that comes from wide-eyed anticipation.

This resource can be used either for personal reflection or with a group. Since bread-making is a lost art in some places, you could use this as an opportunity for intergenerational sharing of skills and recipes.

### Journaling: Create Your Own Sacred Writings\*

Journaling is an ancient way to reflect on the world around us and within us. It can open up pathways to new thoughts, new insights and new energy.

It is a personal exercise, so this resource is primarily for individuals curious about journaling and seeking guidance on how to get started. It would also be good though, for a small group interested in coming together to learn about journaling and then supporting one another by sharing tips, struggles, inspiration and success stories.

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### Metro DC SWO's Annual Fundraiser

**Attention all Units...**Keep in mind our annual fundraiser. Our gifts will mean so much to the camps at Mar-Lu-Ridge and Caroline Furnace (see page 9). Let's help to keep our outdoor ministries up and running effectively. These retreat centers offer many opportunities to reach our youth. God's work, our hands. Together we can make a difference.



## Partnering



In our purpose statement we state that we are to support one another in our callings. Your active unit is encouraged to think about the possibility of partnering with an inactive unit that is geographically close enough for you to meet together. Think about engaging in ministry and action together promoting healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. We would be doing God's work with our hands together. Please direct any questions about this effort to one of your board members.



## Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Programs

**ADVENT: A Season for All Generations**

**THE COLORS OF CHRISTMAS: A Reflection on Preparing for Christmas**

**EPIPHANY: Unfolding the Discovery**

These can all be downloaded free at [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org).



## Grants and Scholarships

Check out the grants and scholarships available for 2011 on [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org).

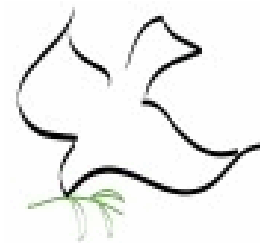


## Today's Dream; Tomorrow's Reality

You can download a PDF version of an informative brochure at [www.metrodcelca.org](http://www.metrodcelca.org) by clicking the Publications tab at the top of the page and then clicking the "Today's Dream; Tomorrow's Reality" linked text. To arrange for a presentation to any of your church groups, contact the Metro DC Synod presenters: Laura McDowell ([Lauramd32@msn.com](mailto:Lauramd32@msn.com), 202-332-0570), Sheri Swackhamer ([sheriswack@cox.net](mailto:sheriswack@cox.net), 703-313-9003), and Rosario Hernandez-Cruz ([rioderosas@hotmail.com](mailto:rioderosas@hotmail.com), 301-221-0139).



*Wishing a Blessed Christmas  
and a Wonderful New Year  
to you all.....*



Don't you hear the bells now  
ringing?  
Can't you hear the angels  
singing?

*[Lyrics by Dion De Marbelle]*

*...from the Board Members of your Metro DC  
Synodical Women's Organization*



# THE METRO DC SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION 2010-2011 FUNDRAISER FOR LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

## OUR GOAL



*Caroline Furnace*

Our SWO goal is to raise **\$5,000** in support of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Caroline Furnace and Mar-Lu-Ridge.

Our financial support will provide funds to help with the operational costs and make much needed improvements on the facilities of these two outdoor ministries. By giving, we can help preserve these retreats that offer a quiet, natural environment that have so often made a difference in a person's faith journey.

Together we can make a difference in the spiritual development of our youth campers who will become future leaders and carry on our mission in Christ.

## WHAT CAN YOUR UNIT DO?

WELCA units and all congregations are invited to share their blessings and donate **\$250** to this project so we can reach our goal of **\$5,000**.



*Mar-Lu-Ridge*

## WHERE DO YOU SEND YOUR COLLECTED MONEY?

By **April 15, 2011** please send your contribution in the form of a check to

Patricia Nau  
9703 Water Oak Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22031-1020

Active congregational units are also asked to complete and enclose Offering Form A, which can be downloaded from [www.womenoftheelca.org/resources/forms.html](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/resources/forms.html).



## Triennial Gathering

The registration date for the Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA in Spokane, WA July 14-17, 2011 has arrived! Lots of things are falling into place; extra tours, schedules, and hotel information. Speakers and worship leaders include **Leymah Gbowee, Nora Gallagher, The Rev. Susan Briehl, The Rev. Dr. Wyvetta Bullock**, among many others.

There's a Facebook page of updated information available now at -- [www.facebook.com/WomenoftheELCA](http://www.facebook.com/WomenoftheELCA), and lots of details at [www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial) or you can call Bonnie Priebe for further information and updates.

A \$600 scholarship is still available for a woman from our Metro DC Synod. The scholarship form is available from Bonnie Priebe at [BonnieLass\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:BonnieLass_us@yahoo.com) or by calling her at 301-341-2788. It needs to be completed and returned to her ASAP.

Early Bird registration has begun as of September 15 at \$299 and continues at that price until the end of December, when the price increases to \$325, so get your registration in quickly. All registration is being done online. If you are going, or are thinking of going, we recommend staying at the Travel Lodge, which is right across the street from the convention center and provides a free breakfast, or the Red Lion Hotel, which is a brief, scenic walk across the river.

We hope to have a sizeable contingent from our Metro DC Synod's women groups.

For those of you who are not attending, but would like to participate there are many opportunities. Digital Photos reflecting the theme from Philippians may be sent in to be made into banners. In Kind Gifts of Health Kits, School Kits, Support Kits, Quilt Kits, Gift Cards, Phone Cards, or White Socks would all be welcomed by the Eastern Washington –Idaho Synod. These may either come with participants or be mailed in. See further information at the *Joyful News* section of the Metro DC Synod website.

The pages that follow give information on the in-kind gifts and banner project for the Triennial Gathering.





Renew, Respond, Rejoice!



## TRIENNIAL GATHERING FACT SHEET

# In-Kind Gifts

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In-kind gifts are about relationships and partnerships. They are a way for all women to participate in the Triennial Gathering, whether attending the event or not.

Working in community with Spokane agencies and the ELCA's Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod, we have identified local community needs. We give these tangible gifts to meet immediate needs and to stand in solidarity with the recipients. The gifts will be distributed among many of the agencies that will assist with the servant opportunities hosted in Camp Dianoigo (the exhibit hall) at the gathering.

You can focus on one in-kind gift or collect all of them. It's your choice. Make this a congregational unit project over the next several months or involve your whole congregation.

### KITS

Please provide one of each of the items listed for a complete, unassembled kit. (Do not, for example, bring 24 toothbrushes.) Women attending the gathering will assemble the kits as one of their servant opportunities.

#### Health Kits

Fill a gallon-size resealable plastic bag with one of each of the following:

- adult's or children's toothbrush (in original packaging)
- toothpaste

- shampoo and conditioner
- bath-size bar of soap (in original wrapper)
- lotion
- wide-toothed comb
- deodorant (no aerosol cans)
- dental floss
- Optional: one hand towel and washcloth (dark color recommended)

#### School Kits

Fill a gallon-size resealable plastic bag with one of each of the following:

- #2 pencils with erasers, secured together with a rubber band
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- glue sticks
- washable markers

Bring separate from the gallon bag: notebook of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10" (spiral bound, no loose-leaf paper) and construction paper in assorted colors

*The health kits and school kits are used by Transitions, a Spokane ministry that sponsors and initiates programs that, in faithfulness to the mission of Jesus, foster the personal growth and wholeness of women and children in need.*



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### Support Kits

1 sweatshirt and 1 pair sweat pants tied together with a ribbon. (Small to 4XL, solid colors only, no patterns or logos)

*These kits are distributed by Lutheran Community Services Northwest to local hospitals for rape and domestic violence victims. In most cases the victim's clothes are taken by police as evidence, and the hospital often cannot provide clothing to the victim to wear home. For future service opportunities, your congregational unit might check into a similar local need in your community.*

### Quilt Kits

Two different kinds of quilt kits are needed. Do not use fabric prints with religious symbols, U.S. flags or military insignia.

#### Quilt kit option 1

Fill a gallon-size resealable plastic bag with one each of the following:

- twelve 21-inch squares of cotton fabric
- one spool of Coats & Clark Dual Duty thread to match fabric
- one piece of cotton fabric for backing, 2 yards if of 60"-wide fabric or 5 yards of 35"- to 45"-wide fabric.

#### Quilt kit option 2

Fill a gallon-size resealable plastic bag with one each of the following:

- two pieces of fabric (2 yards of 60"-wide fabric or 5 yards of 35"- to 45"-wide fabric)
- one spool of Coats & Clark Dual Duty thread to match fabric

*The quilts will be completed on-site and distributed by Lutheran World Relief as part of the gathering's global gift.*

### GIFT CARDS

Gift cards are needed in any amount, with a minimum of \$10, from the following national retailers: Target, Walmart, and Kmart.

**For Washington and Idaho participants:** Grocery store cards from regional chains are also needed.

### PRE-PAID PHONE CARDS

Pre-paid phone cards are needed in any amount; they can be purchased at national retail stores and grocery stores.

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### SOCKS

Fill a gallon-size resealable plastic bag with white socks of any size (children, women, men).

*The white socks will be given to local ministries serving the homeless.*

**Send your in-kind gifts along with those attending the triennial gathering or ship them for arrival between June 1 - July 1 to:**

**TG11 In-Kind Gifts  
Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod  
314 S. Spruce Street, Suite A  
Spokane, WA 99201-5823**



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# Banner Project



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Engage your most creative self in interpreting the triennial gathering theme — **Renew, Respond, Rejoice!** Pull out your digital camera and start taking photos now! Your photo image will be transformed into banners used at the gathering, and you'll also have a memento to take home to your congregation.

You are invited to submit photographs that respond to the theme Renew, Respond, Rejoice! and Philippians 4:4. Photographs can be of your church community celebrating baptisms or confirmations, participating in a Habitat for Humanity project or of any event that embodies the call to Renew, Respond, and Rejoice! You need not attend the gathering to submit photographs.

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say "Rejoice." Philippians 4:4*

Using a historical photographic process called cyanotype printing, the artist will print two copies of each photograph. (Cyanotypes were one of the earliest photographic processes and were widely used to document flora. Many people will have childhood memories of making sunprints, which use cyanotype chemistry.) The cyanotypes will be printed on white cotton panels.

Whether you submitted a photo or not, come to the artist's space in Camp Dianoigo (the exhibit hall) at the gathering to embroider a print. You will pick an important detail in the print and specifically highlight



it with embroidery. One panel can be taken home as a memento of the event (or can be mailed to those who do not attend if they provide a mailing address). The other panel will become part of banners sewn together during the gathering.



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Mary Button, the artist in residence, will document this project on the Women of the ELCA blog, <http://blogs.elca.org/women>. Follow along in the coming months. View the photos Mary posts along with the prints she makes from them. Engage in the process and see the progress of the project.

### Don't delay—submit your photos today!

1. Submit digital photograph by emailing it to [marybethbutton@gmail.com](mailto:marybethbutton@gmail.com) with your name. You may submit more than one photograph, but the artist can only guarantee that one photograph from each person will be printed for use in the banners and to be embroidered.
2. The photographs must be at least 150 dpi (medium resolution) to ensure that they can be turned into negatives and printed as cyanotypes.
3. If you have any questions about submitting a photo, feel free to contact the artist at [marybethbutton@gmail.com](mailto:marybethbutton@gmail.com).
4. Complete the form and return it to the churchwide offices. The artist will use only those photos where a completed form has been sent to the churchwide offices.
5. Photos accepted from November 1, 2010 through June 1, 2011.

Born among the swampy wilds of East Texas to a Lutheran minister and American history teacher, Mary Button is a graduate of the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University and is currently working on a Master of Theological Studies at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Button's art is a reflection of a childhood in which faith and history were in constant conversation. Mary has created installations for the National Council of Churches and the 2009 Kenya Youth Peace Summit. She also created The Hymnbook Project ([www.thehymnbookproject.org](http://www.thehymnbookproject.org)).



Renew, Respond, Rejoice!



# Banner Project Entry Form

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Print out this form, complete it, sign and mail it to address noted below.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PHOTOGRAPH: (PLEASE INCLUDE NAMES OF THOSE PHOTOGRAPHED, THE LOCATION, AND DATE)

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YOUR NAME

YOUR CHURCH

CHURCH ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

I have read and agree to the rules of the **Renew, Respond, Rejoice! Banner Project**. I understand that by entering this photograph my name, picture, likeness, and city and state of residence may be used by Women of the ELCA in educational, informational and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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**Women of the ELCA**  
**8765 W Higgins Road**  
**Chicago IL 60631**

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