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2024 Christmas Blessings from your New England Women of the ELCA Board



Dear <<First Name>>,

Peace and blessings from your New England Women of the ELCA board members as we are deep within the season of Advent. The hope and joy we share, in the good news to come, be present for you throughout these days until Christmas.

As I write this note I'm taken back to the fall convention, October 24-26, 2024, and our theme from the Magnificat. Mary's song of justice for women, families and children. If you thought, it was a lullaby – well it's far from it!

She saw that God was changing the world around her and through her.

Pastor Niki Harvell led the bible study which challenged us to be part of His work – embracing our own boldness as a spiritual gift to serve in our church, community and the world. Yes, even today Mary's song is sung by each and every one of us. To those we serve and for those we pray for. We are called to lift the lowly, feed the hungry and tell the good news of Jesus Christ.

I know you have multiple ways to strengthen your faith walk this season. Calumet has had a wonderful Facebook advent series – *Advent Journey - Wonder Joy Transformation*. Every day a new Lutheran pastor, lay leader, synod council member, youth leader and yup just plain members share their insight and reflections on the advent season. I have found the devotions inspiring!

Women of the ELCA has also shared advent meditations through *Daily Grace: Women of the ELCA*. Sign up today to receive this wonderful resource.

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/category/daily-grace>

Your New England WELCA Board will meet right after the New Year on January 11, 2025 at the Synod House in Worcester. We will review our convention evaluations, plan for Spring gatherings, and design outreach to New England units. If your unit could use some guidance or fresh direction, please reach out to the board so we can serve your needs.

We are a team of strong and bold women who want to share the good news of Mary – “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!”

Yours for His story,

New England WELCA Board:

Jeanne Minasian, Doris Norman, Donna Hudson/Fawn Demello, Leslie Carson

Valerie Holcomb, Sandy Cichon, Lindsa McIntyre, Lynn Zeltman, Donna Mayo and Marietta Meyer.

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Blue Christmas Service webinar December 21, 2024 at 8 pm Eastern

You are Invited to this Women of the ELCA event

To register: follow this link.



Our Blue Christmas Service offers a safe place to express your pain, fear and loss. Some brief readings. Calm and thoughtful music. Prayers. All are welcome. Spanish translation will be available. Service will be held at 7pm CST / 8 pm EST on Saturday, December 21, 2024. December 21, 2023. Please register.

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