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Canyon Echoes

SPECIAL - 2018 CONVENTION/GATHERING EDITION

November 9-11, 2018



Love. Grow. Serve.

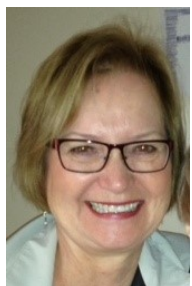
LOVE the music. . .other Christian sisters of ALL ages and shapes. . .the energy. . . the laughter. . .the food. . . the social times. . . .the entertainment. . .

GROW in learning through multiple exciting workshops and messages from Churchwide representative, Joy Michalicek. . .Pastor Meghan Aelabouni on being “Fully Known, Fully Loved” (and a little bit of Kintsugi!). . . our Chaplain, Pastor Karn Carroll. . sharing with Berkley Harris and her year in Senegal with the Young Adults in Global Mission program. . . learning more about Campus Ministries and the young people who are emerging from these programs. . . and others. And, a very special visit from our former Parliamentarian and recently elected Bishop of the Grand Canyon Synod, The Rev. Deborah Hutterer!!! What a line up of exceptional mentors!

SERVE by learning ways to participate in projects being utilized by other women throughout the Synod and beyond.

“We are not our mother’s W-ELCA anymore.” Come and witness the changes and share in the excitement of women moving forward and making a difference.

Message from President Myrna



We've recently celebrated Pentecost, that glorious day when the Holy Spirit came upon the people. Our church choir sang, *"Spirit sing through us, Spirit move in us, Holy Spirit, come! Spirit breathe in us, Spirit live in us, Spirit make us one! Spirit waken us, Spirit reign in us, Holy Spirit, come! Spirit rise in us, Spirit shine in us, Spirit make us one!"* We may be slowing down our church activities during these summer months, but the Spirit is at work, continuing to make us All Anew!

As you read this special 2018 Convention/Gathering edition of our newsletter, we want you to know of changes planned for our upcoming event on November 9-11, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel. The first major change is scheduling the convention portion on Friday afternoon, before we kick off a spirit-filled Gathering weekend. At this business meeting, we'll elect officers and board members and four voting members to the 2020 Triennial Convention, approve next year's budget and receive reports. If you have resolutions that you'd like considered at the convention, please submit them to me by November 8. There's a form for Resolutions on the web site.

The hotel rooms and meeting spaces at the Crowne Plaza have recently undergone a complete renovation and they are beautiful. Parking is complimentary, wifi is free, all rooms have mini refrigerators, coffee makers and hair dryers. The bedding is luxurious and there's a heated outdoor pool and a 24-hour fitness center.

Our week-end theme is Love. Grow. Serve. Our keynote speaker is a name familiar to many, Pastor Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. She's one of our *Gather* magazine authors and is excited to be joining us. Her keynote address on Saturday is titled "Fully Known, Fully Loved." Our churchwide representative is a dear friend of mine from Duluth, MN: Joy Michalicek. She's a living example of a younger woman who came first as a scholarship recipient to an event such as ours and has blossomed into church women leadership. Our Chaplain is Pastor Karn Carroll from Our Saviour's in Phoenix. All of these women will inspire you! We'll eat together, have music and workshops, service projects, a Friday night social event, a Saturday evening Taize prayer service, and worship on Sunday morning. The Spirit will be moving among us throughout the weekend, pushing us to be All Anew. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. You can even register online and pay by credit card from our website page.

I pray the Spirit will keep you singing throughout the summer! Until next time, Myrna

Just Sayin. . . Vice President Suki

Traveling to six of the eight Spring Gatherings made an incredibly busy few months in the Grand Canyon Synod! So many excellent programs and good ideas to share. And, so many talented women pulling together interesting and challenging programs. Speaking of talented women, this is the year for WELCA Grand Canyon Synod Board Elections. Current members are terming out, aging out or just moving on in life. I have heard many excuses as to why you wouldn't consider running for Board. "I'm too old." "I can't computer." "I'm too busy." "I could never do that." "I have already served enough." Although these are all valid reasons (I said ALL the same things four years ago), my recent morning devotions described our excuses perfectly. When Jesus returned to heaven, he said, "although I am now gone, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8). If Jesus is the Lord of your life, you have the Holy Spirit in you and the power to do anything! Four years ago I never would have dreamed that I was capable of serving on the Grand Canyon Synod WELCA Board. God had other plans and the Holy Spirit took over!



Here's a visual. Take a glove. It is powerless when left on the bench or a table. But when you put your hand in that glove it can do so many things: scrub a floor, play a piano, attend a tea, wash the dishes, plant a garden. Is it the glove or the hand in the glove doing the work? Like the glove, we are powerless on our own, but we have the Holy Spirit in us and we can do anything God has called us to do. Years ago, after becoming a widow, my mantra became "I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. Throw in the Holy Spirit and you will find yourself experiencing things way beyond your imagination. So, as a follower and believer in Jesus, we really have no excuses. He has equipped all of us to do good works for His kingdom on earth. I'm so glad I listened to those nudges telling me I could do it. I have grown. I have learned so much. And I have traveled and met so many women whom I now call friends. At this stage of life it's a blessing to have so many friends who are still breathing! I would encourage YOU to listen to those nudges whether it is running for the Board, putting your name in for Triennial Voting Member, becoming more active in your WELCA Unit, or getting women together to start a unit. Wherever God is calling you, know that you are never alone. You ALWAYS have access to the Holy Spirit and he is one powerful dude! This I know from experience. Just sayin. . .

Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel

4300 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034



\$139.00—Single

\$149.00—Double

\$159.00—Triple

\$169.00—Quad

Rates subject to 12.57% room tax

Rates include a \$10.00 breakfast coupon in
The Post dining room for room occupants!

Rates are per room **NOT** per person.

Hotel check-in at 3 pm; check out 12 noon

Call hotel directly—1-855-729-6011

Identify yourself as **GC SWO Biennial Convention**.

Reserve your rooms by **October 16!**

Or book directly online by clicking [HERE](#)

Preliminary Schedule of Convention/Gathering Events

Friday, November 9

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| 12 noon | Pre-Convention Board Meeting |
| 12:30 pm | Convention Committees Meet (note deadline for Resolutions is November 8, 2018) |
| 1:00 pm | Registration, Service Projects Open, Games, Conversation Opportunities for non-voting members |
| 1:30 pm | Convention proceedings for voting members |
| 3:00 pm | Partners in Ministry set up, Book Store open |
| 5:00 pm | Convention dismissal |
| 6:00 pm | Dinner Stations, Pool Side (weather permitting) |
| 7:00 pm | Gathering Welcome/Music/Pastor Meghan |
| 8:30 pm | Evening Social event |

Saturday, November 10

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| 6:00 am | Breakfast served until 10:30 in The Post (on-site restaurant) |
| 8:00 am | Registration |
| 9:00 am | Gathering continues with music, devotions, greetings from churchwide, keynote address, convention report |
| 12 noon | Lunch Pool Side (weather permitting) |
| 1:00 pm | Music and Workshops |
| 4:00 pm | Choir practice, Service Projects |
| 6:00 pm | Evening Banquet followed by entertainment from The Breeze, a local Sweet Adeline's group |
| 8:00 pm | Taize Prayer Service |

Sunday, November 11

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| 6:00 am | Breakfast served until 10:30 in The Post (on-site restaurant) |
| 9:00 am | Greetings from GC Synod Bishop, Rev. Deborah Hutterer |
| 9:30 am | Installation of WELCA Officers, Board and 2020 Triennial Voting Members, Worship service with Communion |
| 11:00 am | On our way, "fully known and fully loved" to continue growing and serving |
| 11:30 am | Post Convention Board Meeting |

Giving Opportunities

There are several opportunities for giving during the November Convention/Gathering. Here's a description of the Offerings and In Kind Gifts:



Convention/Gathering Offering: This is a new offering established by the Grand Canyon Synod Women's board to help offset the expenses of our event, which is not self-funding. While we are good stewards of our income and diligent about managing our event expenses, there are expenses that need to be paid for that aren't covered by your registration fee. This offering is one way that you and your congregational unit can help defray our event expenses and help keep our Registration fees reasonable.

LOVE Offering: This is an annual offering given by Congregational Units, Conferences and women attending our event. This offering stays 100% with our GC Synod Women to help fund training, communication and events supporting our women's ministries throughout our entire program year.

Worship Offering: Our Sunday worship offering is given by Congregational Units and individuals attending our event. Half is designated to the churchwide Women of the ELCA and the other half to a mission project chosen by the Grand Canyon Synod Women's board. This year, the Worship Offering will be distributed as follows:

50% Churchwide, 25% Alleluia Diaper Closet and 25% Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Hozho Café in Rock Point

All offerings can be brought to our November event, or can be sent to our SWO Treasurer, Debbie Romboletti, at any time. If your offering is in an envelope, please note the type of offering and the church name/city if it is from your congregational unit. And include your congregational number if you know it. Please indicate on your check's memo line which offering your check is for. We welcome a separate check for each type of offering. We can also accept credit card payments for offerings on site. See Debbie or President Myrna to do that.

Make checks payable to **Women of the ELCA—GCS**

If mailing send to:

Debbie Romboletti, GC SWO Treasurer

1111 Heaton Avenue, Henderson, NV 89052

In Kind Gifts—This year we have two In Kind Gift opportunities. We're collecting disposable diapers (and wipes!) for ages newborns through toddlers to support the **Alleluia Diaper Closet** in Avondale, AZ. We'll also be assembling **Lutheran Social Services Hygiene Kits** to provide supplies for a newly arrived refugee family. This kit includes a full size shampoo/conditioner (an all-in-one bottle), pack of 4 toothbrushes, large toothpaste, pack of 6 razors, can of shaving cream, comb, 2-pack deodorant, 2-3 bars of hand soap/body wash, and washcloths. Optional items are lotion and mouthwash. Please bring your gifts to the Gathering Room and our University Student Ambassadors will get you started on assembling.

Gift Basket Raffle

Instead of a Silent Auction, the Board voted to hold a Gift Basket Raffle inviting churches, units, and individuals to provide unique baskets to be raffled. Proceeds will be divided equally between our **Grand Canyon Synod WELCA Scholarship Fund** and **Katie's Fund at churchwide**. The ticket price will be \$5.00 for 6 tickets (for \$20.00 you will have 24 chances to WIN!). Let's get creative and see where it takes us. Remember, Christmas is just around the corner.





Love. Grow. Serve.

Registration Form

28th Grand Canyon Synod WELCA Convention/Gathering November 9-11, 2018

Please **PRINT** clearly and complete both sides of Registration Form as appropriate. (One form per person – information will be used on Nametag and Mailings)

First and Last Name (as you want on nametag) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Preferred Phone () _____

E-Mail _____

Church Name _____ City _____

Registration Status – Each Congregation is encouraged to send one official voting member as well as other interested participants from the WELCA groups. Invite your friends as well!

_____ This is my first time at a Grand Canyon Synod WELCA Convention/Gathering
 _____ Voting Member _____ Non Voting Member _____ Guest _____ Member of Clergy
 _____ Scholarship Recipient _____ Scholarship Mentor _____ Workshop Presenter

Volunteer Positions – To receive the full Convention/Gathering experience, check where you would like to help. You will be contacted by President Myrna to answer any questions.

Voting Members Only: _____ Credentials _____ Elections _____ Minutes _____ Offering
 _____ Resolutions (see www.grandcanyonwomen.org for description of duties)
 Non Voting Members: _____ Registration/Greeters _____ Workshop Assistants
 _____ Communion Assistants _____ Ushers (during worship)

Convention/Gathering Registration:

_____ \$150.00 Full week end (includes all sessions, Friday night dinner/ Evening Social, Saturday Lunch, Evening Banquet, Sunday Worship)
 _____ \$100.00 Saturday only (Saturday sessions, lunch and Evening Banquet)
 _____ \$50.00 Saturday Night Banquet (Guest of attendee)

Saturday Night Banquet Selection (select one) *Vegetarian

_____ Chicken Marsala _____ *Crispy Quinoa Bake _____ London Broil _____ Garlic Crusted Pork Loin

Hotel Registration: Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, 4300 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034

Call hotel directly – 1-855-729-6011 – Identify yourself as “**GC SWO Biennial Convention**”

Rates are per room NOT per person and include a \$10 coupon for breakfast in The Post dining room for room occupants.

Reserve your rooms by **October 16!**

\$139.00 – Single

\$149.00 - Double

\$159.00 – Triple

\$169.00 – Quad

Rates subject to 12.57% room tax

Important Information

- **Voting Members** must register no later than September 17. All others by October 16.
- All **Voting Members** need to be seated by 1:15 pm on Friday, November 9.
- No registration refunds after October 16, 2018 but registrations may be ‘gifted’ or transferred. Please notify Registrar of any changes.
- If you received a **First Timer Gift Certificate** at the Las Vegas Convention and have not yet used it, please submit with your Registration Form and pay accordingly.
- The **Post Restaurant** Hours: Breakfast 6:00 am – 11:00 am; Lunch 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm. – 10:00 pm **Perch Lounge** 10:30 am – Midnight
- **Starbucks Kiosk** (located in Perch Lounge) 5:00 am. – 10:30 Pastries, Coffee all day
- Weather permitting, some meals will be held Pool Side. Bring appropriate clothing.
- Due to allergies of many guests, please refrain from scented lotions, perfumes and essential oils.
- FREE Wifi is available and rooms contain mini refrigerators, coffee makers and hair dryers.
- Complimentary parking
- You have the option of charging your registration fee:

Name on Credit Card _____

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ CVV _____

Billing Address if different from registration address _____

Mail Registration Form and Checks/Money Orders made payable to

Women of the ELCA - GCS to:

Debbie Romboletti, Registrar

1111 Heaton Avenue

Henderson, NV 89052

treas@grandcanyonwomen.org

702-875-2013

Please make a copy of this form for your personal information.

We look forward to seeing you at the Crowne Plaza in November. We pray this Convention/ Gathering will be informational, inspirational, motivational, uplifting and FUN! Go out to Love, to Grow and to Serve knowing you are Fully Known and Fully Loved



Formulario de Inscripción

28th Grand Canyon Synod WELCA Convención/Reunión

9 a 11 de noviembre, 2018

Por favor, escribe a mano con letra legible y complete los dos lados del formulario de inscripción. (Complete un formulario para cada persona).

Nombre y apellido (como usted se prefiere para su etiqueta de identificación):

Dirección: _____ Ciudad: _____

Estado: _____ Zip: _____ Número de teléfono: () _____

Correo electrónico: _____

Nombre de iglesia: _____ Ciudad de iglesia: _____

Estatus de la inscripción: *Se prefiere que cada iglesia envíe un miembro para votar y otras participantes del grupo de WELCA. Debe de invitar a sus amigas también!

☐ Este evento será mi primera vez en una Convención/Reunión de Grand Canyon Synod WELCA

☐ Miembro votante ☐ Miembro no votante ☐ Miembro de la mesa directiva SWO

☐ Invitada ☐ Clero ☐ Lidera de música ☐ Parlamentarían

☐ Recipiente de la beca ☐ Mentor de la beca ☐ Presentador de taller

Voluntariado: Para participar en la experiencia completa del evento, marque en cual manera le gustaría ayudar. La presidente Myrna le contactará con más información.

Para miembros votantes: ☐ Credenciales ☐ Elecciones ☐ Minutos ☐ Ofrenda

☐ Resoluciones (visita a www.grandcanyonwomen.org para detalles)

Para miembros no votantes: ☐ Registración ☐ Ayudante de los talleres

☐ Ayudante de la comunión ☐ Acomodadora

Inscripción para la Convención/Reunión:

☐ \$150.00 Evento completo para todo el fin de semana (Incluye a cada sesión, talleres, la cena y fiesta en viernes, el almuerzo y banquete en sábado, y el culto en domingo)

☐ \$100.00 Solamente el sábado (Las sesiones y talleres, almuerzo y banquete)

☐ \$50.00 Solamente el banquete en sábado (invitado/a de participante)

Comida para el banquete el sábado:

☐ Pollo Marsala ☐ Crispy Quinoa Bake (vegetariano) ☐ Filete de Londres ☐ Lomo de cerdo con ajo



Inscripción del Hotel: Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, 4300 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034

Llame al hotel directamente: 1-855-729-6011. Identifica a si misma como "GC SWO Biennial Convention"

La tarifa es de la habitación, NO de cada persona. La reserva de habitación incluye \$10 para el desayuno en el restaurante "The Post" del hotel.

Hace la reserva antes que el 16 de octubre.

\$139.00 – Individual

\$149.00 – Doble

\$159.00 –Triple

\$169.00 – Cuádruple

Se sujeta la tarifa a un impuesto de 12.7%

Información Importante

Miembros votantes tienen que registrar antes que el 17 de setiembre. Otras participantes tienen hasta el 16 de octubre.

Todos los miembros votantes tienen que estar listas a las 1:15pm en viernes, el 9 de noviembre.

No habrá una devolución de la cuota de inscripción despues de la 16 de octubre, 2018, pero se puede transferir a una nueva participante. Por favor avise a la Registrante si hay un cambio.

El restaurante "**The Post**" tiene las horas de: Desayuno 6:00am a 11:00am; Almuerzo 11:00am a 2:00pm; Cena 5:00pm a 10:00pm. **Perch Lounge**: 10:30am a 12:00am. **Starbucks** (ubicado en Perch Lounge) 5:00am a 10:30am.

Si el tiempo lo permite, comeremos afuera al lado de la piscina. Lleve ropa apropiada.

Por razones de alergias, por favor no le pone loción perfumada o perfume.

Hay Wifi gratis en el hotel. Habrá un refrigerador pequeño, cafetera, y secador de pelo en la habitación.

Usted tiene la opción de pagar la inscripción para el evento con tarjeta:

Nombre en la tarjeta del crédito: _____

Número de la tarjeta: _____

Fecha de expiración: _____ CVV _____

Dirección de facturación (si es diferente que la dirección de la inscripción)

Envíe el formulario de inscripción y un cheque a favor de **Women of the ELCA GCS** a:

Debbie Romboletti, Registrar

1111 Heaton Avenue

Henderson, NV 89052

treas@grandcanyonwomen.org

702-875-2013

Por favor, hace una copia de este formulario para su información personal.

Esperamos verla para la convención en la Crowne Plaza este noviembre. Rezamos que este evento será llena de información, inspiración, motivación, ¡y diversión! Vaya sabiendo que usted es conocida y amada completamente.

Call for Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA Nomination

Since Grand Canyon voted to hold conventions on a biennial basis and term limits for all officers and board members is 2 years, we will be electing or re-electing all four (4) officers and eight (8) board members at the convention in November. Please note some of the current board are eligible for a second term.

Job descriptions for the offices are listed here. The terms of office are two years and begin immediately after the election, except that of the Treasurer, whose term begins February 1 after the election. Administrative Board meetings are currently held four times a year plus one pre-and one post-convention meeting. The Executive Committee may meet at additional times. All expenses for meetings are borne by the organization.

Please prayerfully consider names to be submitted for nomination from your congregational unit.

Job Descriptions

THE PRESIDENT SHALL:

- Preside at all conventions of the synodical women's organization and meetings of the Board and Executive Committee
- 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 liaison with the churchwide women's organization and attend the meeting of the Conference of Synodical Presidents
- Represent the synodical women's organization at, or appoint representatives to, inter-Lutheran and ecumenical associations and councils in which the organization participates
- Serve as representative to the Synod Council, or appoint a representative

THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL:

- Attend all Administrative and Executive Board Meetings
- Act in 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
- Always be up-to-date on the President's expectations and desired outcomes for a meeting
- Represent President at conference, unit, synod and ecumenical events as requested
- Chair Convention planning meetings
- Act as coordinator of the conferences, being in contact with conference mentors and planning teams
- Any other duties as requested by President

THE TREASURER SHALL:

- Provide for the keeping of all records and be accountable for all funds
- Be responsible for disbursing funds in accordance with the financial policies of Women of the ELCA and the budget of the synodical women's organization
- Present a complete report, including an accounting compilation or review, to the synodical women's organization convention and an interim report to each board and executive committee meeting.

Call for Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA Nominations

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

- Attend all Administrative and Executive Board meetings
- Record and distribute minutes of Synodical board meetings
- Maintain a record of elected board members and officers and their terms
- Perform special duties at the board's direction
- Attend to correspondence
- Provide for the gathering and preserving of historical records and documents
- Maintain a record of the policies of the Synodical women's organization
- Provide proper reports requested by the Churchwide Women of the ELCA, i.e. dates and locations for Synodical convention, constitutional and by-law changes before they are presented to Churchwide

BOARD MEMBERS SHALL:

- ◆ Carry out the purpose of the organization of the Women of the ELCA as stated in Article II, Section 1 of the constitution and by-laws of the organization
- ◆ Work in partnership with Churchwide women's organization, conferences and units in the Grand Canyon Synod territory
- ◆ Attend all required board meetings
- ◆ Represent the synod at conference and unit meetings
- ◆ Working with the officers, transact necessary business and make programmatic decisions between conventions
- ◆ Set policies required for effective and efficient functioning of the Synodical organization
- ◆ Serve on synod committees as appointed by the President of the organization

An Opportunity Awaits YOU. . .

- * If you are a voting member of an ELCA congregation
- * If you are active in women's ministry of a congregation in the Grand Canyon Synod
- * If you would like to form some new and meaningful relationships
- * If you would like to be strengthened in your Christian faith
- * If you would like to have a part in shaping the ministry of women in the Grand Canyon Synod



If the answer is ***“YES, with the help of God and inspired by the Holy Spirit”*** we hope you will prayerfully consider this opportunity to become an active member in the work of the Women of the Grand Canyon Synod by accepting this nomination invitation to join a dynamic group of women dedicated to LOVE, GROW and SERVE!

Nomination Form for Grand Canyon Synod Women's Board 2018 Leadership Positions

Circle the position for which you want to nominate this person. This form may be reproduced and you may nominate as many women as your congregational unit desires. Be sure you have the permission of the nominee.

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Board Member

NAME of Nominee _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Church/Congregational Unit _____

Conference _____

Age Category: 18-35 () 36-50 () 51-65 () OVER 65 ()

Do you qualify as a woman of color and/or person whose primary language is other than English?
_____ Yes _____ No

Highlights of present and past activities in Women of the ELCA, congregations, conference, synod, Churchwide, community, and career: _____

What gifts/talents do you feel you can bring to the Grand Canyon Women's Synod Board?

Submitted by _____ with permission of
the nominee. *(Signature of Congregational Unit Representative)*

Nominee signature _____

Return completed form by September 17, 2018 to
Suki Kisling, Chair of the Nominating Committee
1917 W. Mintbush Drive, Green Valley, AZ 85622



2018 Convention Committees Grand Canyon Synod Women

We often get asked what the Convention committees are responsible for, and how one gets on a committee. With the exception of the Nominating Committee, the **voting members** from your churches fill the other Convention committee assignments. As a **voting member**, when you register for our Convention/Gathering, there's a place on the form to indicate your interest in volunteering for one or more Convention committees. Our Convention Registrar provides this information to our SWO President, who makes the committee appointments before the Convention. Our goal is 3-4 women on each committee with broad representation from our synod. Each committee meets for a short orientation session prior to the beginning of the Convention, to review their responsibilities, and then as needed throughout the Convention to carry out their duties.

Credentials Committee

This committee includes the Convention Registrar. Under the Registrar's direction, this committee is responsible for identifying the number of registered voting members present at the beginning of each plenary (business) session. The Committee Chair presents this information to the assembly.

Elections Committee

This committee is responsible for presenting the voting instructions, counting and reporting the ballots for each election at Convention. Only congregational voting members, the SWO Officers and Board are eligible to vote in the Convention elections. The results of each election's ballot are reported by the Committee Chair to the Convention assembly. This committee works closely with the Nominating Committee.

Offerings Committee

This committee is responsible for collecting the offerings at the event, counting all offerings received and reporting the results of offerings to the assembly. The committee chair presents the report(s). The committee includes the SWO Treasurer.

Reference and Counsel Committee

This committee works with the Convention Parliamentarian to present resolutions brought to the Convention. They review and verify all resolutions before they are brought to the floor of the Convention. Some of the committee members should have prior experience on this committee.

Minutes Committee

This committee includes the SWO Secretary and assists the SWO Secretary in assuring all the key details of the Convention business sessions are included in the minutes. They review the day's minutes and bring recommendations for correction and approval. This committee meets during the convention as needed.

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Nominating Committee

This committee is appointed by the SWO President in advance of the convention proceedings. Members are charged with presenting nominees for all SWO Officer/Board positions as well as for Triennial Voting Members in every third year, prior to the Triennial Convention. The chair of the committee presents the ballot information to the assembly for each election.

Scholarship Opportunities for the Convention/Gathering

The Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA offers several scholarships to make it possible for women to attend the convention/gathering. Listed here are the descriptions of the scholarships and the applications follow, and also can be found on our website: www.grandcanyonwomen.org or by contacting Myrna Wells-Ulland at president@grandcanyonwomen.org or Suki Kisling at sukikisling@gmail.com.

Please note where the scholarship applications should be sent, as some awards are determined by the synodical board and some are awarded by the conferences. If you have any questions, please contact Myrna or Suki.

Today's Katie Scholarship

This scholarship, funded by the Grand Canyon Synod Women's Organization, is an opportunity for women age 18-30 who have not attended a Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA convention/ gathering. The scholarship covers the registration fee (including convention meals) and also the hotel accommodations (double occupancy). Recipients will pay for their own transportation; however, the recipient's congregational unit and/or conference are encouraged to cover the costs for transportation and other meals.

Four young women will be offered the scholarship based on the geographical areas of our synod: North—Colorado River and High Country; south—Santa Cruz and Sunrise; East— Fiesta, Northeast Valley and Rio Salado; West—Cactus and Capital. Recipients will be chosen based on their leadership potential and their participation in their church and community. Recipients will be asked to participate fully in the convention/gathering. Identify that special young women in your congregational unit who has potential and who would fill our dream of getting young women involved in walking with us as we serve our Lord and Savior.

June Klar Scholarship

This scholarship, also funded by the Grand Canyon Synod Women's Organization, was established to honor June Klar, the first president of the Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA. As a dedicated leader, she guided this organization on new paths of mission and service. She had a passion for helping young women and promoting their involvement in the Women of the ELCA.

To honor her and to continue her passion, this scholarship is offered to a young woman who is under the age of 40, is active in her church and community and has never before attended a Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA convention.

The scholarship covers the registration fee (including convention meals) and also the hotel accommodations (double occupancy). The recipient is responsible for her own travel; however, the recipient's congregational unit and/ or conference is encouraged to cover the costs for transportation and other meals. The recipient will be asked to participate fully in the convention/gathering.

Conference Scholarships

Each of the nine conferences within the Grand Canyon Synod is encouraged to offer a Conference Scholarship and/ or a Diversity Scholarship to one woman within their conference. Either scholarship will cover the cost of registration only (including convention meals). All travel, hotel and other meals will be borne by the recipient. Conferences and Congregational units are encouraged to assist the recipient in covering the costs of hotel, travel and other meals. The nine scholarships are intended to encourage more women to attend and participate in our convention/gathering, especially women attending for the first time and/or women of color or whose primary language is other than English. All recipients will be asked to participate fully in the convention/gathering.

Conference and Diversity Scholarships For Convention/Gathering

Each of the nine (9) Conferences of Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA can choose a recipient from their conference to receive a Conference Scholarship OR a Diversity Scholarship for Convention/Gathering. If you would like to submit your name for consideration for one of your Conference's scholarships, please complete the appropriate application (pages 17 and 18) and send it to the contact person for your Conference listed below. If you are unsure which Conference is yours, please contact Myrna or Suki (information on page 22).

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Northeast Valley Conference

Myrna Wells-Ulland

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Conference Contacts—Be observant for women who would benefit from attending the November 9-11, 2018 Convention/Gathering in Phoenix and encourage them to submit Scholarship Applications. If you have any questions regarding your 'duties', please give Myrna or Suki a call. All scholarships applications should be mailed to Myrna no later than August 20.

Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA
Nomination For
Today's Katie or June Klar Scholarship

Nominating for (check one)

_____ Today's Katie (age 18-30)

_____ June Klar (age under 40)

Congregational Unit _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please describe how you see the nominee serving the Lord

Please describe the qualities of the nominee that would support and grow the mission of Women of the ELCA

(application continues on next page)

Scholarship Affirmation for Today's Katie or June Klar

You have been nominated for a convention scholarship that would cover your registration (including convention/gathering meals) and hotel (double occupancy). Your passion for serving Christ has been seen by the women in your congregation. They feel the experience of attending a Biennial Convention/Gathering would benefit you and the ministry of Women of the ELCA.

Please respond with honesty and an open heart.

What are your passions for serving Christ now?

How do you see yourself actively involved in Christ's mission in the future?

What gifts do you feel you have been blessed with?

What has been your experience with Women of the ELCA?

How could your participation in Women of the ELCA benefit you

Please list the best way to contact you?

I understand if I am granted this scholarship that I will attend and participate in all convention/gathering activities. If I am unable to attend I will notify the Synod President at least one week before the start date of the convention/gathering.

Signature _____

Submit to Myrna Wells-Ulland, GC SWO President (by August 15, 2018)

9686 E Preserve Way, Scottsdale AZ 85262

Conference Scholarship

I would like to submit my name for consideration for the Conference Scholarship granted to attend the 2018 Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA Convention/Gathering.

Name _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone _____ Email (please print) _____

Your church's name/city _____

Please respond with honesty and an open heart.

What are your passions for serving Christ now and in the future?

What gifts do you feel you have been blessed with?

What has been your experience with Women of the ELCA and how would you like to participate in this organization in the future?

Signature _____

Submit to your Conference Contact by August 15, 2018 (see page 14)

Diversity Scholarship

I am a woman whose ethnic background is not Caucasian, or whose primary language is other than English. I would like to submit my name for consideration for the Diversity Scholarship granted to attend the Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA 2018 Convention/Gathering.

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email (please print) _____

Church _____ Conference _____

What are your passions for serving Christ now and in the future?

What gifts do you feel you have been blessed with?

What has been your experience with Women of the ELCA and how would you like to participate in this organization in the future?

How has your diverse background influenced your faith?

Signature _____

Submit to your **Conference Contact** by August 15, 2018 (see page 14)

2020 TRIENNIAL VOTING MEMBER NOMINATIONS FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

In November of 2018, we will elect 4 voting members to the 2020 Triennial Convention of the Churchwide Women of the ELCA. This Eleventh Triennial Convention will be held in Phoenix, AZ on July 14-16, 2020. The Triennial Gathering follows on July 16-19, 2020.

Why are we electing voting members (formerly called delegates) in 2018? Because all voting members must be elected at a synodical convention that precedes November 30, 2018, which is the deadline for reporting voting member elections.

Who can be elected as a voting member? A voting member must be a voting member of an ELCA congregation within our Grand Canyon synod and a participant in an active unit of Women of the ELCA.

How does one get nominated? You are elected or appointed by your individual church's Women of the ELCA unit to be their nominee. **There can be only one nomination from each unit**, with the exception that if the SWO President or a Churchwide board member is from that unit, the unit can still elect/appoint a voting member nominee.

The SWO President and Churchwide board member are automatic voting members by virtue of their position.

How many nominees do we need on the ballot? A minimum of 8 (at least two per voting member position).

Who prepares the ballot of voting member nominees? The SWO Nominating Committee.

When is the ballot prepared for the voting member nominees? In October, 2018.

What criteria needs to be met in the election of the voting members?

As nearly as possible, at least 10% of the delegation shall be persons of color or whose primary language is other than English

At least one-fourth (25%) of the voting members shall be women attending the convention as voting members for the first time

Women are ineligible to be elected if have served as a Triennial Convention voting member for the GC Synod in the last six (6) years

Can nominations come from the floor at the convention? Yes, but floor nominee names are limited to those who were nominated by their individual church unit and weren't on the ballot prepared by the SWO Nominating Committee.

What do the Triennial Voting Members do at the Triennial Convention? The voting members hear reports, vote on Churchwide officers and board members, approve the Churchwide budget, vote on Memorials and Resolutions and Constitutional changes brought forward as business of the Convention. The Triennial Convention is the highest authority of the Churchwide Women of the ELCA. Besides the business of the Triennial Convention, they network and fellowship with other women from across our entire Women of the ELCA and have a lot of FUN!

Who pays for the transportation and housing to attend the Convention? The voting members' expenses are paid by Churchwide Women of the ELCA.

If voting members want to attend the 2020 Triennial Gathering following the Convention, who pays for those expenses? The voting member is responsible for the Triennial Gathering registration and any associated housing/meal expenses following the close of the Convention.

2020 Triennial Voting Member Nomination Form

Women of the ELCA-Grand Canyon Synodical Women's Organization
Voting Member election will occur at our 2018 Convention

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CHURCH: _____ CITY: _____

CONFERENCE: (circle your conference, if known)

Cactus Capital Colorado River Fiesta High Country Northeast Valley Rio Salado Santa Cruz Sunrise

Women of the ELCA Triennial Voting Member Selection Guidelines:

- 10% shall be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English
- At least 25% shall be women attending convention for the first time
- Consideration shall be given to geographic location, variety of ages, diversity of experience
- Cannot be nominated if have served as a Triennial Convention Voting Member in the last six (6) years for the GC Synod Women

EXPERIENCE AND CHURCH SERVICE: Begin with the most recent and significant experience in each area over the last five (5) years (attach additional sheet if necessary):

Congregation and Women's Ministry Service:

Conference Service:

Synodical Service:

Regional or Churchwide Service:

Community Service:

Have you been a Previous Triennial Voting Member (Delegate) ____ Yes (year)____ ____ No

AGE RANGE: ____ 34 yrs or under ____ 35-49 yrs ____ 50-64 yrs ____ 65 yrs and older

Ethnic/Racial Heritage: ____ Caucasian ____ African American ____ Hispanic ____ Native American ____ Asian American

Primary Language if other than English: _____

My signature and my Congregational Unit Leader's signature signify that I am willing to allow my name to be placed in nomination and that I am willing to serve as a voting member (or alternate) to the 2020 Triennial Convention in Phoenix AZ July 14-16, 2020 if elected.

(My Signature)

(Signature – Congregational Unit Leader)

Date: _____

Date: _____

Return completed form to Suki Kisling 1917 W Mintbush Dr, Green Valley AZ 85622 by September 17, 2018

A few more details....

Voting Members: ALL business will begin and end on Friday afternoon!



Pastor Meghan Aelabouni, author and young mother, from Ft. Collins, CO is our Keynote Speaker.



A big GC Synod Women's welcome to the first woman and the 6th Bishop of the Grand Canyon Synod, The Rev. Deborah Hutterer. Bishop Hutterer will be with us for our closing worship on Sunday morning.

Don't Hesitate: Register now and begin planning for an event that will change your life.



Berkley Harris, Young Adult in Global Mission, will speak on her year in Senegal.



Crafter's Alert: Create a unique gift basket for our Scholarship raffle.



One service project will be the collection of diapers for the Alleluia Diaper Closet.



Enjoy the musical sounds of The Breeze, a Sweet Adeline's quartet, at our Saturday night banquet.



Refugee Family Hygiene Kits is another service project. See the list of items needed on page 4. Full size items are requested.

Be sure to check out the web site for all of the forms, information and latest updates! And watch for the next Canyon Echoes full Convention/Gathering issue in late September.



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.

El Proposito

Como comunidad de mujeres creadas a imagen de Dios, llamadas a convertirnos en discípulas de Jesucristo, y fortalecidas por el Espíritu Santo, nos comprometemos a crecer en la fe, afirmar nuestros dones, apoyarnos las unas a las otras en nuestras respectivas vocaciones, involucrarnos en el ejercicio del ministerio y la acción, y promover la sanación e integridad en la iglesia, la sociedad y el mundo.

What does our churchwide Women of the ELCA logo mean? Our churchwide logo, with the cross, water and a white lily, identifies women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God; baptized, forgiven, adopted into God's family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It's a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water. It's also a reminder of the mission of the church to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19)

2016-2018 Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA

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