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News from NE WELCA

Spring is Coming !

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The New England Synodical board of Women of the ELCA sends its greetings, prayers, and warm blessings to you. We have several items to bring to your attention and ask for your input. Keep scrolling down. There is lots of information for you,

Distribution of Katie's Fund 2122 grants

To update you on the use of our seed monies from **Katie's Fund 2122**, we made the following donations and proposals.



- a \$400.00 donation was made to the Ruth House in Brockton, MA run by Ascentria Care Alliance. We chose Ruth's House as one of our recipients because of the vibrant work it does within our community. We know that young women and their families benefit from their program. The speaker at the Spring Gathering for Boston Metro was a graduate of their program! Ascentria Care Alliance reaches throughout New England in its many forms of service to those in need of housing, health services and support. www.ascentria.org
- We also granted two-year subscriptions to [Gather magazine](#) to the Women of The Intersection Church, Dorchester, MA. This gift continues our ministry of support to their inner-city mission church in Boston.

Your Synodical Board is also proposing funds to support a Spring Gathering in Connecticut – look for the date to be announced soon! To see more actions taken with this seed money by other Synodical

Please Welcome Leslie Carson, Board Secretary



We are so happy to report that the board has a new Secretary! The NE Synodical board recently appointed Leslie Carson as secretary to serve until elections at the New England Synodical Convention in October 2024. Leslie is a lifelong Lutheran and is currently a member at St. Paul's in Old Saybrook, CT. We met her in Phoenix at the Triennial Convention (yup at the quilting tables for LWR) and the rest is God's amazing grace to walk to us!

New England WELCA Leadership Positions



There's space for YOU to join the dynamic group of New England Lutheran women serving together to fulfill our mission. PLEASE pray about the possibility of your serving on the New England Women of the ELCA board. Leadership training is available. Check out resources online at [WELCA Tools for Leaders](#). Contact any member of the Board to find out what's expected of you.

- The New England Board is searching for a Treasurer for 2025 and 2026. In October at the New England SWO Biennial Convention, Donna Hudson, treasurer will complete her two terms (and is not eligible for reelection). Treasurer's terms begin February 1st. Donna will help to train and assist the new treasurer for a smooth transition.
- Also available are Leadership positions as board members of the New England WELCA Synodical Women's Organization.

More MONEY news— NE WELCA Scholarship Program



education students. It is for a lay woman of the ELCA, 21 yrs. of age or older, who have had a disruption in their education.

Approved applicants can receive up to \$1000.00, annually.

Deadline for applications is June 30th. Applicants will be notified by July 31st. Applications and information are available from Donna Hudson – hudsondonna9@gmail.com or 781-331-4506.

Active WELCA Units - Where are You?

The NE Board almost completed canvassing for **Active Congregational Units** within New England. Calls and emails have gone out to every ELCA church within New England to locate active WELCA units or interest in organizing one. This information is then given to WELCA churchwide to help set specific representation for the next Triennial in 2026.

Four steps to becoming an active unit

Are you interested in starting or reorganizing an active congregational unit or know a group that is? If the answer is yes, and you believe in the mission and purpose of the organization, you can become an active Women of the ELCA unit. Begin by asking other women to join you in this organization that is redefining women's ministry. For assistance please contact a member of the New England WELCA board. The four steps and more information is available on womenoftheelca.org [here](#).

SAVE the DATE

October 24 - 26, 2024 –13th SWO Convention



New England Women invite you to attend the 13th Biennial Convention from the evening of October 24, 2024 to noontime October 26 at Calumet Lutheran Ministries Conference Center.

This convention will bring many of us together to celebrate our diversity and strength moving into the next few years. This is the business meeting for the New England Synodical Women's Organization. We have already asked the new Bishop to join us in celebration of her/his appointment! There will be Bible study, worship, business and elections of leaders, food and fellowship— so much to enjoy on the beautiful shores of Lake Ossipee in Freedom, New Hampshire.

Opportunities for Volunteers

- New England Synod Assembly June 6-8, 2024. Greeters needed to serve at WELCA's table welcoming voting members, sharing information, and WELCA resources between Assembly agenda items and elections. To help please contact Marilyn Pearson - [email](#) or phone - 617 823-3205.

news on our Facebook page or save it for future newsletters. Check out New England's [Facebook page](#): Our profile picture is **Just Love** from the 2023 Triennial.

Your sisters in Christ, the 2022-2024 New England WELCA board.

[Marilyn Pearson](#), convener; [Doris Norman](#), co-convener; [Donna Hudson](#), treasurer; [Leslie Carson](#), Secretary.

[Barbara Slover](#), and [Jeanne Minasian](#); board members

Advisors —[Liz Burgess](#) and [Paula Rosenbeck](#), past-presidents

[contact info - click on the members names for email addresses]

The next Triennial Convention site Des Moines, Iowa July 14-16, 2026.

Pre-register for the 2026 Gathering

Early registration for TG2026 is being offered at a special \$315 rate. (subject to change) Pre-register [here](#).

Early registrations TG2026 are transferable



to our Mail Chimp. Ask them to sign up via this [link](#) because we want to share our purpose and mission, including, events, Bible studies and resources.

We Want To Know You're Out There!

We wish you God's peace for late Winter/early Spring days and nights ahead. May you find rest in His glorious creation wherever you may roam in your travels. May He strengthen your body with good health for your work in your community or profession. Remember to rejoice for each day of His grace to you and yours.

Your sisters in Christ,

*Marilyn Pearson, Doris Norman, Donna Hudson, Leslie Carson
Barbara Slover, and Jeanne Minasian;*

Advisors —Liz Burgess and Paula Rosenbeck, past- presidents



OUR MISSION

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

OUR 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.”

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