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## New England 7B



Dear <<First Name>>,

Open for 13th Biennial Convention information and registration form. Convention dates are October 24-26, 2024 (late afternoon 24th thru lunch 26th) at beautiful Camp Calumet and Conference Center, Freedom, NH. Be ready to join together in person and also by Zoom Meetings to continue New England Women of the ELCA's Mission: to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ. Your NE WELCA board is offering a gift to all who register before October 1st; eligibility is determined by postmark date no later than September 30.



### **New England Women of the ELCA 13th Biennial Convention & Gathering**

Affordable \* Room and Meals \* Community \* Bible study \* Worship  
Full convention- 2 nights - 7 meals  
\$252 Staff House | \$263 Conference center | \$315 Village Cabins

Register **now** for the 13th Convention & Gathering  
October 24 - 26, 2024 at Camp Calumet & Conference Center

[Registration form and information](#)

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## Introducing Our Presenters



New England ELCA Bishop Nathan Piphoo, elected at the New England Synod Assembly in June 2024, will join us at Calumet for the convention. What a great opportunity to build connections between the New England Synod and their partner ministry- New England Women of the ELCA.



Pastor Niki Harvell, Faith Lutheran, Quincy, MA, will preach at our Saturday worship service and lead the convention Bible study on the theme: *Justice for Women and Children*. The Bible study on the “Magnificat” will be ongoing throughout the weekend. Bring your own Bible, use one at Calumet, or use your electronic device. Join us on Zoom, too.



Pastor Abigail Johnson, Saint James, Southbury, CT., will offer a presentation on *Hope Academy* in Antigua, Guatemala a girls' school. Hope Academy will be a recipient of part of our worship offering. Pastor Abby, Convention Chaplain, will be available for prayerful conversation. She will also assist at closing worship on Saturday.

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## Convention Information

Convention Registration form and information

† **Each Congregational Unit** is encouraged to send **one voting member to represent their church active unit**. The Biennial Convention is the highest voting body of our Synodical organization. Congregational Unit leaders are encouraged to elect or appoint one voting member to serve on behalf of the women in your group. These voting members will have “voice and vote” on topics of discussion. If your church does not have an active Congregational Unit, you are invited to appoint a woman who will have “voice” on the floor of the convention. You will find the steps to **become an active unit here**.

† **Business and activities-** through Bible Study, speakers, a hands-on activity, time outside, and more; we will explore what's new and exciting, things God has in store for each of us.

† Some of the workshops being offered include:

- **Special guests- Bishop Nathan Pipho**, New England Synod and **Myrna Wells-Ulland**, President of the Women of the ELCA executive board. Both will address the Convention.
- **Pastor Abby Johnson**, Saint James, Southbury, CT. Presentation on "Hope Academy in Antigua, Guatemala" a girls' school. Hope Academy recipient of part of our worship offering
- **Theme Bible study** will be led by **Pastor Niki Harvell**, Faith Lutheran, Quincy, MA. The study is based on our convention theme **Justice for Women and Children**. We will explore the *Magnificat*, Luke 1: 46-55 throughout the weekend. Bring your own Bible, use one at Calumet, or use your own electronic copy. Join us on Zoom, too.
- **News from Women of the ELCA Executive board president, Myrna Ulland**. Get the most up to date information on changes in staff leadership at Women of the ELCA, Katie's Fund 2122 Campaign and a look ahead to the coming Triennial Convention and Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa.

† **Food** is always plentiful at Camp Calumet but if you wish to bring a small snack to share, you are invited to do so. Coffee and tea is always available. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate that on the registration form. Note that all meals are served in the dining room in the Conference Center.

† **Offerings** There will be opportunity for both **Congregational Unit and Personal Monetary offerings** on the weekend. Congregational Unit offerings will be collected during a business session on Friday. One-half of that offering will stay with New England Women of the ELCA to support our missions and Ministries, and the other one-half will go to the Churchwide expression of our organization. Personal monetary offerings will be received at the closing Eucharist on Saturday.

† **Leadership** As with any organization there must be **leaders** willing to carry on the business of the organization. We are seeking women to make a commitment to serve Christ and the women in the New England Synod. Included in this mailing are descriptions of what is expected of a board member/officer. Please prayerfully consider whether you can make the commitment needed. If you cannot do it yourself, can you think of a woman in your midst who might accept the challenge? It is the mission of WELCA to “mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.” We need leaders who can help each of us live that mission. If you have questions, please contact Jeanne Minasian, Chair of nominating committee and NE/WELCA 7B board member or Marilyn Pearson, Convener of NE WELCA 7B

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## Links for Nomination Forms

**New England Board member | Triennial voting member**

**Officer / Board member**

**Triennial Voting member**

For readability open forms in Adobe Reader ([free download here](#))

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## *Vessels\* for Water Fundraiser*

*\*definition* a hollow container, especially one used to hold liquid, such as a bowl, canning jar, tea cup, mug, vase etc.

We ask that each attending congregation bring one or two “*Vessels for Water*” filled with gift items (suggested value approx. \$25 - \$30). Proceeds will help fund scholarships to lower the cost for New England women to attend the 2026 Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa

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## SILENT AUCTION

to Benefit the 2026 Triennial gathering scholarship fund



### The Ask

- Each attending congregation please bring one or two "Vessels for Water" (suggested value \$25-\$30).
- Proceeds will fund scholarships or lower the cost for New England women to attend the July 2026 Triennial Gathering, Des Moines, IA



### Be Creative . . .

- when selecting your Vessels: any container that can hold water- a vase, glass canister, mug, tea cup or pot, ceramic flower pot, woven basket, and many more.



### Be Imaginative . . .

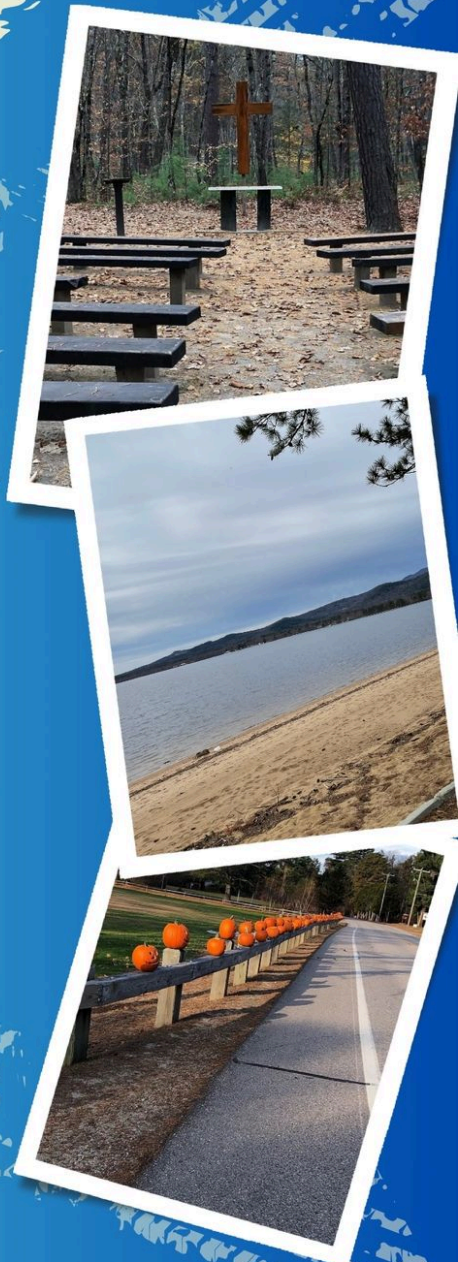
- options for contents are endless: home baked goodies, flowers, wrapped chocolates + candy, gift cards, terrarium, dried herbs, homemade soaps, soup mix, mini kitchen gadgets, kitchen towels, knitting needles, yarn and many more . . .

Bring your auction items to the Convention 10/24/24

Need more Information?  
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# 13th Biennial NE WELCA Convention

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| Let the world hear our song!

*The Canticle of the Turning*

October 24-26 , 2024  
Calumet Lutheran Ministries  
Freedom, NH

"Join us in a celebration of change,  
empowerment, and loving community."



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