

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synodical Women's Organization



22nd Biennial Convention

“Reconnecting with Hope for the Future”

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Bulletin of Reports

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OUR MISSION

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

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.”

Spring 2022



Women
of the
**EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA**

Shalom!

Thank you for all you do for Women of the ELCA! Your time, talents and treasures are needed now more than ever, not only to Women of the ELCA, but also in the world. You also make a huge difference in our churches and communities. Thank you again for all that you do and continue to do!

As promised, there have been some changes in Women of the ELCA. One of our biggest priorities is anti-racism work (you can find more information on welca.org). Here are a few examples:

1. A Leadership Event in February 2022 was a digital event entitled, "For Such a Time as This: Spirit fed, Spirit led." It was based on the story of Esther. In addition to presidents, all synodical officers and board members were invited as were conference and cluster leaders. Following the event, more training sessions for WELCA leaders were planned. The training sessions were again via Zoom and open to everyone. Training and bringing up leaders are the responsibility of all of us, not just the few.
2. Bold Women's Sunday has been moved from the last Sunday of February to the first Sunday of March. Why you may ask – because February is Black History Month; March is Women's History Month and includes International Women's Day. This way we do not dilute Black History Month and honoring our African American sisters and brothers.
3. Churchwide executive board members can now serve as the churchwide representative at her own synodical convention. As a reminder, a churchwide representative cannot be a voting member of her own congregational unit at her synodical convention. She is also there to serve as a resource not just for your convention, but after as well.

God's special blessings on your time together! I am praying for you and your time together. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at jmichali@d.umn.edu.

Blessings,

Joy Michalicek
President, 2020-2023 Triennium
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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2022 Spring Convention –Southeastern Pennsylvania Synodical Women’s Organization of the Women fo the ELCA

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Saturday, June 4, 2022

**St Matthew Lutheran Church • 400 Lynbrooke Rd • Springfield, PA •
19064 Phone: (610) 543-8700**

Registration: Starts at 9AM. Program starts at 9:30AM.

Keynote Speaker after morning business meeting: Bishop Patricia Ann Curtis Davenport who is the current Bishop of Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the first African American woman to be elected Bishop in the 4-million-member ELCA, and Vice-Chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops.

Churchwide Representative: Elizabeth Burgess Executive Board Member

Pastor Violet Little will speak about The Welcome Church: after lunch

Service projects: Tying quilt; writing notes of encouragement for The Welcome Church writing group to go with journals and pens donation

In-kind Gifts: for The Welcome Church: snack bags: Each snack bag: plastic bag (quart size) should contain an assortment of 5 snacks (i.e. chewy granola or protein bar, pack of peanut butter crackers, box of raisins, single Jerky stick, small bag of chips, small bag of cookies, etc.)

Offering: will be split between churchwide and The Welcome Church

In Memoriam

Remembering the bold women who came before us

Zion Church, Zion Hill

Phyllis Boyer: Former president and treasurer of Southeast PA SWO of the Women of the ELCA board

Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe

Mary Schlichter

June Lash

Thelma Hess

Judi Lien

Anne Lachenmayer

Christ Lutheran Church, Harleysville

Betsy Anderson

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown

Ellen Gallagher

Messiah Lutheran Church, Downingtown

Carol Leffler

Julia Pollack

Muriel Andress

Virginia Ehrich

Arlene Martin

Peace-Tohickon Church, Perkasie

Joyce Burkett

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pottstown

Jean John

St. John's Lutheran, Melrose Park

Alina Boraas

St. Luke Lutheran church, Devon

Anne Johansson

Nellie Anne Mathias

Andrea Olson

St Matthew Lutheran church, Springfield

Eleanor Schaaf

Frieda Lenthe

Nancy "Pat" Jackle

Betty Johns

Edna Graefe

Betty Paterson

Judy Guille

Dorothy D'Arcy

Muriel Wagner

Pat Daniels

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside

Phyllis Linn

The Welcome Church

Cathy Davis

Joyce Johnson

Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasio:

Nancy Smith

Patricia Hendricks

Agenda

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synodical Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA 22nd Biennial Convention June 4, 2022

Tentative Time	Topic	Presenter
0900-0930	Registration/snacks and greetings outside sanctuary	Dale O'Hara
0930-1005	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Reading of Mission and Purpose Statement	President, Linda Garcia
1005-1010	Hymn 'On Eagle's Wings' #787	Musician Maureen McCleary
1010-1020	Devotions/Prayer	Pastor Karl Richard, St Matthew Church
1020-1030	Reading of names on Memorial List Poring sand into vase	Linda Garcia, Helen Dungan, Joan Seader
1030-1050	Introduction of Elizabeth Burgess, churchwide representative/greetings from churchwide	Linda Garcia – introduction Elizabeth Burgess-speaker
1050-1130	SWO Business meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of Credentials Committee • President to adopt committee's report • President declares convention open • Appointment of parliamentarian • Appointment of Convention Business Committees: Credentials; Elections; Nominations • Adoption of Rules of Procedure: President & Secretary. • Review churchwide changes in constitution • Adoption of the agenda: President & Secretary. • Report of Nominating Committee • Elections Chair. • Then call for elections • Call for new business by president • Chair introduces current officers and board members • Chair calls for report on ballot • Report of the president • Report of the treasurer • Adoption of the budget 	Linda Garcia Dale O'Hara Marjorie A Barbara Naska Cindy Ryan Linda Garcia Linda Garcia Linda Garcia Linda Garcia Cindy Ryan

Tentative Time	Topic	Presenter
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of reference and council/resolutions committee 	Joan Seader
1130 – 1150	Bishop Davenport – keynote speaker	Linda Garcia will introduce
1150	Hymn “Jesu, Jesu” # 708	Musician Maureen McCleary
1155 – 1:10PM	Lunch	Outdoor tent
	During lunch: Can work on tie quilt, notes of encouragement for Welcome Church writing group, and fill small jars with sand from memorial vase	
1:10PM – 1:20PM	“Laughter yoga”	Linda Garcia
1:20PM -	Introduction of Pastor Little and Pastor Schaunel who will speak about The Welcome Church Blessing of in-kind gifts	Joy Grace will introduce
	Final reports: offering, in-kind and final credential report	
	Installations of synodical board officers and board members	Elizabeth Burgess
	Close of convention	Linda Garcia

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES (FROM 11TH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION 8/2021

The convention approved updates to the organization's constitutions and bylaws. Highlights include:

- Participating in a congregational unit is encouraged but no longer required for leadership in either the synodical or churchwide expressions of Women of the ELCA; however, voting membership in an ELCA congregation is required.
- Reducing the number of churchwide executive board members from 21 to 15, including the four officers.
- Creating more flexibility for synodical women's organization boards: The board may number "3 or more" without requiring approval from the churchwide executive board to change the number of SWO board members.
- Allowing two members of the same congregational unit to serve as leaders of an SWO; one as an officer and the other as a board member.
- Offering more flexibility in SWO leaders' titles: leaders may be called presidents and vice-presidents, chairs or co-chairs, conveners or co-conveners, or coordinators.

The constitution had not originally provided for digital conventions. Voting members from the Tenth Triennial Convention (2017) were called into action and, in a mail-in ballot last month, approved a constitutional amendment to hold conventions remotely or virtually, provided participants are sufficient to constitute a quorum, thus paving the way for the historic first digital convention of Women of the ELCA.

MEMORIALS ADOPTED: A statement of facts presented to a legislative body that is the basis for a petition or request for action; the way in which one organization formally makes a request of another. Brought to a synodical women's organization convention by a unit or to a triennial convention by a synodical women's organization.

Voting members adopted several memorials that included:

- continuing to fight human trafficking
- continuing to support solar energy in Liberia
 - WHEREAS the lack of affordable power for two private Lutheran hospitals in Liberia (Phebe and Curran) poses a threat to the lives of hundreds of thousands of people there; and
 - WHEREAS Curran Hospital was built in 1924 and has 125 beds and outpatient services and provides health care for 23 communities in Bong County; and
 - WHEREAS both Phebe and Curran Hospitals are located in northern Liberia where no current complete electrical grid exists; and
 - WHEREAS both hospitals used diesel generators installed in the late 1960s to supply electricity, supported with financial aid of companion churches, with cost to maintain and repair old generators utilizing as much as two-thirds of the hospitals' operating costs; and
 - THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Women of the ELCA's 2020 Triennial Convention be encouraged to continue to support Current for Curran through education about the project and how they can help support it financially, including prayers for all involved in this work.
- supporting and participating in Thursdays in Black
 - ORIGINAL MEMORIAL 5 Title: Thursdays in Black Submitted by: Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization, 4A Adopted in Synodical Convention: October 11-13, 2019 WHEREAS, Women of the ELCA states its mission is to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith and Thursdays in Black is a bold reflection of faith in action WHEREAS because of cost, the current practice in Curran is to shut off the generators during the day to save what electricity they can; and
 - WHEREAS the women of the Northeast Minnesota Synod in partnership with organizations such as the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL) have successfully and together with local people

built a solar grid for Phebe Hospital in Liberia and are continuing this work through Current for Curran; and

- WHEREAS support for Phebe project can be found in the 2017 Convention bulletin of reports and the 2018 Spring Interchange; and
- WHEREAS each of the RREAL solar projects are given a memorable name to support the fundraising effort thus “Current for Curran”; and
- WHEREAS women of East Central Synod Wisconsin have generously supported these projects and want to encourage women from all other synods to do so;
- WHEREAS, the ELCA has formally endorsed the World Council of Churches Thursdays in Black campaign to be part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence,
- WHEREAS, we are called as Women of the ELCA to promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world,
- WHEREAS, gender violence and human trafficking have been ministry areas for many years for Women of the ELCA and the Nebraska Synodical Women’s
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nebraska Synodical Women’s Organization will encourage and provide education regarding Thursdays in Black campaign “towards a world without rape and violence” by participating as individuals and by encouraging others in our congregations and synods to show support and commitment to advocating for change and to recommit to education about and action to end gender based violence THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Nebraska Synodical Women’s Organization memorialize the 2020 Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention to support and participate in the Thursdays in Black campaign through actions, awareness, and sharing of information from the World Council of Churches on the Women of the ELCA website THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Nebraska Synodical Women’s Organization ask the Nebraska Synod to affirm the Thursdays in Black campaign by way of resolution at the 2020 Synod Assembly and

promote it on the website with a link to the World Council of Churches website. Committee Recommendation on MEMORIAL 5. The Committee recommends adopting this memorial.

- encouraging the practice of using reusable bags
 - WHEREAS, Women of the ELCA have been and continue to be called to care for God's creation WHEREAS, single use plastic bags clog sewers and storm drains, contribute to pollution of water and land, are harmful to wildlife and marine life, and are not easily broken down in recycling WHEREAS, single use plastic bags are one of the top five items found in river and beach clean-up
- encouraging immigration reform
 - NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Women of the ELCA be encouraged to contact their legislators, and others in authority, to voice their concerns and positions regarding immigration laws and allowing minors to enter this country without the fear of being separated from their parents; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Women of the ELCA advocate for changes to such immigration laws in order to ensure the safety of minors who are being held in facilities; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as we continue to serve and love our neighbor, we pray for the wellbeing of children and families in detention, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Women of the ELCA, contact their legislators, and the presidential administration to advocate for reunification of children who have been separated from their families and to seek alternatives to the detention of children
- engaging in education against school violence and mass shootings
 - NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Women of the ELCA be encouraged to contact their legislators to voice their concerns and positions regarding school and workplace safety, gun control and mental health in light of the mass shootings in this country; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Women of the ELCA, through all its expressions, engage in education, conversation, and discernment regarding school and workplace safety, gun control and mental health issues. Committee Recommendation on MEMORIAL 10. The Committee recommends adopting this memorial with changes noted

in bold or deleted language marked out. Title: School Violence and Mass Shootings WHEREAS, we send our children and grandchildren to schools, colleges, and universities, in order to receive a quality education; and WHEREAS, they should feel safe and secure, without fear of bodily harm or death, throughout their school day; and WHEREAS, mass shootings at schools, such as Columbine, Sandy Hook, Virginia Tech, and Parkland, occur all too frequently today in this country; and WHEREAS, our elected officials, and others, are quick to offer their “thoughts and prayers” when such a tragedy happens; and WHEREAS, These thoughts and prayers are wholly inadequate as a response to the mass shootings; and WHEREAS, there is much debate regarding causes of these mass shootings, including the proliferation of firearms, especially automatic weapons, as well as mental health issues; and WHEREAS, gun control is a highly debated issue in this country with many differing and divisive opinions; and WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the “right to bear arms” to the citizens of this country; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Women of the ELCA be encouraged to contact their legislators to voice their concerns and positions

- focusing on unjust treatment of women and girls by providing education and prayers for those who have been victimized and giving voice and support to those who willingly acknowledge such treatment by saying #METOO.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Women of the ELCA, through all its expressions, be encouraged to support a safe environment for all women and girls by reviewing the ELCA Social Statement: Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action and other resources focused on this issue in order to conduct discussions with the women, and especially the youth, of their congregations and/or communities regarding situations that may be encountered and providing voice and support to women before they are victimized; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Women of the ELCA use all resources available provided by the ELCA and CWO as well as other organizations

From Justice page on Women of ELCA website

With awareness-raising, we are called to educate ourselves and others about racism in the church, the society, and the world. We are to enable ourselves and others to see everything through an antiracist lens. Women of the ELCA has curated a [list of books, podcasts, and other resources to use](#) in educating ourselves.

With accompaniment, European descent women (the majority within our organization) are asked to walk in solidarity with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) women in the struggle for racial equity. The bottom line is developing authentic relationships with BIPOC women.

With advocacy, we are called to live out our Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good, focusing specifically on anti-racism issues. You'll want to sign up to [join the ELCA e-advocacy network](#) today so you can remain informed and be a ready advocate.

To help you work towards all three objectives, join [Women of the ELCA's Racial Justice Advocacy Network](#), a network of bold women working towards systemic change through racial justice education and advocacy. Take time now to learn more about the network.

Credentials Report and Committees

Dale O'Hara, Chair of Credentials Committee

As of _____ on _____ the credentials committee reports the following: (will be completed June 4, 2022)

Synodical Officers and Board Members: _____

Voting members _____

Total eligible to vote _____

Convention Business Committees

Credentials Committee

Elections Committee

Minutes Approval Committee

Nominations Committee

Reference and Counsel Committee

Proposed Rules of Procedure for 2022 SWO Convention

(As initially adopted by the churchwide executive board at its April 2019 meeting and subsequently modified for this hybrid, in person and digital convention)

DELEGATE BODY

The voting members of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synodical Women of the Women of the ELCA Convention (Spring 2022) shall be the officers of the SWO women's organization, the members of the SWO board, those women elected as voting members by the congregational units, and those voting members appointed to fulfill the inclusiveness guidelines of Women of the ELCA (Article XI, Section 5, Items 1 and 2).

SEATING OF VOTING MEMBERS

Voting members will be deemed credentialed when they register at the convention or log into the convention. The roll of voting members may not be changed after June 4, 2022 10AM without specific approval of the convention.

QUORUM

A majority of the registered voting members shall constitute a quorum.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

According to the Constitution of Women of the ELCA, seat and voice shall be granted to the bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or the bishop's representative and to advisors to the Women of the ELCA Executive Board (Article XI, Section 6, Item 1).

Voice shall be given to staff and guests when granted by the presiding officer.

Upon request by a voting member, and with the approval of a two-thirds majority of the voting members, a resource person may speak on a pending question for a period of time not to exceed two minutes. Such speakers shall identify themselves by name and office.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

At the opening business meeting, the SWO president shall announce the membership of the following committees:

- Credentials Committee
- Elections Committee
- Minutes Approval Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Reference and Counsel Committee

CONVENTION BUSINESS AGENDA

The SWO president shall be granted the privilege of adjusting the agenda and calling up any item of business she deems necessary in light of schedule and time constraints.

CONVENTION MINUTES

The minutes approval committee is authorized to approve the minutes.

VOTING PROCEDURES

To be eligible to vote, a voting member must be present or use the unique login provided to her. No proxy or absentee voting is permitted. All voting shall be in person or electronic.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Nominations from the floor for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and executive board members may be made by completing a nomination form and submitting it in person or online. A link or paper copy for the nomination form will be provided during the convention.

All nominations for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer must be completed and submitted before 1000 on Saturday June 4, 2022.

All nominations for SWO board member must be completed and submitted before 1000 on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

A floor nomination form must be signed by one (1) voting member.

Before submitting a floor nomination, you must ensure that the nominee shall have given her consent and indicated her willingness to serve if elected.

Nominations from the floor will be reported in alphabetical order by last name.

ELECTIONS

Refer to Southeastern Pennsylvania SWO of the Women of the ELCA Constitution and Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Any voting member may make a motion or present a resolution from the floor if the motion or resolution is germane to the question under consideration.

Motions and resolutions of a general character and not germane to a pending question must reflect the consent of three (3) voting members and introduced no later than the end of the business meeting, at the time the chair calls for the second and final opportunity to present new business.

All motions shall be submitted in person or online in the manner provided.

Any motion necessitating the allocation of funds shall be referred to the executive board. The executive board shall make a report at a subsequent meeting of the convention.

SPEECHES

- All speeches in general discussion, unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds vote of the convention, shall be limited to two minutes. Total debate on any motion will be limited to 10 minutes.
- No person shall speak more than twice on the same issue without the consent of the convention and only after all others who wish to speak have spoken.
- Voting members must indicate in the chat function of the meeting that they desire to speak, identify themselves by name and synodical women's organization or name and executive board member, indicate whether they wish to speak for or against a motion (or whether they rise for a point of order) and must wait to be recognized before proceeding to speak.
- The chair will ask for debate on an alternating pro and con basis.
- A motion shall be put to vote immediately when no one wishes to speak in opposition to a pending question.

- A speaker who has spoken on the pending question(s) may not move the previous question(s) at the conclusion of her speech.

ATTENDANCE

All voting members shall attend the business meetings of the Southeastern PA SWO Convention (2022), June 4, 0930 – 12Noon.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

After the convention is in session, permission to distribute materials other than official convention materials within the convention and not issued by the secretary must be secured from the reference and counsel committee.

POLICY ON ELECTIONEERING

The Policy on Electioneering as adopted by the executive board of Women of the ELCA shall apply throughout the nomination and election process for the convention. This policy is printed below.

There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit
AND

There are a variety of services, but the same Lord
AND

There are a variety of activities, but the same God who activates them in everyone.

Women of the ELCA affirms and believes all women should have equal opportunity for involvement and leadership in the organization.

Women of the ELCA further believes that the Spirit that binds us all through baptism is the guiding factor for each voting member prayerfully to review and consider each nominee's biographical information prior to the synodical women's conventions or churchwide triennial convention.

Each participant further understands that promoting one candidate over another through campaigning is in fact interfering with God's plan and actions for participants of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

GOVERNING PARLIAMENTARY LAW

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, latest edition, shall be the governing parliamentary procedure of this convention, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of Women of the ELCA.

Convention Voting Members

Per our SE PA SWO constitution: SECTION 2. Representation

Item 1. Voting members of a convention shall be the elected officers or SWO leaders and board members of the synodical women's organization and one voting member from each unit on the roll of this synodical women's organization.

Alice Bell – Congregational Unit: Mediator Lutheran Church, Philadelphia

Joy Grace – Congregational Unit: St Matthew Lutheran Church, Springfield

Nancy Loughery - Congregational Unit: Augustus Lutheran, Collegeville (Trappe)

Barbara Naska -Congregational Unit: Evangelical Lutheran of Durham, Durham

Sue Swope – Congregational Unit: Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasie

Alternate Voting Members

Carol Penjuck Congregational Unit: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Springfield

Virginia Watson Congregational Unit: Mediator Lutheran Church, Philadelphia

Officers and Board Members

Linda Garcia, Acting President, Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasie, Upper Bucks Conference

Helen Dungan, Secretary, Evangelical Lutheran of Durham, Durham, Upper Bucks Conference

Cindy Ryan, Treasurer, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale, Lower Montgomery Conference

Dale O'Hara, Board Member, Augustus Lutheran Church, Collegeville (Trappe), Upper Montgomery Conference

Joan Seader, Board Member, St. John's Lutheran Church, Melrose Park, Lower Montgomery Conference

Sandra Zimmermann, Board Member, St. John Lutheran Church Phoenixville,
Chester Conference

Nominees for SEPA SWO officers and Board Members

Board President

Nominee: Linda Garcia

Congregation: Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasie

SEPA Conference: Upper Bucks

Age: 71+

Brief listing of positions:

- held in Women of the ELCA: SEPA SWO Board member, vice president, acting president
- held in your congregation and/or Synod: church council member
- held in your community: hospice volunteer, church choir, bell choir

Work experiences/skills/interests: nurse educator, music, reading

Board Vice President

None at present

Board Secretary

Nominee: Helen Dungan

Congregation: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

SEPA: Upper Bucks

Age 71+

Brief listing of positions:

- held in Women of the ELCA: Unit president, conference secretary, synodical board secretary

- held in congregation: served on church council, represented congregation at synod assembly

Work experiences/skills/interests: retired librarian, enjoy crosswords and sudoku

Board Treasurer

Nominee: Carolyn Edwards

Congregation: Faith Lutheran Church, Philadelphia

SEPA Conference: NE/NW Philadelphia

Age: 61 - 70

Brief listing of positions:

- held in your congregation: Congregational Council President (4 terms, nonconsecutive); Treasurer, Women of Faith; co-chair NE/NW conference 2 terms
- held in your community: Board member, Feast of Justice food cupboard

Work experiences/skills/interests: current job/project coordinator, operations manager, interests: biking, volunteering, quilting

Board Member

Nominee: Joy Grace

Congregation: St Matthew Lutheran Church, Springfield

SEPA CONFERENCE: Delaware

Age: 51 – 60

Brief listing of positions:

WELCA Positions:

- Nominating Committee, 2017 Triennial
- Voting Member, 2017, 2021 (2020) Triennials
- Leadership Team – Katie's Fund, 2022 Campaign (current)
- Organized several LWR Ingatherings at recent SEPa Synod Assemblies

- SEPa SWO President, 2013 – 2017
- St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Sarah Circle member (current)

Congregational Positions:

St. Matthew Lutheran, Springfield – Sunday School teacher, youth leader to Youth Gathering in Detroit, sometime choir member(!), former Church Council member and Vice President

Community Positions:

Member and current President of the Pine Flats Association of Pike County, PA

Work:

Full-time technical writer for the Construction Services division of Partner Engineering and Science, Inc.

Board Member

Nominee: Sandra Zimmermann

Congregation: St. John, Phoenixville

SEPA Conference: Chester

AGE: 71+

Brief listing of positions:

- Women of ELCA: Board member
- Your congregation/or Synod: Synod Council 2-17 & Synod representative to Churchwide 2016 & 2022; Church Council 2016-2023; and 6 years prior to this: Chairperson of Fellowship Committee for over 10 years; Sunday School teacher since 1976
- Your community: served on board Phoenixville Area Children's Learning Center 1997-2016; Boy Scout leader 1996-2012
- Work experiences: Worked for husband in his store from 1981-2016

Board Member

Nominee: Dale O'Hara

Congregation: Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe

SEPA Conference: Upper Montgomery**Age:** 71+**Brief listing of positions:**

- Within SEPA: Vice-president & board member; Within Congregational unit: Liaison to church, liaison to conference & synod, treasurer, membership chairperson
- Within congregation: Sunday School teacher, Greeter co-ordinator spring turkey dinner/craft & vendor co-chairperson, Oktoberfest carnival game & kitchen chairperson
- Within community: Methacton aquatics club treasurer, boy scout troop & pack fundraising
- Work experiences/skills, interests: currently retired, previously: office administrator for Chase-Goldenberg Associates & Integrity ESM Mid-Atlantic, Confectionery & Food Brokers, enjoys spending time family & pets, relaxing on the beach, traveling, and knitting

Board Member**Nominee:** Joan Seader**Congregation:** St John's Lutheran Church, Melrose Park**SEPA Conference:** Lower Montgomery**Brief listing of positions:**

- Within Women of ELCA, SEPA SWO: Board member, Triennial Voting Member, President & Vice President of Congregational Unit (Ruth Circle)
- Within congregation: St John's Lutheran Church, Melrose Park, Church Council, Social Ministry Co-chair; taught Sunday School, Lector, Communion Assistant
- Within community: volunteer – Abington-Jefferson Hospital, Walks for Juvenile Diabetes; Lupus-Asplundt Cancer Hospice Center
- Work experiences/skills/interests: L.P.N. at Abington; Medical Record Coordinator-Tumor Registrar. Interests: Handcrafts- cross stitching; reading; crossword puzzles, knitting

Report of President for SEPA SWO of Women of the ELCA, 2022 Convention

The past four years have been very different than we had envisioned. Through 2018 – 2019 we were having our gathering, conference, and congregational events. Then everything changed in March 2020. We had to cancel our 2020 convention. But we were able to complete one of our 2020 projects with the determination of Phyllis Boyer. We were able to honor our Southeastern PA synod female pastors by sending each one a letter and certificate of recognition of their service. The certificate reads: “God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance ...” (1st Corinthians 12:28) As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of women in the Lutheran Church (1970-2020), the fortieth anniversary of the ordination of Women of Color (1980-2020), and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely (2010 – 2020), the Women of the ELCA, Synodical Women’s Organization, Southeastern PA synod, thank you for sharing your gifts in ministry and service with us. You exemplify how women’s service has changed and grown over the last fifty years.

Contributions to churchwide women’s organization included \$3,232.15 for 2018-2019 and \$3,444 for 2019-2020 and \$467 to Katies fund for 2020.

Our board president Phyllis Boyer, who had medical disabilities and was not able to perform most of her presidential duties since May 2020, died on October 13, 2021. We know she is blessed to be with the Lord but will miss her knowledge and giving spirit.

Our SE PA Synod Women of the ELCA 22nd biennial convention was canceled in 2020 and in 2021, but is planned for Saturday June 4, 2022. We look forward to meeting in-person as well as virtually to keep the Women of the ELCA mission and ministries active and vibrant.

Our board has been meeting, but virtually, these past two years. On September 18, 2021, we sponsored an in-person, outdoor gathering with the theme, ‘Snack, chat and bring back.’ Women of our synod have been at work providing food and meals for the homeless and those in need during the pandemic; meeting together virtually for Bible study; meeting outdoors to give support to each other; sending emails, calling each other on the telephone; and sending cards to support each other. So many prayers have been lifted-up by all of us.

I was able to virtually attend the 11th Triennial Convention, August 2021 and several other educational, leadership events held virtually by churchwide Women of the ELCA.

I am excited to work with all of you in the upcoming years to continue the mission and purpose of the Women of the ELCA, increase our board diversity, and hear from each congregational unit.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Garcia
Acting Board President

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synodical Women’s Organization of Women of the ELCA

Treasurer's Report as of 5/1/2022

UNIVEST			
	opening balance as of 04/01/2022	\$ 3,387.49	
	o/s checks as	\$ (482.00)	ck#101 \$250.00 and ck#102 \$232.00
	TOTAL BALANCE AS OF 4/9/2022	\$ 2,905.49	Settles with statement dated 4/30/2022
MIF	Checking a/c balance as of 4/30/2022	\$ 6,914.15	
	Term Investment as of 4/30/2022	\$ 3,893.58	(matures 2/8/2023)
	TOTAL BALANCE AS OF 4/30/2022	\$ 10,807.73	
	TOTAL UNIVEST BALANCE	\$ 2,905.49	
	TOTAL MIF BALANCE	\$ 10,807.73	
	TOTAL FUNDS AS OF 4/30/2022	\$ 13,713.22	

Proposed Budget for 2022-2023 & 2023-2024					
SOUTHEASTERN PA WELCA (7F)					
	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed		
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2021-2022	2021-2022	
Beginning Balances	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Receipts					
Regular Unit Offerings	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,368.80	
Convention/Special Event Offering	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Special Offering	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 258.00	
Mission Community					
Conference for CWO	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	
(Katies/Chilstrom/Malaria)	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	
Conference deposits (pass through)	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	
Mission Growth					
Convention/Special Event Registration	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Endowment funds (MIF) interest	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 69.17	
Miscellaneous					
Total Receipts	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 3,195.97	

DISBURSEMENTS					
Regular Unit Offerings to CWO	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Convention Special Offerings	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
Special Offering	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 490.00	
Conference offerings to CWO	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	
Conference Deposits for units (Pass Thru)	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
Mission Growth					
Convention/Special Event Expenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 115.20	
Spiritual Retreat Expense/Region 7	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
New CU Seeding	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
Training	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Scholarships-convention/gatherings	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
Voice	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Operational Expenses					
Board Supplies	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Board Phone & Postage	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Board Travel	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Professional Fees	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Insurance/Bank Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 32.00	
Triennial Expense-promotional	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Mission Action					
Stewardship	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Special Mission Outreach	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
Service/Advocacy	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 5,337.20	

Bishop Patricia Ann Curtis Davenport

*Fifth Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

The Rev. Patricia Ann Curtis Davenport assumed office as bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on August 1, 2018.

Overwhelmingly elected by the Synod Assembly on May 5, 2018, she is the first African-American woman to be elected a bishop in the 3.8-million-member ELCA. She currently serves as Vice-Chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops

“Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod is already a great Synod, and our mantra is we can do more together than we can alone,” Bishop Davenport says. “I believe I was elected because I lifted up: *We can do more, and we can do it together.* How do we move from the mentality of ‘the church is declining, the church is declining,’ to building up the kingdom of God? That’s what we’re called to do.”

Bishop Davenport is leading SEPA Synod in making disciples through information, education and inspiration that leads to transformation. She believes this is the way the Synod makes a difference in the five-county area she is called to serve.

At the time of her election, Bishop Davenport served the Synod as Director for Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop, with responsibilities for new and redeveloping congregations, congregational vitality, and urban ministries.

Bishop Davenport is a member of Spirit and Truth Worship Center, Yeadon, which she served as its founding pastor/developer. She received the master of divinity degree from the former Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, now United Lutheran Seminary. She received a Certificate in Black Church Concentration from the seminary’s Urban Theological Institute and is a certified ELCA Level One Coach.

She has served the national church in a variety of capacities, including co-chair of the ELCA’s Guiding Coalition, member of the Congregational Vitality and African Descent Strategy teams, and secretary of the board of Lutheran Services in America. She is a lifetime member of the Philadelphia chapter of the African Descent Lutheran Association and is active with the Black Clergy of Philadelphia, Metropolitan Christian Council, the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia and Vicinity, and Christians United Against Addictions.

She is the widow of Joel Davenport, with three adult children: Joel, Shanena and Jamar; and seven grandchildren, Joel III, Dominic, Chance, Cristian, Kayden, Justice and Kaleb, who are her heart’s delight.



For more information or to request an interview, contact:

Bob Fisher

**The Reverend Violet C Little,
Pastor and Developer of The Welcome Church,
a Church without Walls in Philadelphia, PA
celebrating Sunday worship on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.**

The Reverend Schaunel Steinnegal, Associate Pastor of The Welcome Church

The Welcome Church is an ELCA congregation proclaiming the hope and love of a gracious God to all people and especially to people experiencing homelessness.

Website: www.thewelcomechurch.org



Elizabeth Burgess
Executive Board Member
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Elizabeth Burgess was re-elected to the executive board of Women of the ELCA in August 2022. She was appointed in July 2016 to fill a vacancy. By the end of this triennium, Liz will have served on the executive board for a full eight years due to the pandemic. She presently serves on the programs and communications committee.

Liz has served the New England Synodical Women's Organization (7B) in many capacities: as president, treasurer, board member, synodical convention co-chair, conference convener, and voting member at three triennial conventions. As a member of the churchwide executive board, Liz also serves informally as an advisor to the New England Synodical Women's Organization.

Liz was baptized as an adult, with her then-young children, at Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Augusta, Maine. Prince of Peace Lutheran joined St. Mark's Episcopal Church and is now known as Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church.

Elizabeth now serves her congregational unit as small group leader of Anna's Circle, a weekly prayer group meeting both in-person and via Zoom meetings. We pray for each other, and anyone else in need. The group also prays for ministries and justice issues locally, nationally, and globally. She has also served her congregation in many capacities. Presently she is vice president of the leadership team (church council).

Liz, a native of Maine, is Mother to three adult children and Nana of four grandchildren, ages 14 to 4. Elizabeth is a recent widow, just now fully re-entering a faithful life serving her congregation as "all things communications" and joyfully serving weekly at her congregation's ministry—Bridging the Gap for resources, essentials pantry, and clothing bank.

Liz is deeply honored and continues to be excited about the many opportunities to share the good news of Christ and to serve Women of the ELCA. She is looking forward to meeting (in-person & digitally) women across the country. Liz is an avid daily walker. She loves listening and learning. She is especially happy to share her passion for justice and her ability to utilize social media to promote Women of the ELCA and God's love.

16th Biennial Convention
June 2, 2018
Messiah Lutheran Church- Downingtown, PA

Ingathering took place at 8:00 before the convention.

Items collected:

- 374 Mission Quilts
- 29 Fleece Tied Blankets
- 48 Personal Care Kits (this does not include what the WELCA group put together at the convention). Also note that 2 churches brought personal care kits, but no one in their group could tell me how many---so there are more than the 48
- 98 School Kits
- 42 Baby Care Kits

Plenary 1

Opening remarks by President Joy Grace

1. Greetings and introduction of theme- Marys and Marthas. Everyone has a different talent, and there is a place for everyone in the Women of the ELCA.
2. Welcome of guests
3. Need for a truck driver to take ingathering items to Maryland.
4. There are several openings on the board.

Opening worship led by Reverend Arlene Greenwald from Messiah.

President Joy Grace led us in reciting the Women of the ELCA's purpose statement.

Report of the Credentials Committee

Beatrice Parker gave the credential report.

6 members of the board

11 voting participants

5 alternates

6 guests

The motion to adopt the credential report passed.

Appointment of parliamentarian

Joyce Saeger was appointed parliamentarian.

Convention Business Committees

Committee chairs were recognized, and committee members mentioned.

Credential Committee- Beatrice Parker

Elections and Offerings Committee- Arlette Stansbury

Nominations Committee- Helen Dungan

Reference and Counsel and Memorials Committees – Reverend

Gwendolyn King

The motion to accept the committees was passed.

Adoption of the rules of procedure

Carol Herstine read the rules of procedure. The adoption of the rules was approved.

Adoption of the agenda

The proposed agenda was reviewed on page 7 and the agenda was approved.

Churchwide Representative

Lois Bylund from Churchwide Board gave her report.

Communication- Lois discussed the many ways women can discover what is happening at the churchwide level. (Twitter, devotional blog, Facebook, Gather Magazine)

Grants and Scholarships- Scholarships were given to 8 women, and \$ 6, 000 were given as seed grants.

Katie's Fund- Through this fund, women are demonstrating leadership, making global connections, and living our theology.

Faithful Friends Giving- Women can give one -time gifts or make monthly pledges on-line.

Thrivent Items

Barbara Dietrich mentioned that participants could take items on the Thrivent table.

Break

Plenary 2

There was no new business presented.

Current Board

Current board members were introduced. President- Joy Grace, Vice-President- Beatrice Parker, Secretary- Carol Herstine, Interim treasurer- Cindy Ryan, and board members- Phyllis Boyer and Arlette Stansbury. Liz Harmon was not present.

Nominating Committee chair, Helen Dungan gave her report.

There are no nominations for president.

President- No nominations were placed on the ballot for president.

Vice President- Phyllis Boyer

No nominations from the floor.

Elections Committee- Alice Bell filled in for Arlette Stansbury.

Ballots were distributed and voting members voted.

Treasurer- Cindy Ryan

No nominations from the floor.

Ballots were distributed and voting members voted.

Secretary- No nominations from the committee.

Helen Dungan was nominated from the floor. Helen is from Durham Evangelical in the Upper Bucks Conference.

Ballots were distributed and voting members voted.

Nomination for Open Board Seats

Two nominees- Linda Garcia and Dale o'Hara

The names of Rev. Sarah Stobie from Lower Montgomery Conference, Joan Seader from Lower Montgomery Conference, and Sandra Zimmerman from Chester Conference were placed in nomination from the floor.

The nominations were closed, ballots distributed, and members voted.

President's Report

Vice President Beatrice Parker assumed the chair. She called for the Report of the President. President Joy Grace referred to her report on page 13. She mentioned the importance of inviting others to be a part of the organization, encouraged women to take advantage of the resources available for women, and reminded women to give back to the organization. Joy went through the materials in the packet and noted the page discussing how to write a resolution.

Rev. Gwen King stated her appreciation of the work Joy did as president.

Joy Grace resumed the chair.

Treasurer's Report

A report is not available as Cindy Ryan just took over the position of interim treasure after the resignation of the treasurer. A letter was read discussing what had happened to the treasurer and the scheme to defraud our account. Joy promised that the board would be transparent about financial matters.

Budget

Cindy Ryan, interim treasurer, presented the proposed budget. A question was asked about the Convention Special Offering.

The adoption of the budget passed.

Election Results

Barbara Dietrich reported the results.

Vice- President 12 ballots cast Phyllis Boyer- 12 votes

Chair declares Phyllis Boyer Vice- President.

Treasurer- 12 ballots cast Cindy Ryan- 12 votes

Chair declares Cindy Ryan treasurer.

Secretary- 12 ballots cast Helen Dungan- 12 votes

Chair declares Helen Dungan treasurer

Open Board Seats- 14 ballots cast All nominees received 14 votes.

Chair declares Linda Garcia, Dale O'Hara, Joan Seader, Rev. Sarah Stobie, and Sandra Zimmerman as board members.

Report of Reference and Counsel/Resolutions Committee

Reverend Gwendolyn King stated that there was no report as no resolutions had been made.

Workshops Choices

Infaiith Women Give workshop – Consuelo Gutierrez- Crosby

Lutheran World Relief- David Fuerst

ELCA Social Statement on Women and Justice- Fern Hagedorn

Sorting and packing personal care kits

Lunch

Keynote Speakers- Consuelo Gutierrez- Crosby, Infaiith and David Fuerst, Lutheran World Relief

Workshop ChoicesPlenary 3

Offering Report- Barbara Dietrich reported that \$362 was collected. \$181 (50%) to Churchwide and \$181 (50%) to Lutheran World Relief.

In-kind gifts – items for personal care kits

23 personal care kits were packaged, and various other items will be sent to the Welcome Church in Philadelphia.

Rev. Gwen King offered appreciation for all who helped with the convention.

Beatrice Parker gave the final credential report- 6 board members, 11 voting members, 5 alternate voting members, and 6 guests.

Recognition of outgoing board

Lois Bylund recognized the work of the outgoing board.

New officers and board members were installed.

Phyllis Boyer presented a gift to Joy Grace for appreciation of the work she did as president.

Rev. Gwen King dedicated the quilts and kits collected for the ingathering.

The chair declared the 16th Biennial Convention of the Southeastern PA synodical women's organization closed.

Conference Reports

CONFERENCE REPORT: FALL 2018

<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># OF BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># OF CHURCHES</u>
Upper Bucks	Jennifer Hinds, from A Women's Place. talked about the problems families face today – particularly domestic violence			
Upper Montgomery	Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel gave a Powerpoint Presentation on "Equality" at Augustus LC, Trappe Bible Verse – Galatians 3:28	19	1	6
Upper Montgomery Bible Study	Study on "Repentance" taken from the Gather Magazine	Not Applicable		

CONFERENCE REPORT SPRING 2019

<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># OF BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># OF CHURCHES</u>
Upper Bucks	Speaker - Pastor Suzanne Spaulding who served as a missionary before deciding to go to seminary and be an ordained member of the clergy.			
Upper Montgomery	Chrissy Lenk from MCAT presented on Human Trafficking in Montgomery County at Grace LC, Pottstown	11	1	5
Upper Montgomery Bible Study	Study on "Meetings with Jesus – The Gospel of John" taken from the Gather Magazine	Not Applicable		

CONFERENCE REPORT SPRING & FALL 2020 & 2021

<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># OF BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># OF CHURCHES</u>
	No meetings.			
Upper Montgomery	Bible study - A Study of "The Gift of the Spirit" taken from the Gather Magazine			

CONFERENCE REPORT SPRING 2022

<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># OF BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># OF CHURCHES</u>
Upper Montgomery	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Workshop at Augustus LC, Trappe Theme – "Women Serving" Bible Verse - Matthew 25:40	15	1	5
Upper Montgomery Bible Study	A Study of "The Kingdom of God" Taken from the Gather Magazine	Not Applicable		

Addendum

Ways to stay connected with Women of the ELCA and Southeastern Pennsylvania Synodical Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA

Women of the ELCA Information Sources

- Womenoftheelca.org
- Facebook.com/WomenoftheELCA
- Twitter.com/WomenoftheELCA
- Pinterest.com/WomenoftheELCA
- Instagram.com/WomenoftheELCA



Publications

- *Gather*
- *Café (boldcafe.org)*
- Bold Connections
- Daily Grace

SEPA SWO Facebook Site

www.facebook.com/sepaWELCA

SEPA SWO website:

<https://ministrylink.org/congregational-vitality/women-of-the-elca/>

SEPA SWO Newsletter

THE VOICE

Giving opportunities

- **Thankoffering:** Gifts made in gratitude for blessings received are a longstanding custom of Women of the ELCA. Your generous thankofferings go to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide expression of Women of the ELCA.
- **Katie's Fund and Katie's Fund Current:** Named for Katharina von Bora Luther, the wife of Martin Luther, our endowment and its corresponding current fund support leadership development, living theology, and global connections.
- **Women of the ELCA General Scholarship Fund:** Our scholarships for women seeking education for rostered leadership or other fields are another longstanding custom of Women of the ELCA.
- **Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls:** This innovative program supports seed grants to congregational units in order to promote better health -- physical, mental, or spiritual.
- **Café** is the free online magazine for young adult women published by Women of the ELCA. You can sponsor an entire issue with a gift of just \$400!

Celebrate Katie's Fund: Past, Present, & Future

On Saturday, June 11, join sisters from around the church to celebrate Katie's Fund! Learn what this endowment has made possible over the last 25 years. Participate in the launch of 2022, a \$1 million campaign for Katie's Fund that is designed to support the organization into the next 100 years of mission and ministry. Learn how you can give to the campaign.

There might just be a surprise announcement, so you won't want to miss this online gathering. **The one-hour celebration begins at 2 p.m. CDT on Saturday, June 11.**

Advance registration is required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the celebration. Spread the word!