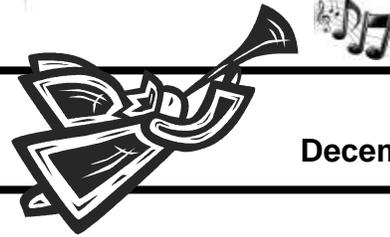


The Joyful News

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

December 2014



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A Message from the President

Dearest Sisters in Christ,

Yes, it is that time and, again, we are preparing for the season of anticipation that is Advent and the joy that is Christmas. We do this every year and, for most of us, it is something we look forward to. We prepare in different ways: we spend endless hours searching for the right gift for our special person, we prepare cookies and other traditional sweet and savory desserts and dishes from the oven, we send Holiday cards to family and friends, we look forward to seeing this year's decorations in the stores and in our neighborhoods, and we attend parties and social events, concerts, and plays about the coming of the Christ child...

Some donate to charities, participate in "Toys for Tots" and Angel Trees, and provide clothing and toys for other charitable organizations to distribute. We give donations to our churches; we fill baskets with food and stuff stockings for yet more children in need. We do all of those things, mostly for others, as it is a time for giving.

Now, what do you do to prepare yourself? How do you prepare your heart to receive this special gift of Christ who came to us as a baby, born in a lowly manger, in a stall? Do you read the bible stories or listen to the music proclaiming Christ's birth? Do you pay particular attention to the pastors as they prepare us through the word of God? Do you find time for prayer and meditation? Do you look back over the year and see God at work in your life? Do you also look forward to discern how you may be changed or affected by the Christmas event?

And finally, when that special day comes, do you rejoice, sing praises, give your gifts to those special people, celebrate and know that in this busiest of times, you took the time to prepare? My message to you this December is, **take the time to prepare.**

May God's blessing be upon you, and may your heart be filled with joy and thanksgiving for the miracle of baby Jesus.

Your sister in Christ . . .

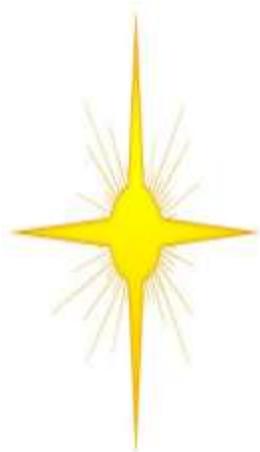
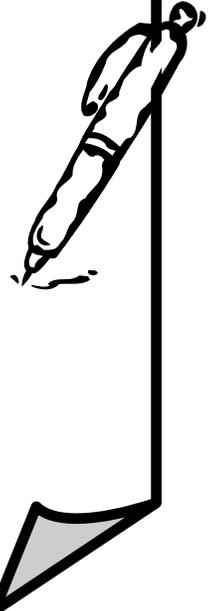
Kathy Meier
President,
Metropolitan DC Synodical Women's Organization





Mark Your 2014/2015 Calendar!

December 15	Churchwide Grants and Scholarships applications open
January 10	SWO Executive Board meeting St. Mark's, Springfield, VA
January 19	Day of Service St. Matthew's, Woodbridge, VA (see page 4)
February 15	Churchwide grants and scholarship applications due
February 23	SWO 2015 Convention registrations <u>open</u>
March 6	SWO Executive Board nomination forms <u>due</u>
March 13	SWO 2015 Convention Delegate registrations <u>due</u> and Early Registration <u>close</u>
March 14	SWO Executive Board meeting St. Matthew's, Woodbridge, VA
March 30	SWO 2015 Convention registrations <u>close</u>
April 11	SWO Convention—"Love Thy Neighbor" The Villages at Rockville, Rockville, MD (see page 3)



*Wishing you all a Blessed
Christmas and
a Joyful New Year!*

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



Around the Synod...

SWO 2015 CONVENTION “LOVE THY NEIGHBOR”

The Metropolitan D.C. Synodical Women’s Organization Convention will be held on **Saturday, April 11, 2015, at The Village at Rockville (formerly The National Lutheran Home), 9701 Veirs Drive, Rockville, MD.** A Maryland location has been selected this year to broaden participation for all our members in our three areas—DC, Maryland, and Virginia. We encourage all women to join us in a day of Convention.

Our theme, “**Love Thy Neighbor**,” allows us to look at some good opportunities for service as well as learn and discuss current issues that desperately need attention. We do wish to thank all those who, over the past two Conventions, have provided their thoughts and suggestions for the Convention Structure. *We are using those ideas and suggestions to provide a slightly different structure for the Convention.* We are listening; please continue to let us know your thoughts.

Although all of the familiar elements will be included, we’ve moved them around a bit to make the day flow more smoothly, give the opportunity for delegates to attend two of the workshops, and possibly give us a shorter day. The Business Meeting with Delegates will begin the day at 8:00 am. Convention participants will begin registration at 8:30 am with a continental breakfast. We will have workshops and a plenary session, lunch, a shorter worship service, followed by additional workshops in the afternoon, and a brief closing. The Rev. Philip C. Hirsch, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission for the Metro D.C. Synod, will deliver the homily.

Not all workshops are confirmed yet, but we can tell you there will be a Bible Study, a book review (*One Thousand Gifts*, by Ann Voskamp, available at amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com, for under \$12.00), and a fun service project. Of course exhibitors will be present for you to visit, to learn about

different organizations, and to search for resources for your own programs.

Updates will be forthcoming on the SWO website at <http://dwyercl2.wix.com/welca-metrodcsynod> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MetroDCSWO> as well as via e-blasts and a February/March Newsletter.

Mark your calendars now—you won’t want to miss this exciting Convention.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!
SATURDAY, April 11, 2015 at
The Village at Rockville**



Nominations and Elections

Nominations are being requested for election of members to the SWO Executive Board. Positions open: Vice President, Treasurer (to begin serving Feb 2016), and two Board Members. Nominations forms are attached. These are important positions for our SWO. We encourage you to seek out interested candidates within your unit.

The nominating committee members listed below will be contacting you after the first of the year requesting names and will be happy to answer any questions for a prospective nominee.

Linda Heffern 540-822-4033
New Jerusalem, Lovettsville, VA
(LINDAHEFFERN@AOL.COM)

Sue Cottrol..... 703-329-2973
Good Shepherd, Alexandria, VA
(BGITE@AOL.COM)

Please note that all nomination forms should be sent to Linda at:

Linda Heffern
39025 Twin creek Lane
Lovettsville, VA 20180



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES GIVING CAMPAIGN

In the Metro DC Synod, there are several Universities or Colleges that provide a College Campus program for Lutheran students. There are amazing groups of young people engaged in this ministry who are eager to serve in the community by being mentors, helping build self-esteem, and providing solid role models for elementary school children. They involve themselves in projects and share time together in worship, in song, and in social gatherings that help build their own faith background.

The program enriches college students' partnership with ELCA by serving as a link between their college community and congregations, pastors, youth directors, synods, and ELCA organizations.

The Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization is nearing the finish line of our giving program for Lutheran College Ministries (LCM) in the Metro DC area for 2013-2015. The program continues through June 2015 to meet our goal of \$5000.

We are accepting checks made payable to **METRO DC SWO**; these can be sent to our treasurer at the following address:

Cheryl Dwyer
8500 Oak Chase Circle
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Don't miss the first-hand account of what the LCM means to one of its members—written by a student at the University of Maryland, College Park, who is a part of the LCM there. You can find the article on page 7.



ST. MATTHEW'S "DAY OF SERVICE"

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Woodbridge, VA, is once again opening it's "Day of Service" to all women in the Metro DC synod. It will be a full day to assemble *Quilts of Honor* for Wounded Military Men and Women and to make *Mission Quilts* to help Lutheran World Relief.

Where: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (lower level) – 12351 All Saints Place, Woodbridge, VA 22192

When: Monday, January 19, 2015, 9:00AM – 4:00PM

What to do now: Start gathering some new fabric and/or new twin sized flat bed sheets (for the quilt back).

- Quilts of Honor are made from 100% cotton in patriotic prints and solid colors.
- Recommended fabrics for Mission Quilts include cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, polyester knits, fleece and donated upholstery and drapery samples (no fiberglass).

Save this date for a Day of Service, Quilt-style!

Check out the organizations for yourself: Quilts of Honor:

<http://quiltssofhonor.wordpress.com/> and

Lutheran World Relief:

<http://lwr.org/getinvolved/quilts>

Bring: Sewing machine with neutral thread, scissors, pins, tape measure, sewing light and extension cord; a salad or dessert for our potluck lunch.

Non-sewing volunteers are needed to measure, pin, fold, press and tie the quilts.

All are welcome from the congregation and the community.

Questions? Contact Carol Moonan – cdmoonan@gmail.com or 703-491-9634.



TREASURERS TRAINING

On October 18, 2014, many of the Metro DC Synod WELCA unit treasurers met at Good Shepherd, Alexandria, for a short training class. We reviewed the practical aspects of being a unit treasurer, and our main topic was "Stewardship" and what it means to the Women of the ELCA.

For those treasurers who were unable to join us, another training session will be offered in early 2015... stay tuned!



WHAT IS “YAGM”?

The ELCA “Young Adults in Global Mission” program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world.

The Metro DC SWO has our ‘own’ YAGM... that is to say, we’ve helped to support a young lady, Madeline “Maddie” Tallman, who was a student at U of MD where she was active in the Lutheran Campus Ministry. (See page 7 for more on LCM!) Maddie is currently living and serving in Argentina with YAGM.

She has created a very informative (and entertaining!) blog; you can follow her adventures at www.maddie-yagm.tumblr.com. She also has a newsletter that she plans to produce every two months; you can read that at the SWO website at <http://dwyercl2.wix.com/welca-metrodcsynod>.



Stewardship... What Is It?

Winston Churchill said: “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Giving is not just talent and money, but also involves the sharing of love, friendship, and concern. We need to share all of these with people inside and outside the church. That’s what stewardship is all about.

The following information is shared from the WELCA “Guide for Synodical Treasurers,” used with permission.

As Women of the ELCA, we have many opportunities to share. At our recent SWO treasurers meeting, we discussed the types of offerings that support the mission and ministry of Women of the ELCA: Regular Offerings, Thankofferings, Special Offerings and Designated Gifts to WELCA, and Designated Gifts to Other ELCA Ministries. This information will help you understand where your gifts go and the wonderful work they do.

- **Regular Offerings**

Support for the ongoing ministries of Women of the ELCA in congregational units, synodical women’s organizations (SWOs), and the churchwide organization. These offerings help meet annual budgets and provide for the core work of Women of the ELCA.

Given via collections in the course of unit’s regular activities—at circle meetings, Bible study sessions, and other regular gatherings. The unit keeps a portion of that offering to pay for its expenses and sends a portion of that offering to the SWO. The SWO receives these offerings from units, keeps a portion to pay for ministries in its budget, and sends a portion to the churchwide women’s organization.

- **Thankofferings**

Support for the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women’s organization, such as educational resources, ecumenical partnerships, advocacy, global education, leadership development, *Gather* magazine, and more. Thankofferings are gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings. For many women, the Thankoffering is a daily practice of setting aside small coin offerings in a Thankoffering container, to say thanks to God in ordinary and extraordinary moments.

Given by individuals who send the Thankoffering amount by check to the churchwide women’s organization or who bring it to the congregational unit during a Thankoffering service. Units are encouraged to host Thankoffering services or celebrations at least once a year, and to send the collected amount to the churchwide women’s organization.

- **Special Offerings and Designated Gifts to Women of the ELCA**

Support for gift-giving opportunities that support specific programs of the churchwide organization, most of which are not part of the annual budget. Special Offerings include the following:

- **Katie’s Fund:** Katie's Fund was established in 1997 to mark the 10th anniversary of Women of the ELCA and to raise up bold women of faith for generations to come. Katie’s Fund is an endowment that supports ministry in three areas: leadership development, global connections, and living theology. Every gift to Katie’s Fund is invested in the endowment. The interest income is used each year to support ministries, helping to grow and generate more resources for ministry, year after year.
- **Katie’s Fund current:** Gifts to Katie’s Fund current are to be used to support ministry in the next fiscal year, with the interest from the endowment. These gifts are not added to the endowment and do not count toward the \$1 million goal.
- **Grants:** Women of the ELCA has given away more than \$3 million dollars in grants to nearly 800 agencies, groups and congregations that work to bring healing and wholeness to the church, the community and the world, especially through programs that serve women and children.
- **Scholarships:** Women of the ELCA has provided more than \$600,000 in scholarships to Lutheran women pursuing careers as diverse as ministry, zoology, teaching, nursing, and business administration.
- **Triennial Convention Offering:** In 2014, Women of the ELCA collected contributions to the Triennial Convention. The churchwide executive board designated this offering to be distributed in three ways: 25% to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year; 25% to On Eagle’s Wings Ministries, a North Carolina-based organization that restores women and girls who have been sexually exploited through the commercial sex industry; 50 percent to the ongoing churchwide ministries of Women of the ELCA.

- **Designated Gifts to other ELCA ministries**

Support for ELCA ministries (outside Women of the ELCA) such as ELCA Good Gifts, ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Response, etc. Designated gifts can also be made to Lutheran World Relief. Making all ELCA contributions through Women of the ELCA allows for acknowledging and honoring how women collectively contribute to and support the ministries of the whole church.

Given directly to the ELCA or, as we recommend, through the Women of the ELCA. The total designated amount, whether collected by an individual, unit, or synodical organization, should be sent to the churchwide women’s organization, which then disburses the full amount to the designated ministry. These Designated Gifts are sometimes referred to as “pass-through gifts” because the gift passes through Women of the ELCA.

Note about Designated Gifts: Designated Gifts are an important part of our stewardship of the whole church, directing dollars to other ELCA ministries.

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|| Purpose Statement...
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|| 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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Lutheran Campus Ministry at University of Maryland

~ Information courtesy of Kathleen McPartland, a student at UMD and a member of LCM

I was asked to write an article about what Lutheran Campus Ministry (here at the University of Maryland, we call ourselves “The Humble Walk”) means to me. Honestly, I don’t even know where to begin. I can’t imagine my college life without being a part of it. The Humble Walk is my community, full of people that I meet up with all week (not just in church on Sundays) for everything from lunch, to 20-minute service in the middle of the day, to intramural volleyball games. We share similar values, of wanting to have fun while honoring God’s name, which ties us into a closely-knit group. We love to meet new people, which open us up to exciting new experiences.

LCM is also how I grow in leadership, as it gives me the opportunity to start new programs, such as that 20-minute service I mentioned earlier, which I dubbed “Reconnect.” We are encouraged to take ownership of our own organization, and I’ve had the great opportunities to reflect on Bible passages in front of a congregation, cook dinner for service, and talk one-on-one with people who need a little extra nudge to get through the day. The Humble Walk provides all these things to me—community, friendship, leadership, prayer, and volunteering, and I only take advantage of a miniscule portion of what this organization has to offer.

Let me tell you a story to help sum up how certain I am that LCM will always be a vital part of my life, and just how powerful an impact this ministry can make on an individual. When I was a sophomore, I had to take a semester off from attending UMD to get chemo and radiation therapies for Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. Even though I wasn’t even technically a student—and was too sick and tired from the cancer the majority of the semester to do anything to help out or be a part of the organization—The Humble Walk still made an effort to reach out to me. My pastor, Rev. Ray Ranker (“Pastor Ray”), asked my sister if there was anything on campus that I missed and could somehow send to me. When she mentioned vaguely that I like field hockey, he took that suggestion and ran with it.

Next thing I know, I have a signed poster from all of the girls on the team and a bunch of gear donated by the coach—and then I’m sitting on the bench with the team for one of the games. (If you’re not a field hockey dork like I am, just imagine being told you won the jackpot, without even buying a lottery ticket. To say the least, I was ecstatic!) And on top of all that, a bunch of my fellow Walkers showed up to the game to support. They cheered louder than anyone else, and they didn’t even know the rules of the game. They were cheering for me.



I have never felt so unconditionally loved before; I had no way of paying them back for their kindness, and yet there was no expectation that I do anything other than keep fighting my battle and get back to school so I could be with them again. I truly saw God in that moment. Today, anytime I’m feeling sad, I can look at my poster and be reminded that a whole congregation full of people have got my back. And that is an amazing feeling to have, especially on a campus that can seem so intimidatingly large on every other day than Sunday.

To me, LCM is not just getting together once a week to sing some songs and talk about the Bible. What LCM truly is, is the knowledge every single day that Jesus loves me.

Community Outreach

As far as community outreach goes, we have tons! My favorite is going to worship with St. Dysmus, which is a

prison ministry. We worship with the inmates at the male correctional facility in Jessup, and since I live in Jessup, it's a great way to learn more about my community.

We also have two major *weekly* volunteering opportunities on campus:

- CARing, which is a tutoring program where you are paired one-on-one with a child to work on reading skills throughout the entire semester. From what I hear, the kids and college students form very tight bonds.
- En Camino, another tutoring program which brings a busload of students from Langley Park and gives them an opportunity to play and learn in a safe environment after school.

We also do little random things throughout the semester, such as stuffing back packs with school supplies or giving out free lemonade on the mall during midterms week.

Pastor Ray is also really great about supporting anything that we students want to facilitate; for example, I felt called to jumpstart a short 20-minute service in the middle of the day during the week, to help give folks a chance to stop and catch their breath in this crazy busy world.



My friend Kyle thought it would be a cool idea to start an intramural sports team, so now we do everything from ultimate frisbee to volleyball. (I am the one in the back row raising my arm, next to the girl holding the volleyball.) We've found that this is a great initial un-intimidating way to invite non-Christians to start coming to our events. Basically, anything that we want to do, Pastor Ray will meet with us and figure out a way to make it happen.

So, on behalf of the Lutheran Campus Ministries within the Metro DC Synod, I thank you for choosing LCM to be the recipient of the Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization's giving program for 2013-2015. We are grateful for your help and support to continue our ministries and programs.



To make a donation to the Metro DC SWO's Lutheran Campus Ministry project, make your check payable to "Metro DC Synodical Women" and send it to:

Metro DC SWO
Cheryl Dwyer
8500 Oak Chase Circle
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

If you receive the printed version of this newsletter, use the pre-addressed envelope enclosed.

NEWS FROM NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, LOVETTSVILLE, VA

~ Information courtesy of Kay Garrett, a member of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, VA



The oldest church in our synod, New Jerusalem was founded in 1765. We are currently planning our year long 250th birthday celebration in 2015. There are many celebratory events being planned and our WELCA Bible study group is joining in the festivities by planning to serve a fancy ladies' tea in the spring.

Our Women of the ELCA group is a very active contributing body in our church. We have 12-13 women meeting and studying with us the first Monday of each month. Some of our service projects include organizing a congregation-wide collection of items needed and the putting together of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Although the Women of the ELCA take most of the credit, many members of our congregation participate in the quilt making program by cutting squares, and tying knots in the finished quilts. In 2014 we delivered 36 personal care kits and 18 quilts to the New Windsor, MD, distribution center for LWR. "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday brought many volunteer helpers to our tables. Because of the wonderful participation on that day, we have 10-12 more quilts in the works.

The womens' group also organizes the sale of Fair Trade coffee and tea with a permanent display and sale point in our fellowship hall. This fall we have been trying some new varieties of both coffee and tea and are expecting to give chocolate a try soon. Our customers enjoy knowing that their purchases are making life better for families in other parts of the world and that the farming practices used are better for our Earth.

As part of New Jerusalem's service efforts, some women of the ELCA have recently begun a Prayer Shawl Ministry. We meet weekly with prayer, conversation, yarn, needles, and crochet hooks. Our goal is a supply of prayer shawls which have been made prayerfully and with love for anyone in need of God's comfort and peace.

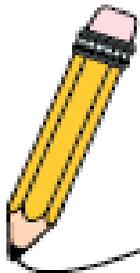
Our WELCA group is always striving to attract more church women to our monthly Bible Study group. Having met for many years every first Monday night of the month, we are currently trying a time change to Monday mornings to see if we might attract more young mothers and retired women.

New Jerusalem church houses the Western Loudoun Food Pantry. This very active food bank, each month serves 25 to 30 families, single parent families, and individuals, some with special needs. Ours is not a walk-in pantry, but we serve based on recommendations from our Lovettsville Elementary School or Western Loudoun County church leaders as well as trusted relationships.

Come and join us for our 10 a.m. Sunday worship service—it's a lovely country drive, we have a beautiful old sanctuary, the adjoining and very interesting cemetery pre-dates the Revolutionary War, and we have welcoming folks who will be happy that you came... New Jerusalem is a small church, but what we lack in numbers we make up for in enthusiasm!

Visit us online at <https://newjerusalem.ctsmemberconnect.net/home-ctrl.do>.





Grants and Scholarships*:

Open: December 15, 2014

Close: February 15, 2015

- Application process for 2015 grants opens [under **OUR WORK>Grants**].
- Application process for 2015-2016 scholarships opens [under **OUR WORK>Scholarships**].

December 15, 2014 is also the **deadline** to apply for a seed grant in the *Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls* health initiative [under **OUR WORK>SPECIAL INITIATIVES>Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls**].

For more information on any of these topics, go to www.womenoftheelca.org.

Did you know that you can access *The Joyful News* online? It is available at the SWO website:

- Go to <http://dwyercl2.wix.com/welca-metrodcsynod>.
- Scroll down the home page and click The Joyful News link at the bottom left of the page.
- Click the latest date selection or either of the two archived newsletters from the Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization.

Day of Service—JOIN US!

St. Matthew's, Woodbridge, VA
Monday, January 19, 2015
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

We'll assemble *Quilts of Honor* for Wounded Military Men and Women and to make *Mission Quilts* to help Lutheran World Relief.

PLEASE JOIN US!!! See page 4 for more information...

Café*:

Café is a free online magazine that can be found monthly at www.boldcafe.org. It offers topical exploration of timely issues for young women matched with a theological reflection and discussion questions. Many groups of young women gather each month, often in some inviting café setting, to discuss *Café's* hot topic. *Café* articles tie into the mission and purpose of Women of the ELCA and introduce the organization to young women. Since *Café* is also available by podcast, the organization provides an audio connection that's appreciated by many.

Gather*:

Every year the Women of the ELCA produces a nine-month Bible study for the community, published in *Gather* magazine, along with a three-month summer study.

Gather can be ordered through Augsburg Fortress (\$12.00 for 1 year /10 issues) through:

Gather Subscription Order Center
Box 1553
Minneapolis, MN 55440-8730
Phone: 800-328-4648
subscriptions@augsborgfortress.org

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Bulletin Board

PROGRAM IDEAS AND RESOURCES

Holiday Gift Giving Ideas

With the holidays just around the corner, why not get a head start? Go to www.womenoftheelca.org, click on **Shop Now** (at the top right corner of the HOME page) and follow either or both of the two links to shop.



Limited Edition Christmas Ornament

A limited edition Christmas ornament celebrating the 25th anniversary of Women of the ELCA is still available for purchase. The ornament costs \$12, with \$6 of that cost going to the 25th Anniversary Appeal of Women of the ELCA (shipping and handling is additional). The 25th Anniversary Appeal supports the churchwide ministries of Women of the ELCA and the life-saving work of the ELCA Malaria Campaign.



Pashmina Shawls, Tote Bags, Denim Shirts, and Jewelry

Order items that proudly bear the Women of the ELCA logo for yourself or as a gift for friends. Click on the link provided to order Bible study materials, products, and forms as well as unique gifts.

The pashmina shawls come in olive, Coral, Silver, Purple, Berry, Mauve, Chocolate, and Blue.

The Women of the ELCA blue Tote Bag is durable and lightweight with a front pocket, pen loop, and contrasting binding and handles.

The Lucinda Pins tell the story of women of various ages, ethnicities, physical characteristics, and personalities.

The sterling silver Logo jewelry consists of pendants, earrings, lapel pin, and charm.



Land's End Apparel with New Women of the ELCA Logos

Whether you are looking to buy a gift for someone in your life or buying something for yourself, there'll be much to choose from at the Lands' End Business Outfitters-Women of the ELCA Store!

Women of the ELCA has made it easy for you, by working with Lands' End to create new logos which you can apply to their products and help promote our organization, including:

- Women of the ELCA—25th Anniversary
- Women of the ELCA—of many generations - Triennial Gathering 2014

You'll be able to shop for quality Lands' End apparel with prices to fit all budgets. Choose from a variety of styles, colors and items including polos, dress shirts, sweaters, jackets, and tote bags.



**THE METRO D.C. SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
2015 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

**SATURDAY, April 11, 2015
8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
*Delegates meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.***

**THE VILLAGE AT ROCKVILLE
9701 VEIRS DRIVE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850**

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$35.00 per person
** INCLUDES LUNCH ****

Registration fee \$15 for first-time participants or women under the age of 40.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE MARCH 13, 2015.

Church _____

Delegate's (Voting Member's) Name, E-Mail Address, and Phone Number:

Participants other than delegates and e-mail addresses:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

First-time participants or participants under 40:

1. _____
2. _____

Please indicate if you need exhibit space _____

Please indicate if you need child care _____

**PLEASE return your REGISTRATION FORM with a CHECK payable to:
"METRO DC SYNODICAL WOMEN"**

**SEND TO:
Fran Eck
6215 Hibbling Avenue
Springfield, VA 22150
Phone: 703-569-0814**

For online registration, go to our website at <http://dwyercl2.wix.com/welca-metrodcsynod>.

**NOMINATION FORM FOR
METRO DC SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION'S EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Biographical Information Form

NAME _____
Last First Initial

ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

AGE RANGE _____ 35 and under _____ 51-69
_____ 36-50 _____ 70 and over

ETHNIC/RACIAL HERITAGE _____

PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH _____

NAME OF CONGREGATIONAL UNIT _____

ADDRESS _____

EXPERIENCE – (Please list significant experiences in each area over the last ten years, beginning with the most recent experiences.)

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY _____

WOMEN OF THE ELCA PARTICIPATION

CONGREGATIONAL UNIT _____

SYNOD, CLUSTER _____

CHURCHWIDE _____

ELCA PARTICIPATION

CONGREGATION _____

SYNOD/CONFERENCE _____

CHURCHWIDE _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE _____

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS _____

PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORM BY MARCH 6, 2015, TO:

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