Fall 2021

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 WELCA, but also to the world. You make a huge difference in our churches and communities. Thank you again for all you do and continue to do!

This past August we elected a new board and passed a few constitutional amendments. One of these amendments allows for conventions and SWO meetings to be held digitally/virtually. There are great opportunities with a digital convention. It is a new way of doing business, but it opens the door for more participation. It makes the business meeting more concise and gives working moms a better opportunity to attend.

I will be praying for you and your convention. Please feel free to reach out and let either me or Linda Post Bushkofsky know of any difficulties or wonderful experiences you had with a digital platform.

So here is your challenge:

1. The SWO that comes up with the **worst story** about digital difficulties at their convention will be honored and their story will be shared.

2. The SWO that submits a story on how a digital SWO Convention **brought opportunities** will be honored. Their story will also be shared.

Please submit your responses to me at <u>jmichali@d.umn.edu</u> or Linda Post Bushkofsky at <u>linda.bushkofsky@elca.org</u> by December 31, 2021.

God's Blessings as we embark on this new journey together!

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