



The Southeastern Weaver

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Special Pre-Convention Edition

2021 CONVENTION UPDATE



The board of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA met on Saturday, August 7 to continue planning our virtual convention on September 18. The actual convention program will be held at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta. Other churches around the synod will serve as venues to gather in small groups, while others will participate from home.

Just a few reminders about the information we have already shared with you. Every congregational unit is entitled to be represented by one voting member to our convention. Registration forms for voting members and participants must be postmarked by **August 16**.

There have been some questions about whether each person will have to pay the \$25 registration fee and the answer is -YES! Even though this is a virtual convention there are still expenses that will need to be paid such as the

professional recording of some of our guest speakers; stipends for the keynote speaker, chaplain, music director; audio/visual administrator; convention banner; registration and mailing supplies; and scholarships.

The proposed schedule for the convention is to have opening worship at 9:00 am with Pastor Karen Boda followed by the business session which will include the election of a president, treasurer, and 3 board members; [the adoption of the 2022-2023 Budget](#); the adoption of the 2022-2023 Love Offering; reports from Bishop Strickland, the synodical board and convention committees; and the keynote speech.

Lunch will follow from 12:00-1:00 pm, with workshops, Cluster Muster and Happy hour afterward. There will be two workshops offered in the afternoon as well as Cluster Muster followed by Happy Hour.

After registration has closed you will receive a pre-convention packet with instructions on how to use Zoom. Everyone will need to open an account with ZOOM prior to the convention. We will be planning some practice sessions for those of you that are new to ZOOM before the actual convention to help things run more smoothly. There will be one for participants, and one for voting members, and possibly a special meeting for voting members prior to the day of the convention. **You must be registered to receive the link for the convention.**

Also in the pre-convention packet you will receive your participant or voting member letter, a copy of the 2021 Bulletin of Reports, and other important information about the convention.

Please know that the board is working very hard to make this a great convention in spite of all the adversity we have faced in the last year and a half. We are all looking forward to getting

together again in whatever fashion. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the board members if you have questions.

NOMINATIONS

This year we will be electing a president, treasurer, and three board members. This will be one of the most important elections we have faced in recent history because of the pandemic and the fact that we have not been able to come together as Women of the ELCA on the congregational, cluster or synodical level in two years. In order for our organization to thrive we will need strong leadership that can find new and creative ways for us to live out our purpose statement.

Please prayerfully consider how you can serve our organization in the coming year. Nomination forms are available on our website at www.seswelca.com. Nominations must be submitted to Louise Iconis at 1540 Diplomat Drive, Cumming, GA 30041 or louise@iconis.com no later than **September 4**.

ZOOM IN

Not very savvy with ZOOM? Join us on Sunday, August 22 at 3pm for a Question and Answer session about our convention on Zoom while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee. †

OUR PURPOSE

“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.”

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Reflections of the President



By
Patti
Austin

We have our Convention coming up just around the corner (Sep.18th) at Redeemer Lutheran Church downtown Atlanta. This is a beautiful church with a lot of love and community connections. They are opening their doors for us to enjoy another year of WELCA. The SES WELCA board will be touring Redeemer on Friday August 13th. Our convention will be live on Zoom and up to 75 ladies can come and be in person at Redeemer on the 18th.

Pastor Karen Bota will be serving as our Chaplain and Bishop Strickland will be giving an update on our synod; we will be having two workshops, so be sure to check our website and Facebook page. And a special treat, John Moeller, CEO of Lutheran Services will be our keynote speaker.

Please think about serving on your WELCA board, we will be electing four board members, president and treasurer. This is a great way to meet new ladies and serve our synod WELCA. It has not only been a joy but a pleasure to serve as your president and meet so many of you. Think about serving, pray about serving and give me a call.

Louise Iconis and Linda Few are the convention coordinators and will be posting plans and ways you can be included in workshops and elections. Board members also plan on touching base with as many of you as possible to say hello and see how you are doing. We would love to hear from each of you.

May God continue to bless each of you as we live out His calling.

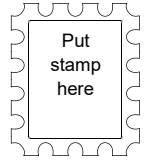
Peace,
Patti †

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