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Newsletter of Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization—Region 1-C
Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Special 2023 Convention Edition

Mission Statement of
Women of the ELCA

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

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.



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.

Fall Convention is coming! Fall Convention is coming!

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Your synodical board members with a planning team at Bethany Lutheran of Longview, WA, are excited to share our progress with you! **Saturday, October 14, 2023**, is the day for a one-day convention centered upon the theme, "Through the Looking Glass: *Visioning and Hope for the Future.*" Join us as keynote speaker, Pr. Susan Dollinger, leads us on a path of discovery, venturing into "what is possible" especially with post-COVID reality. Following an opening "set the stage" presentation, breakout study groups will peer into the "looking glass" of their future! Oh the possibilities!!! We have a tentative check-in/coffee and treat time of 9:30 am with a general opening time of 10am. Your registration will include lunch, snacks and other surprises! Invite a friend to attend with you – let's fill up Bethany with the women of the Southwestern Washington Synod! Let us be like Alice – going down the rabbit hole, where can our guided imagining take us?

Date: July 5, 2023

To: All women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southwestern Washington Synod

From: MaryAnn Nelson, Secretary, Southwestern Synodical Women's Organization (SWO)

Re: Official Notice of the 33rd Annual Convention of the Southwestern Washington Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

"In accordance with Article VI, Section 3, Item 1 of the Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization Constitution, notice is given that the 33rd Convention of the Southwestern Washington Synodical Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church will be in session Saturday, October 14th, 2023 at . Voting members of this convention shall be elected officers and board members of the Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization and one voting member from each unit on the roll of this synodical women's organization. Those congregations not represented by a unit shall be invited to send one representative who shall have seat and voice."

SOUTHWESTERN WASHINGTON
SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
WOMEN OF THE ELCA

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



**Visioning & Hope
for the Future**

33RD CONVENTION - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LONGVIEW, WA

33rd CONVENTION of the
SOUTHWESTERN WASHINGTON SYNODICAL
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
Through the Looking Glass:
Visioning and Hope for the Future
October 14, 2023

10:00 am to 3:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2900 Parkview Drive in
Longview, WA 98632

Keynote speaker: Pastor Susan Dollinger

Name _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Your church membership with city _____

Who is the voting member from your unit? _____

Please indicate dietary restrictions _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 BEFORE September 30th; \$40 after October 1

One registration per form, please (feel free to make additional copies)

Registration transferable, but not refundable after October 1

Send registration form with payment check payable to **SW WA SWO** to:

Kathy Ifft, Registrar, PO Box 73754, Puyallup, WA 98373

Questions? Call Kathy Ifft at 253-307-5761 or email Ann Meacham at
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