

New England **WELCA**

Newsletter

Summer 2018

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from our President

Greetings!

Wake Up! This is God's Gig is the reason this special edition of newsletter is in your hand now, because:

Wake Up! This is God's Gig is the theme of the New England Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention at Calumet on October 25-27.

Wake Up! This is God's Gig is based on Isaiah 43: 18-19 (NIV). *Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

I invite you to envision being at Calumet (<https://www.calumet.org/>) on a weekend this fall. Find a suitable feeling from the list below:

- Meet with women who come from different parts of New England;
- Sit with them during meals and share stories;
- Start or finish a knitting project as you listen to the keynote speaker, or while sharing in round table discussion;
- Walk outside, stroll the beach, or just walk the path, breath in the fresh air;
- Join in the bible study and worship;
- Come as a voting member and vote during the business meeting;
- Contribute with monetary or in kind gifts;
- Get a chance to serve within the Women of the ELCA;
- Do nothing but spend time outside your daily routine.

I hope one of these might encourage you to register and come to the Convention!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the committees that have put a lot of work, time and thoughts for the success of this convention, especially co-chairs Dianne Boucher and Katy Sperl, vice president Alice Carlson, treasurer Stacy McGhehey, registrar Paula Rosenbeck, assistant registrar/song leader Marci Sharp, and newsletter editor Stephanie Sherry. God bless you all.

Wake Up! This is God's Gig – Wake up! See all anew and make new moments!

I hope to see and meet many of you in October.

Peace and blessings.

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LOOKING AHEAD



- ⌚ **Biennial Convention** – October 25-27, 2018 at Camp Calumet, Freedom, NH
- ⌚ **Spring Gatherings** – 2019
- ⌚ **Triennial Gathering** – July 16-19, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona

IMPORTANT DATES

CONVENTION:
THURSDAY – SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 25 – 27

Registration:
by Friday, October 5
or add \$15
afterwards

Nomination for Board:
September 1
*(for inclusion in the Bulletin
of Reports)*
or on October 25

Nomination for Triennial
Voting Member:
September 1
*(for inclusion in the Bulletin
of Reports)*
or on October 25

Scholarship Application:
September 1 (post date)

**JUST A REMINDER and UPDATE ON
CONFERENCE GATHERINGS from Vice
President, Alice**

* Now is time for leaders in each conference to be making arrangements to have an initial planning meeting this Fall for the New England Women of the ELCA Spring Gatherings. Please notify each church and the individual contacts about the date and place so they might be able let their own members know when they resume activities in September. [The last weekend in October is the NE WELCA Biennial Gathering so ...it might be fun to meet at Camp Calumet for your initial planning meeting: the bonus is YOUR shepherd and board members will be there to give you ideas/free WELCA programs, plus you will be utilizing stewardship of time in your busy schedule by combining two events...Women can apply for a scholarship or be a voting member for reduced personal costs.]

* Shepherds be sure to contact your convenor to help with planning for 2019 gatherings to be held any time from January to June 30, 2019. (The time frame has been, temporarily, expanded to avoid the Lent/ Easter conflicts)

Greater Hartford/ Central East CT plans to hold their Gathering at Gloria Dei ELCA, Bristol, CT. May 4,2019.

VT has selected May 11, 2019 to have a gathering about environmental stewardship at Ascension ELCA, S. Burlington, VT.

Both of these conferences welcome women from other conferences to attend or join them as a united local women's group (make it a women/girls day out adventure). Registration starts at 8:30 am, lunch is included.

* All women's activities can be advertised via the Newsletter. Please share what is happening at your church. It is not too late to send pictures of your 2018 Spring gathering for the Fall publication of this newsletter.



New England 2018 Biennial Convention

October 25-27 at Camp Calumet in West Ossipee, NH

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streams in the wasteland.”

Isaiah 43: 18-19 NIV



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Join us for these and other activities.....

- learn about RIA (Ready. Inspire. Act.) House, supporting and standing with women who have experienced exploitation, trafficking and prostitution.
- find out more about women in the Bible who upended the proverbial applecart
- participate in a book talk, The Color of Water by James McBride
- engage your creative side and make a Prayer Flag
- share in a round table discussion about new and exciting things happening in your church during “Linking Arms Together”
- share in worship, Bible study, fellowship and much more . . .

We look forward to seeing you at Camp Calumet!

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONVENTION

† Each Congregational Unit is encouraged to send a voting member to represent their church. The biennial convention is the highest voting body of our synodical organization. CU leaders are encouraged to elect or appoint a 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.

† Through Bible Study, workshops, a hands-on activity, nature, and more we will explore what new and exciting things God has in store for each of us.

† Some of the workshops being offered include:

- Book discussion, [The Color of Water](#) by James McBride led by Katy Sperl
- Prayer Flags - Learn about the increasing popularity of this prayer enhancement. This is a hands-on activity for all (please bring scissors to cut fabric).
- Returning by popular demand is Bethanne Waterman, representing RIA (Ready. Inspire. Act.) House, "supporting and standing with women who have experienced the commercial sex trade and its associated exploitation, trafficking and prostitution." Bethanne was with NE/WELCA at the Reformation Gathering last fall in Holliston, MA. www.riahouse.org
- Linking Arms Together, a round table discussion about new and exciting things happening in our churches. If you have something you would like to share, please contact Dianne Boucher at boucherdj@comcast.net
- Progressive Bible study throughout the weekend with Pastor Tiffany Nicely Holleck - you may BYOBible, use one at Calumet, or use your electronic device.
- What's Up in Chicago? with Lois Bylund, our CWO Board representative. Get the most up to date information on Triennial 2020, Katie's Fund Campaign and other happenings!

† Dress for the weekend is casual with comfortable walking shoes if you wish to explore the beauty of Camp Calumet. Also, since the weather in late October can be unpredictable, dress in layers.

† 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 be sure to indicate that on the registration form. Please note that all meals are served in the dining room in the Conference Center.

† There will be opportunity for 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 in New England 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. One-half of that offering will benefit RIA House to benefit their mission to support women who have been victimized by the commercial sex trade; one-quarter will stay in New England; and the other one-quarter will benefit the churchwide expression of WELCA.

† Five (5) \$200.00 scholarships to the convention will be granted to women in New England. Please see the convention scholarship application in this mailing.

† In-kind gifts of non-perishable foods to benefit the Freedom Food Pantry will be collected at the convention. Please see the specifics on the attached flyer. These donations will supplement the Thanksgiving Food baskets for neighbors in need.

† As with any organization there must be leaders willing to carry on the business of the organization. We are looking for 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. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Alice Carlson, NE/WELCA vice president at alycarlson99@gmail.com.

† Although it is quite a number of months away, the next Triennial Gathering is set for July 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona. In addition to the synodical president, four other women will join her as voting members for the Convention component of the Gathering. There are criteria for voting members and if you are interested in serving, please complete the nomination form included in this mailing. Please note that the president/leader of your congregational unit must sign the form.

† Bulletins of Reports, including the agenda for the weekend, committee/board reports, biographies, resolutions, etc. will available to all women attending the convention via electronic communication before the convention. It will be sent to you via the e-mail address you provide on your registration form. In an effort to save the environment and limit printing and postage costs, only a limited number of Bulletin of Reports will be available in print at Camp Calumet. You are encouraged to bring your electronic device with you or print the BoR on your own.

† There will be a Silent Auction as part of the convention to benefit the Triennial Gathering Scholarship Fund. A flyer is enclosed in this mailing describing what the Silent Auction is all about! Start thinking now about what you might bring that reflects the theme, **Wake Up! This is God's Gig!** You are encouraged to be creative! Also, be prepared to specify an approximate value of your donation.

Miscellaneous info: GPS (physical) address:

Camp Calumet, 1090 Ossipee Lake Rd., Freedom, NH 03836 603.539.4773



IN-KIND GIFTS

Benefit Freedom Food Pantry
Serving Freedom, Ossipee and Effingham, NH

OCTOBER 25 -27, 2018 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

CAMP CALUMET, WEST OSSIPEE, NH

When we ***Wake Up!*** and realize that we are called to help God's people we must act. At our Biennial Convention we will have the opportunity donate non-perishable food items to the local food pantry. Please bring a few items with you as listed below.

Non-perishable items:

Green beans, peas, corn

Turkey gravy and stuffing (boxes or bags)

Cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail or apple sauce

Walmart gift cards to supplement the Thanksgiving baskets



Thank You, LORD!

New England Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Eleventh Biennial Convention - **Wake Up! This is God's Gig!** - October 25-27, 2018

Camp Calumet Lutheran Ministries, West Ossipee, New Hampshire

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Church: _____ City/State: _____

Conference: (circle one) Maine VT/Western MA/NE NY Central MA/Boston Metro SE MA/RI

Greater New Haven/Southern CT Naugatuck Valley Central CT/Greater Hartford/Eastern CT NH/NE MA

If you are a voting member, this form must be signed by a unit leader: _____

(You must attend Thursday evening & Friday morning to fulfill the obligations of a voting member.)

Is this your first convention? Yes or No

CONVENTION COSTS (includes REGISTRATION FEE, LODGING, & MEALS)

1. VOTING MEMBER (Registration fee is waived.):

Thursday through Saturday (includes Thurs. supper, Fri. breakfast, lunch, & dinner, and Sat. breakfast & lunch)

| | | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Conference Center* | \$ 176.00 | \$ _____ |
| Village Cabins* | \$ 190.00 | \$ _____ |
| Retreat Lodge* & Staff House* (circle one) | \$ 164.00 | \$ _____ |
| Heated Cabin | \$ 132.00 | \$ _____ |
| Commuter Option (no lodging - includes 2 lunches and 2 dinners) | \$ 60.00 | \$ _____ |

2. ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS (Registration Fee is included in prices):

Thursday through Saturday (includes Thurs. supper, Fri. breakfast, lunch, & dinner, and Sat. breakfast & lunch)

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| Conference Center* | \$ 221.00 | \$ _____ |
| Village Cabins* | \$ 235.00 | \$ _____ |
| Retreat Lodge* & Staff House* (circle one) | \$ 209.00 | \$ _____ |
| Heated Cabin | \$ 177.00 | \$ _____ |

Friday through Saturday only (includes Fri. lunch & dinner, Saturday breakfast & lunch, Friday lodging only)

| | | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Retreat Lodge* or Staff House* (circle one) | \$ 143.00 | \$ _____ |
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Accommodations in each location are limited. Beds will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. If you do not mind sleeping on a top bunk bed, please indicate that here. _____ Yes, I am able to sleep on a top bunk.

Commuter Option (no lodging)

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| Fri. & Sat. (Fri. lunch & dinner, Saturday lunch) | \$ 72.00 | \$ _____ |
| One day: _____ Friday - lunch & dinner | \$ 50.00 | \$ _____ |
| _____ Saturday - lunch | \$ 32.00 | \$ _____ |

Late Registration Fee (please add \$15.00 if paying after October 5th). \$ _____

New England Women of the ELCA Convention Scholarship Fund

Can you help the Convention Scholarship Fund grow by adding \$2.00 or more to your registration total? \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDED (Make checks payable to NE/WELCA) \$ _____

Special Dietary or Physical Needs: _____

Mail Registration & Payment to: Paula Rosenbeck, Registrar
356 Torringford W. St. #313
Torrington, CT 06790

Phone: 860/567-9505 - Home
860/485-5321 - Cell
E-Mail: teetee108@yahoo.com

A description of Camp Calumet lodging is as follows:

- The two-floor **Conference Center** has 35 beds in 13 rooms. The first floor rooms have private bathrooms. The second floor rooms share common bathrooms. Room size varies with 2-4 beds per room.
- The **Village Cabins** come in 3 configurations. The large and small styles offer a private bathroom, a comfortable sitting room and a hospitality station with sink, coffee maker and small refrigerator. The single-story units (4 total) sleep 2-4 people. The two-story units (2 total) sleep 8-10 people with bedrooms on the second floor. The most recent additions to the Village are 3 units that are hotel room-style, with a private bathroom and sleeping accommodations for 2-4 people.
- The **Staff House** is situated on the lakeshore and features beautiful views of the lake, common bathrooms on each floor, a combination of single beds and bunk beds in 5 rooms with a capacity of 26 guests, and basic amenities like a coffee maker, a refrigerator, and a microwave.
- The **Retreat Lodge** is nestled in the woods and has 2 good sized bunk rooms and the "Middle Room" that has just one bunk. The Retreat Lodge has a sleeping capacity of 22 people and offers a large living room gathering space, common bathrooms, and a full kitchen.
- **Heated cabins** have four bunk beds and two twin beds in each cabin. Heated bathrooms are available a short distance from the cabins.

Parking for cars is available at each location and there is a golf cart available if it is needed.

Roommate(s) Request: _____

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† Registration begins at 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 25th in the Conference Center. You can get settled in your room and then return to the Conference Center for fellowship or explore the grounds of Camp Calumet on your own.

† Members of the convention committee are: co-chairs, Dianne Boucher and Katy Sperl; president, Ade Monareh; vice president, Alice Carlson; treasurer, Stacy McGhehey; registrar, Paula Rosenbeck; and assistant registrar and song leader, Marci Sharp. Those serving as leaders include: Nancy Stone, parliamentarian; Pastor Tiffany Nicely Holleck as chaplain and Bible study leader; Pastor Rebecca Wegner, preacher and worship leader; Carolyn Olzerowicz, pianist and choir director; and Lois Bylund, Churchwide Board representative from Minnesota. We are also seeking a volunteer who might like to shadow Nancy Stone, Parliamentarian, and learn the ropes of serving as Parliamentarian.

_____ Yes, I may be interested in serving with Nancy Stone, Parliamentarian

† Registration confirmation and other supporting information will be done electronically. If you wish to have your confirmation sent via USPS, please include a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope with your registration form.



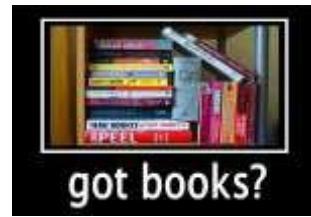
SILENT AUCTION

Benefit the New England Women of the ELCA
Triennial Scholarship Fund

2018 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

CAMP CALUMET, WEST OSSipee, NH

In the spirit of *Wake Up! This is God's Gig* what are ways that help you wake up in your life? We can *wake up* and be *all anew* mentally, physically, spiritually.... Be creative and bring an item, a collection in a basket, or anything that helps someone wake up. Items will be entered in a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the Triennial Scholarship Fund to support women in New England WELCA to attend the next Triennial Gathering.



Have questions?

Contact Patty McAfee at
pattyann1056@yahoo.com
508-580-1558 or 508-272-7702



NEW ENGLAND SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

CALL FOR OFFICER AND BOARD NOMINATIONS

2018 is the year of the 11th Biennial Convention for New England Women of the ELCA. This year's location is Camp Calumet and Conference Center, West Ossipee, New Hampshire on Thursday to Saturday, October 25 – 27, 2018.

Nominations are now open. The Board positions to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and eight (8) Board members.

The responsibility as a member of the Board is a two-year commitment. There are usually 4-5 regular board meetings each year plus a pre and post biennial convention meeting that each board member attends. All expenses for travel to the meetings are borne by the organization. The commitment to the Board is a commitment of time, energy, and spirit rather than a financial one. If you believe that you are able to make this two-year commitment by giving to your fellow sisters in Christ and the WELCA organization in New England, please fill out the New England Women of the ELCA SWO Region 7b Nomination Form for Leadership positions application form.

The Nomination Forms should be mailed to Paula Rosenbeck to the address at the bottom of the form.

If you have questions about Board membership, please reach out to Alice Carlson at pcarlson99@comcast.net or 508-697-3445.

Please make copies of this form as needed.

Please send to be presented at Convention (DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION FORM IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 for inclusion in the Bulletin of Reports).

Those received after September 1st will be presented at convention on October 25th.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

THE PRESIDENT SHALL:

- Preside at all conventions, the Synodical Women's Organization and at meetings of the Board and Administrative Committees.
- Ensure that the constitution and bylaws of the organization are duly observed and that the actions thereof are carried into effect, and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.
- Be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Synodical Women's Organization except the Nominating committee.
- Submit a report to each regular convention of the Synodical Women's Organization concerning her work, with observations and recommendations affecting the Synodical Women's Organization as she may deem important.
- Serve as a liaison with the Church-wide Women's Organization and attend the meetings of the Conference of Synodical Presidents. (This means plane travel to Chicago.)
- Represent the Synodical Women's Organization or appoint representatives to inter-Lutheran and ecumenical association and councils in which the organization participates.
- Serve as representative to the Synod Council or appoint a representative.

THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL:

- Act in the absence, disability or resignation of the president. She shall assume the duties of the president until the vacancy is filled by the Board of the Synodical Women's Organization at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Shall perform such other duties as requested by the president of the Board.

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

- Be the secretary of the Board and the Administrative Committee of the Synodical Women's Organization.
- Be responsible for recording and distributing minutes of the Synodical Women's Organization convention, the Board, and the Administrative Committee.
- Shall give the Units notification of the regular convention at least (3) months in advance and of special conventions at least (1) month in advance.
- Shall keep a correct register of the roll of the congregational, inter-congregational or special units along with the names of the officers of these units.
- Shall secure from the units such reports as from time to time may be required.
- Perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time direct.
- Shall provide for the gathering and preserving of historical records and documents of the Synodical Women's Organization.

THE TREASURER SHALL:

- Provide for the keeping of all financial records and be accountable for all funds.
- Be responsible for disbursing funds in accordance with the financial policies of the Women of the ELCA and the budget of the Synodical Women's Organization.
- Present a complete report, including an audit as specified by board-established procedures, to the Synodical Women's Organization convention and an interim report to each Board and Administrative Committee meeting.

A BOARD MEMBER SHALL:

- Carry out the purpose of the organization of the Women of the ELCA as stated in the constitution and the bylaws of the organization.
- Work in partnership with the Church-wide Women's Organization, conferences, and congregational/inter-congregational units in the New England Synod territory.
- Attend the Board meetings as well as the pre-and -post convention meetings.
- Represent the Synodical Women's Organization at conference assemblies.
- Serve on Synodical Women's Organization committees as appointed by the President of the organization.



New England Women of the ELCA - Region 7B
Synodical Women's Organization NOMINATION FORM

2018 - 2020 BOARD LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Board Member

Check the position(s) for which you are nominating. Please be sure you have the permission of the nominee.

NAME of Nominee: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Congregational Unit: _____ City/State: _____

Conference: _____ Age Category: Under 35 () 36 -55 () Over 55 ()

Does Nominee qualify for either category?

A woman of color and/or whose primary language is other than English?

A woman living with a disability (hearing, sight, physical, other)?

Highlights of present and past activities in Women of the ELCA, congregations, conferences, synod, church-wide, community and career: (Use additional pages if necessary)

What vision do you have for the Women of the ELCA?

Please list this nominee's qualifications and special gifts that would help her perform the duties of a synodical executive board member or officer. (e.g. formal training, degrees obtained, acquired abilities.)

Submitted by _____ with permission of the nominee (if other than nominee).

Nominee's signature _____ I will serve if elected.

Return by: September 1, 2018 to be included in the Bulletin of Reports.

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| Paula Rosenbeck 356 Torrington West St. #313 Torrington, CT 06790 | 860-567-9505 (Home) 860-482-3555 (Church) teetee108@yahoo.com | 860-485-5321 (Cell) |
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NEW ENGLAND Synodical Women's Organization

Biennial Convention Scholarship Application

There will be five (5) \$200.00 scholarships awarded for the 11th Annual Biennial Convention. If you are awarded a scholarship you will be notified prior to the convention and will be reimbursed at the convention.
Please note: You must register for the convention on your own.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Congregational Unit: _____ Age Category: Under 35 () 36 -55 () Over 55 ()

Will you be attending a convention for the first time? Yes _____ No _____

Please use the reverse side as needed.

Please list your current participation in your church and in the Women of the ELCA:

Why is attending the Biennial Convention important to you?

How will you use this experience after the convention? How will you share with your unit?

Qualifications for receiving a scholarship are:

- Recipient must be a member of a Lutheran Church affiliated with the ELCA.
- If I receive and accept this scholarship I understand that I have the responsibility for the following:
 - Participation in the convention as requested by the Synodical Board
 - Maintain contact with my home Women of the ELCA congregational unit and share the information I learned from the convention

Signature _____ Date: _____

Deadline for Application – September 1, 2018

Return to: Ade Monareh, NE WELCA President
74 South Street, Somersworth, NH 03878

Questions? Call Ade at 603-866-6556 or ade234@msn.com



New England Women of the ELCA encourages congregational units and individuals to write resolutions on topics that need attention and for which you might be passionate. Resolutions can bring awareness to a social injustice; a particular need in our church, whether it be local, domestic, or world; or for any reason you see fit. Resolutions can be memorialized to the triennial convention set to take place in 2020.

WHY WE WRITE RESOLUTIONS

Among the benefits of participating in Women of the ELCA is the opportunity to have a voice in determining the activities and direction of the organization. Where we go and what we do as a churchwide organization and as synodical organizations is very much up to you. That is why we meet in conventions, and at those conventions, we conduct business via resolutions. A resolution should be thought of as:

- A way to participate in the democratic process and have your voice heard;
- A means of educating women about a need or concern;
- A vehicle for inspiring others to take action.

If you are intimidated at the idea of writing a resolution, you shouldn't be. It isn't that difficult. Resolutions are a way to introduce and deliberate business when you assemble a fairly large number of people together. Five people sitting around a table can discuss business one way; 100 people in a banquet hall must conduct business in a more formalized way if they are going to make any progress.

Resolutions are also a way to plan and think ahead, and to hold ourselves accountable for the decisions we make: A resolution, when passed, is no longer an idea to consider—it is a commitment.

SOME GUIDELINES FOR WRITING RESOLUTIONS

The goal of a resolution is to inform and educate the readers so that they are inspired to take action and approve the resolution. Therefore, every resolution should:

- have a clear and concise title.
- address only one issue—call attention to a need for action.
- call Women of the ELCA to action on something it can influence.
- address concerns relevant to Women of the ELCA that relate to our mission, purpose, ongoing activities, triennium theme, triennium focus, or governance.
- propose an action or a solution to a problem.
- be based on sufficient background and analysis. You should be able to back it up.
- provide enough background to give someone with little knowledge of the subject sufficient information to make an intelligent and informed decision.
- be a source of direction, an instrument in planning.

A successful resolution will thus:

- (1) identify and explain what you want to be addressed. This is the WHEREAS portion.

(2) propose a solution, a plan of action. This is the RESOLVED portion.

THE "WHEREASES"

This first portion of a resolution is a sort of preamble. It consists of declarations of fact that you can support and back up. Opinions are not expressed in this portion of the resolution.

Each fact should be listed as a separate sentence or paragraph that begins with WHEREAS, followed by a semi-colon. The final WHEREAS ends with a semi-colon followed by "therefore be it."

THE "RESOLVEDS"

This second portion of the resolution states the action that you propose to address what you identified in the WHEREAS portion. When writing the RESOLVED section, a guide to keep in mind is that this section ought to be able to stand on its own—you shouldn't have to refer to the WHEREAS section to understand what is being asked for.

This is the portion of the resolution where the author or authors express opinions. If more than one solution or action is proposed, each separate solution or action should be listed as a separate sentence or paragraph that begins with the word "RESOLVED." When a resolution contains multiple "RESOLVED" statements, they are linked by the phrase "and be it further" at the end of each RESOLVED statement, except for the last one.

THE BACKGROUND SUMMARY

This is the narrative portion of the resolution. It doesn't have to be long, but it should provide the rationale for bringing the resolution forward and include a summary of the facts supporting the resolution. It provides answers to the question, "where did this idea come from?" that go beyond simply the facts provided in the WHEREAS section. This is where you provide some context for your enthusiasm to bring forth the resolution.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this is the part of the resolution that explains the issue or problem; and

WHEREAS, each resolution should address only one issue or problem; and

WHEREAS, each "Whereas" statement should address only one fact, idea or supporting argument related to the issue or problem; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this is the part of the resolution that restates the basic issue or problem and proposes a solution to the issue or problem identified in the "Whereas" statements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each "Resolved" statement should address a separate action to be taken or solution proposed to resolve the issue or problem; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the "Resolved" statement should stand alone and the action proposed therein should be clearly understood by the reader without having to refer back to the "Whereas" statements.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF BROADENING THE SCOPE OF OUR PARTICIPANTS:

Involving young women in Women in of the ELCA in greater numbers

WHEREAS, Women of the ELCA is committed to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, and support one another in our callings;

WHEREAS, Women of the ELCA is called to foster creative programming;

WHEREAS, the Women of the ELCA is called to recruit, prepare and support new leaders; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the _____ synod develop ways to involve young women; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the _____ synod partner with local youth on an annual local servant project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each cluster of the _____ synod bring at least two young women to the annual convention.

Gifts in Tribute Contributions In Memory of...

GIFTS IN TRIBUTE PROGRAM

Is there someone special that you'd like to honor or memorialize? Perhaps, you'd like to remember your Secret Sister, or someone in your organization that you'd like to thank, or someone who is celebrating a birthday or anniversary, etc. Then why not send a gift of \$5, \$10, \$15, \$25, or whatever amount you chose to the "Gifts in Tribute" program!

Through the "Gifts in Tribute" program, contributions are made to the New England Women of the ELCA Scholarship Fund. Each year the New England Women of the ELCA awards a scholarship to a mature woman who is continuing her education. This program provides an opportunity to remember someone who has been important to others and to also contribute to the scholarship program.

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Amount of Contribution: \$5 \$10
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Gift Acknowledgment should be sent to:

Donations can be sent to: **Noreen Noll**

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In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

New England WELCA Newsletter

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Complete the form and mail it to:

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**England Women of the ELCA - Region 7B
Nomination Form Triennial Voting Member**

Expenses covered by WELCA include transportation, meals, registration, and hotel for the Convention (business) only, which will be on July 14 - 16, 2020. Your room, meals & registration for the Gathering, July 16 – 19, 2020 will be the responsibility of the voting member.
The Convention / Gathering will be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION BELOW

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____ City / State: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone: (W) _____ E-mail: _____

(H) _____ (Cell) _____

Congregational Unit: _____ City/State: _____

Conference: _____

Age Category: 18 -25 26 - 35 36 -49 50 - 65 Over 65

Have you served as a Triennial Delegate before? Yes No If so, what year(s)? _____

Have you attended a Triennial Convention before? Yes No If so, how many? _____

Are you a woman of color and / or whose primary language is other than English?

Are you a woman living with a disability (hearing, sight, physical, other)?

Experience:

Occupation: _____

Congregational Activities:

Synodical/Church-wide Women's Organization Activities:

Community Activities:

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Name _____

What vision do you have for the Women of the ELCA? _____

How do you plan to use what you learn at the Triennial Gathering with other women locally and within the synod?

(Name) _____ is an active member of our congregational unit and active in the life of this church. I recommend her to serve as a **Triennial Convention Voting Member** from New England.

Signature: _____ (Congregation Unit President or designee)

Church: _____ City/State: _____

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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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