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 Newsletter of Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization—Region 1-C  
 Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## 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.



## Mission Statement of Women of the ELCA

**TO MOBILIZE WOMEN  
 TO ACT BOLDLY  
 ON THEIR FAITH  
 IN JESUS CHRIST!**

## Purpose Statement of the Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization

The purpose of this synodical women's organization shall be to assist congregational and inter-congregational units within its territory to fulfill the purpose of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## 10th Triennial Gathering Impressions

The most memorable part of the Gathering for me is seeing women from churches all across the USA and world coming together to learn and share and worship. As each hour and each event and day go by, the feeling of being sisters with a common faith and a common mission becomes stronger. I want to thank the ladies who make scrubbies for us to take and share. It is so meaningful to share this special gift with our new sisters, and learn about their homes, churches, and how they participate in Women of the ELCA. As always, I will remember the Triennial Gathering with joy and a feeling that I'm glad I was able to be there. **Dorothy Reed**

I always enjoy passing out our Washington scrubbies! The ladies LOVE them and some wonderful conversations start over them. Also always love hearing Bishop Eaton speak. **Beth Lindell**

I really enjoyed the closing "sermon"; she was such a dynamic and real speaker. My favorite workshop, surprisingly, was Writing Our Way Toward a New Day. Writing is a challenge for me. Karen Hering had a nice, quiet delivery and her "system" for writing was easy and meaningful. **Debi**

Kelly Fryer, Bible study leader and author of the summer *Gather* magazine Bible study lessons, was a breath of fresh air for me. She did a wonderful job of sharing about "white privilege", something many people never realize!! A special memory...time visiting with her in our hotel on Thursday evening.

**Jan B.**

Leymah Gbowee, Nobel Peace Prize winner from Liberia, and all the other speakers made a deep, lasting impression on me. Leymah urged attendees to link arms as she concluded: "God is giving us a light, and as we link, we make it a cannonball. God is giving each of us peace, and as we link, it is global peace. He is giving each of us humanity, and as we link across color and creed and ethnicity in this room, it is the humanity of the world. God is calling each of us today to be in a corner to align with one another because it is the only way that you can change this troubled world."

**Alice McCain**

Who would have thought we would be called daughters of a troublemaker?! We heard lots about what that might look like in our lives in Christ and what he asks us to do and be. What is not to like about joining 3300 women from around the nation in a common goal of learning ANEW perspectives, insights, and ideas for our life together as women of God in our world/community/church/home today. I am ready and signed up for Phoenix in 2020. Who cares about heat!!! **Kathy Newton**

## From Beth Lindell, SWO Treasurer Treasurer's Report

Many thanks to the units who sent offerings: **Resurrection**, Tacoma; **Peninsula**, Gig Harbor; **Zion**, Camas; **Trinity**, Tacoma; **St. Paul**, Vancouver; and **Mt. View**, Edgewood. Also thanks to the Olympic Cluster for their cluster event offering! **Unit Treasurers**— Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about your unit's record keeping. Remember that offerings are how we all continue to do our work, at the unit level, the synod level and the churchwide level. Please continue to be generous!



The SWO board would like to offer a most sincere Thank-you to Adriana Chandler from Messiah, Auburn for her generous donation of time and supplies in the making of 500 scrubbies for the Triennial Gathering. Patty Jourden also gave of her time to complete 200 scrubbies. Thank you so much, Patty.

**Triennial Numbers:** 3,400 participants, 1,300 first-timers; \$49,094.60 Thankoffering Service; \$19,000 gift cards, 27,000 items of hygiene products, clothing, quilt kits, Days For Girls kits; \$64,000 Sunday Service: 25% PV for Phebe Hospital, 25% Cherish All Children, 50% WELCA

### Tina Bigelow on Churchwide Board!

Tina Bigelow offered her resignation as President of the SW WA SWO following her election to the Churchwide Board at the 10th Triennial Convention of the Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Congratulations, Tina! We know that you will serve the Lord boldly as a member of the Churchwide Board. We thank you for your excellent service as the president of our Synodical Women's Organization. We wish you a deeply satisfying experience as you work together with other Churchwide Board members to bring to fruition the purpose of WELCA. Enjoy all the new people you will meet during your upcoming three years of service! May the Holy Spirit guide you each day of this new journey.

## SW WA SWO Board Meeting Highlights From Jeanne Patterson, Secretary

The Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization board held their meeting August 26, 2017 at The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd in Olympia, WA. For devotions, Ann Meacham had each one of us choose a different colored crayon which represented that we all work with other colors glorified by God. Carol Fossum reported nominees for the upcoming election of officers and board members to be held at the October 14, 2017 convention. An update was given to the board on the convention planning. Board members attended the open house for Cielo (Centro Integral Educativo Latino de Olympia) which serves the Hispanic Community and is now headquartered at The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd. A potluck lunch was shared and Kathy Newton lead a Bible study after lunch on Women of the Bible: Faith and Business Issues. The meeting ended in prayer. The next board meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd following the close of the annual convention.

### The *Swatch* Newsletter

The *Swatch* provides news and information about Women of the ELCA. **Copies are distributed by electronic mail whenever possible to SW WA congregations and to hundreds of women individually. To subscribe by postal mail, send \$6 to the newsletter editor with the check made out to SW WA SWO. Subscriptions are due in January of each year.** The *Swatch* newsletter is published six times a year: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Articles may be submitted for consideration for use in the *Swatch*. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the next issue of the *Swatch*. Send articles to the editor:

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## Can We Find The Lost??

We are still seeking the beautiful silk banner that was made to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Women of the ELCA. If you remember seeing it, or have any knowledge of its hiding place, please give Helene Pearch a call or e-mail.(360-915-8268, [bhpearch@comcast.net](mailto:bhpearch@comcast.net) ) Double thanks!



## Convention Displays

If you would like to bring a display, we need to know as soon as possible, so that we can provide a space for you. Please contact Dotty Fehring at [dotfehring@aol.com](mailto:dotfehring@aol.com) or 360-943-6055 2017.

## Convention Silent Auction

If you plan to bring an item or items for the silent auction, please send an email to Convention Chairman Sharon Caffey at [lutefisk7@yahoo.com](mailto:lutefisk7@yahoo.com). Give her your name and phone number, what item/s you wish to donate, and what each is worth. Sharon will have a bid sheet ready for you when you arrive at the convention. Preparing the bid sheets ahead of time really facilitates setting up the auction. Thanks for your cooperation! If you live near The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd, please feel free to drop off auction item/s early. Be sure your name is on your donation..

## Book Swap

There will be a table set up in the Narthex near the Registration tables where you can leave a book/s you have brought and help yourself to a book/s that someone else brought and left on the table. Bring something you have just finished reading that you enjoyed and pass it on to someone who also might enjoy reading it. This is a good way to clean out a few of your books and go home with one or two new treasures to read. There will be a sign on the table marking it as the place where you can leave and take books.

## Convention In-Kind Gifts

By Val Gerst

The In-Kind gifts that are collected will be donated to the local YWCA Other Bank. Items that can be donated include: *Poise pads, dish soap, laundry detergent, disposable diapers (Size 6), Pull Ups, menstrual pads and tampons, paper towels, Kleenex, Q Tips, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors & shave cream, toilet paper.* Once a month, *travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner & hand soaps.* go into the backpacks the Food Bank sends home with students. Plastic bags and grocery paper bags are also needed.

## Meet Our Featured Convention Speaker and Her Daughter

Christal Hillstead graduated from Seattle University School of Law with a Juris Doctorate degree, and from Pacific Lutheran University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. She worked as a District Counsel attorney with the U.S. Treasury Department, handling cases before the U.S. Tax Court. She has also worked in private practice with both a medium-sized law firm and as a sole practitioner as an estate planning attorney. She currently serves on the Synod Global Mission Committee and on the Board of Governors of Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community. Visiting Namibia in 2015 to further the Synod's Companion Synod Relationship, along with her high school-aged daughter and other synod representatives, she returned inspired to utilize technology to bring global youth together for the sharing of stories and growing of friendships. She and her daughter have formed a non-profit, Belong International, which now exists to create a social media platform for this purpose.

Emma Hillstead is a senior at Fife High School in Fife, WA and plans to attend college to major in Education. She competes in swimming and volleyball and volunteers with local organizations, including a refugee resettlement agency, an assisted living facility, and a homeless shelter. Emma visited Namibia as a youth representative of the Southwestern Washington Synod in Spring, 2015 and her primary passion is to connect youth globally through the use of social media, despite ethnic, cultural or religious differences.

Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization  
Region 1-C Women of the ELCA Nomination Form

At the convention on October 14, 2017 the following positions need elections.

Please check the circle in front of the position being nominated:

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|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | President | two year term | <input type="radio"/> | Board member | two year term |
| <input type="radio"/> | Secretary | two year term | <input type="radio"/> | Board member | two year term |
|                       |           |               | <input type="radio"/> | Board member | one year term |

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone cell \_\_\_\_\_

Church membership \_\_\_\_\_  
Including city \_\_\_\_\_

Her gifts, talents, interests \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send the nomination form to nominations chair by September 24, 2017:**

**Carol Fossum  
12716 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
Puyallup, WA 98373**

The following have agreed to be nominated, however, additional nominations may be made.

Kathy Newton – President

Linnea Glover – Board member, two years

## **LWR Spring Final Ingathering Report**

**Bethel, Brush Prairie:** 94 Quilts,

**Beautiful Savior, Vancouver:** 18 Quilts, 154 School Kits, 216 Personal Care Kits, 21 Baby Care Kits

**Chinook, Chinook:** 194 Quilts

**Christ the King, Goldendale:** 21 Quilts

**Immanuel, Vancouver:** 15 Quilts

**Memorial, Vancouver:** 26 Quilts

**Messiah, Vancouver:** 51 Quilts

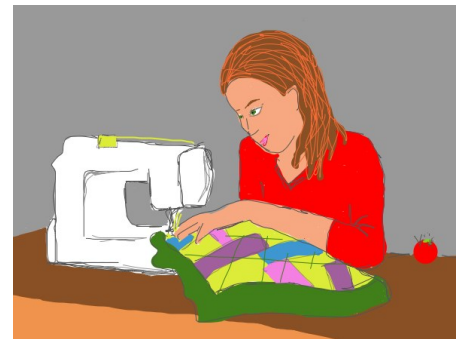
**Ocean Park, Ocean Park:** 66 Quilts

**Shepherd of the Hills, Stevenson:** 72 Quilts, 20 Baby Care Kits

**Spirit of Grace, White Salmon:** 136 Quilts

**St. John, Vancouver:** 49 Quilts

**Zion, Camas:** 119 Quilts, 132 School Kits, 124 Personal Care Kits





**Convention of the Women of the ELCA**  
**Region 1-C**  
**Southwestern Washington Synod**  
**October 14, 2017**  
**8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**

**The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd**  
**1601 North St. SE, Olympia, WA 98501**

**Keynote Speaker: Barbara Robertson, Racial Justice Advocacy Team, Missionary to Tanzania**  
**One registration per form. Please make copies. Registration: \$25 before Oct. 1, \$35 after Oct. 1**  
**Includes Lunch**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

Your church membership with city \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the voting member from your unit? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate special diet or dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring the Following!**

**In-Kind Offering: Personal care items for the YWCA Other Bank**  
(see list of items needed in the July and September Swatch newsletters)

**A book/s to swap with someone else**

**Silent Auction items**

**A snack item for the hospitality table**

Partial scholarships are available. Call Kathy Ifft if you have questions: 253-833-1827

For early bird registration discount, register by October 1, 2017. Registration transferrable but not refundable after October 1.

**Convention registration: \$25.00 includes lunch**

Send registration form with \$25.00 check payable to SW WA SWO to:

**Kathy Ifft, Registrar**  
**11702 124th St. E**  
**Puyallup, WA 98374**



## **Gather Magazine Bible Study Overview**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**

**9:00 am – 12 noon**

**Cost: \$10.00 at the door**

**Grace Lutheran Church  
22975 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Des Moines, Washington**

**The Reverend Julia Seymour from The Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage, Alaska, will give an overview of her study in the Women of the ELCA's Gather magazine. The study is in the September, October and November issue of Gather magazine.**

**This event is sponsored by Northwest Washington and Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organizations. Come early for coffee!**

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**Voting members from SW WA  
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vention of Women of the ELCA  
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Geni Hammer  
Kathy Newton  
Mary Ann Nelson  
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***September 16, 2017 Gather Magazine Bible Study Overview***

Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines, WA **9 am-noon**

***October 14, 2017 Convention of the Southwestern Western Washington  
Synodical Women's Organization Women of the ELCA 8 am-3:30 pm***

The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd, Olympia, WA

***October 14, 2017 Synodical Women's Organization Board meeting 3:30 pm***

The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd, Olympia, WA

***November 5, 2017 Rooted Together A Gathering of Grace 3 PM***

Lagerquist Concert Hall, Pacific Lutheran University Campus

"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" II Corinthians 5:17

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