

Our Purpose



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.



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Women of the **ELCA**

Welcome!

Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization



A Partnership with the Women
of the Metro DC Synod Congregations
and the Women of the ELCA

What are we all about?

What is required to be an active congregational unit of The Women of the ELCA?



COME TOGETHER FOR STUDY, SUPPORT AND ACTION

Ministries might include:

- **Study:** monthly *Lutheran Woman Today* Bible study, book club;
- **Support:** prayer chain; Mom's Day Out
- **Action:** quilt making, food pantry volunteering, assembling care packages for our military, providing layettes to community mothers in need, assisting neighboring school children with personal needs and tutoring, facilitating Fair Trade Coffee sales

PARTICIPATE BEYOND YOUR CONGREGATION

Attend offered conventions:

- **Annual SWO Convention**
- **SWO Annual Fall Gathering**
- **Women of the ELCA Triennial**

SUPPORT THE TOTAL PROGRAM FINANCIALLY

- **Collect regular offerings** and share a portion with the SWO
- **Have regular Thankoffering services** and send the offerings to the Women of the ELCA
- **Purchase *Lutheran Woman Today*** and other women of the ELCA resources

DESIGNATE A COMMUNICATION LEADER

Identify a contact person in your congregation to receive communications from the synodical and churchwide organizations.