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Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization
Fall 2021 Issue



Come join us at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center
7725 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids,

For our 33rd Annual Convention/Gathering September
10 and 11 2021. Registration form and more
information is in this issue. **DEADLINE FOR
REGISTRATION AND HOTEL IS: AUG. 19.**

Yes this is the Fall issue, Coming out Aug. 1.

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Words from our President Ardy Proehl

We had good attendees of the Zoom Retreat. We hope the Bible study was thought provoking. I learned new information about LSI and was thankful for the additional names of books about justice I can study.

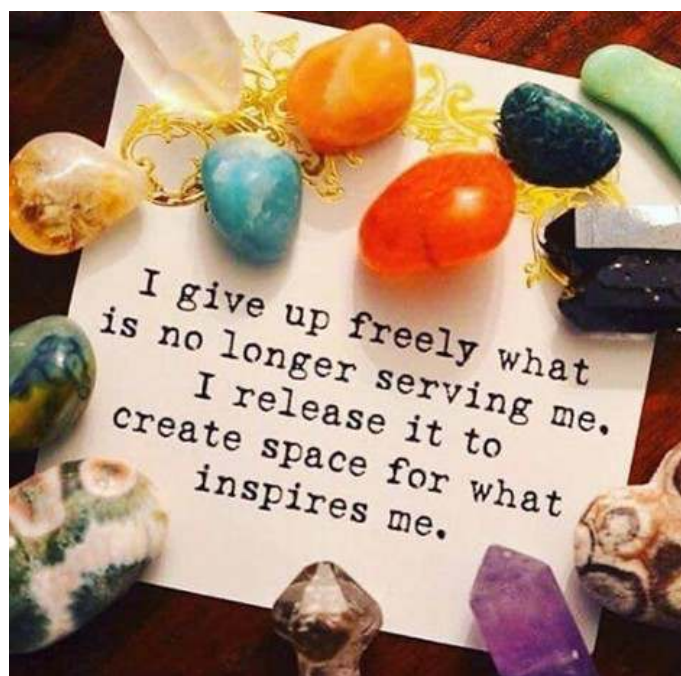
I'm looking forward to the Sept. 10-11 Gathering at Kirkwood in Cedar Rapid.

It has been a privilege to be President. Those going on the board for the first time will quickly find out that you will be forever sisters in Christ, who it is fun to meet and plan the events of the years you serve. So if you are thinking about serving 1 or 2 years, I encourage you to volunteer.

I leave you with "Serve wholeheartedly. As if you were serving the Lord, not men." Ephesians 6:7

God's Blessings for all

Ardy Proehl



VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ardy Hinds

Greetings to all. I trust your summer has been a time to greet family and friends in person. It has been so wonderful to visit in person with those I haven't seen in quite some time. Most of all, getting back to worship in person has been a wonderful blessing.

It's already getting time to look forward to Fall and new activities. I hope I will see many of you September 10 and 11 in Cedar Rapids. I know you won't be disappointed. Until then God bless your work in Christ

OFFICIAL GATHERING/CONVENTION NOTICE

You are hereby notified that the 33rd Annual Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization Gathering will be held Friday September 10 and Saturday September 11, 2021 at the Kirkwood Hotel in Cedar Rapids to conduct the official business and elect new officers. Each congregational unit is entitled and encouraged to send a delegate. This serves as official notice as required by the constitution of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Virginia Eggers
SWO Secretary

33rd Annual Convention/Gathering Of the Women of the ELCA
September 10th and 11th, 2021

WOMEN IN ACTION

Let us not love in word or speech but indeed and in truth. Bible Verse: I John 3:18

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ Email _____

CLUSTER ____ CHURCH _____ CITY _____

Age group 10-30 ____ 31-40 ____ 41-50 ____ 51-60 ____ 61-70 ____ 71&UP ____

Check one: Delegate ____ (one per church) Non-Delegate ____ Board ____ Guest ____

Registration Fee(meals included) \$70 for Fri. and Sat. ____ **After Aug. 19th** \$75

One day only \$40 Fri ____ or Sat. ____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Make Checks payable to: SEIA SYNODICAL WOMEN MAIL to:
Roberta Jurgersen 1025 N. 4th Street Clinton, IA 52732

Reservation have to be made by Aug. 19th under WELCA Gathering Total cost of room is \$147.60 with up to 4 per room. (Including tax) The Kirkwood Hotel phone # is 319-848-8700 Or toll free 877-751-5111

Register NOW for the GATHERING. The form is on page 4

Treat yourself to a day out!

Meet your friends from all over the Southeastern Synod you haven't seen for the last 2 years.

Bring your stamps to the Gathering----Help pay the shipping of the quilts and kits that you made to all over the world.

Register now and save yourself \$5.00. Deadline for \$70.00 registration is Aug. 19. It will be \$75.00 registration after Aug. 19.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND A DELEGATE. IT IS YOUR WOMEN'S GROUP TO DO THAT.....

BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION, BY AUGUST 19, OTHERWISE THE HOTEL WILL USE THEM. WE ONLY MADE RESERVATIONS FOR 30 ROOMS.

YOUR FORM FOR LWR WILL BE AT THE GATHERING AND ON THE WEB SITE. THIS DIRECTIONS IS GOING OUT A MONTH EARLY TO COVER THE GATHERING SO THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ROOM.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PICK UP IS THE THIRD SATURDAY OCTOBER 16, 2021.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE GATHERING AND ALL THE FUN AND INTERESTING THINGS IS ON PAGE 11. CHECK IT OUT.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN CEDAR RAPIDS.

Women of the ELCA know how important it is to have a Lutheran Chaplain available when they go to the hospital. Please encourage your congregation to keep this ministry going by funding ½ of 1% of your WELCA/congregation budget to support the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach Ministry at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

Contributions of any amount outside of budgeted amounts, big or small, are appreciated. Individuals, WELCA groups, congregations, or other organizations can give on their own, or have special offerings or projects. It is only through these gracious gifts is it possible to have the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach(LCO) Chaplain Ministry continue.

Contributions can be sent to :
 Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, 123 E. Market Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52245
 Or through the LCO website at www.lcoiowa.org
 To contact the ELCA chaplain, email her at cindy-breed@uiowa.edu

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Name _____

Address _____

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Phone _____ Church and Town _____

E-mail Address _____ Cluster _____

Winter ISSUE

DEADLINE:

November 10



Publication and Deadline Dates

Issue	Deadline	Mailing Date
Spring.....	Feb. 10.....	March 1st
Summer.....	April 10.....	May 1st
Fall.....	August 10.....	September 1st
Winter.....	November 10...	December 1st

SOUTHEASTERN IOWA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

Any Convention delegate may submit a resolution using the appropriate format (see following page). Each submitted resolution **must** include the signatures of three delegates.

The deadline for submitting resolutions to the Committee on Reference and Council is August 15, 2021. Resolutions pertaining to action that could not have been anticipated prior to August 15, 2021 may be submitted at the Convention registration table by 3:00 p.m. on September 10, 2021.

1. Definition: A resolution is a request for action brought to the convention by a delegate.
2. Resolutions should be clearly and concisely stated.
3. The "Whereas" section should state the reason for the resolution. Each reason should be given as a separate "Whereas".
4. The "Resolved" section should clearly state the action desired, who is to implement the action, and who is to bear the cost. Each action should be described with a separate "Resolved".
5. Resolutions should be tested against questions such as:
 - Is the information complete and accurate?
 - Is this a matter which pertains to the life, goals, and ministries of the SEIA SWO?
 - Is this a matter of significance requiring consideration of the entire assembly?
 - Is the action requested one which the SWO can appropriately and effectively implement?

Format:

1. If a resolution requires one action, the following format is used ...
RESOLVED, that _____
2. If a resolution requires more than one action, the following format is used ...
RESOLVED, that _____; and be it further
RESOLVED, that _____.
3. If the resolution is preceded by one reason for submitting the resolution, the following format is used ...
WHEREAS, _____); therefore be it
RESOLVED, that _____.
4. If a resolution is preceded by two or more reasons, the following format is used ...
WHEREAS, _____; and
WHEREAS, _____; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that _____.

Why submit a Resolution?

You have probably said, "Why don't they ... ?"

What do you want the SWO to do?

What would you like the Churchwide Women of the ELCA to be doing?

Resolutions present an opportunity to discuss ideas and to participate in making the organization function well.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization

Resolution 2021

Title: _____

Whereas, _____

_____ ; and

Whereas, _____

_____ ; and

Whereas, _____

_____ ;

therefore be it

Resolved, _____

_____ ;

and be it further

Resolved, _____

_____ .

Submitted for recommendation by the Committee on Reference and Council by the following convention delegates:

Delegate's Name

Delegate's Congregation

Delegate's Name

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Fall Cluster News

Cluster 5 held a successful Zoom gathering in April but we are going in person for the next one! September 25th, we will meet at St. Paul Lutheran in Clinton with registration at 8:30 and start time of 9 AM. Our program will be by the director of the Gateway Area Community Center, Jorge Landa Rodrieguez. It looks to be very interesting.

The Cluster V women supported the Red Basket Project of Jackson County with our spring meeting and were able to make a generous donation of both cash and bags for the project. A special thanks to the St. John Lutheran women of Preston as they sent over a second set of bags for donation to the Red Basket.

I encourage the women to save the stamps for Lutheran World Relief project and to make sure they get to someone going to the September conference of the SEIa WELCA for final collection to be sent on.

Cluster 6 Will meet Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021 starting at 8:30 AM for our Fall gathering at Trinity Lutheran Church on 1137 Criswell St. in Pleasant Valley, IA.

Cluster 8 will meet on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9 to 1 at First Lutheran Church in Keokuk. Ann Pietscher is still working on details for speakers, etc. She is planning on focusing on local homeless issues and possible solutions.

You can contact Ann for more information:319/785-9114.

CLUSTER CALENDAR	
Fall 2021 Cluster Gatherings	
Cluster 1.....	
Cluster 2.....	
Cluster 4.....	
Cluster 5.....	Sept. 25
	St. Paul Clinton
Cluster 6...Oct. 2
	Trinity Lutheran Church
Cluster 8.....Oct. 9
	First Lutheran, Keokuk
Cluster 9.....	
Cluster 10/11.....	

RECOMMENDED READING

Wilson, Andrea, editor with the Bicultural Iowa Writers Fellowship. *We the Interwoven*, Volume 2. Iowa Writers House, 2019.

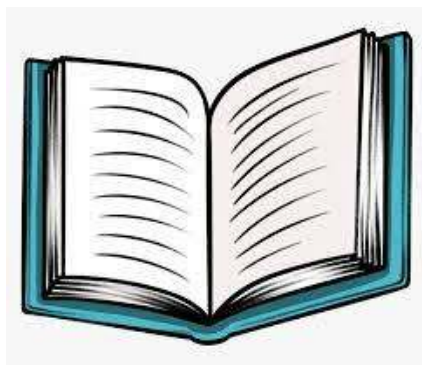
Seven personal stories are written by five women who or whose parents or grandparents immigrated to Iowa from Mexico, Armenia, Viet Nam, Bosnia, Egypt and a man with one Puerto Rican parent whose heritage was denied by his American parent and a man from the Meskwaki Nation (Native American) community. These are young people seeking their identity, place, and role. The stories are also translated into the languages of the cultural group of the writer. Fascinating to view the different scripts. Four **** stars. Fran Victor

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Saad, Layla, *me and white supremacy : Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor*. Naperville, Illinois: Sourcebooks, 2020.

The forward of this book is by Roben Diangelo. It is organized with an introduction and a topic with questions for you to journal for each of 28 days. I read the book and journaled over a 60 day period in a zoom book club formed after the nationwide racial turmoil by a community group--- Washington for Justice. We met every two weeks as a group and in the week between we met with a book club partner to discuss our journaling responses to the book. It is a book in which I had the opportunity to learn about how I consciously and unconsciously think and act out of my being a white person. Fran Victor

I rate stars for this book in this way. This book is a challenge to read and apply to life. In a few words I would say it confronted me with sins I did not want to accept, confess, and move into change, I wanted to throw the book out half way through the process. And now I am on a path seeking God in working on change. I want to be clear I do not endorse all the book says or recommends. However, this book is one of the top reads of life confronting me in powerful and meaning ways. Fran Victor





Gathering and Convention Schedule

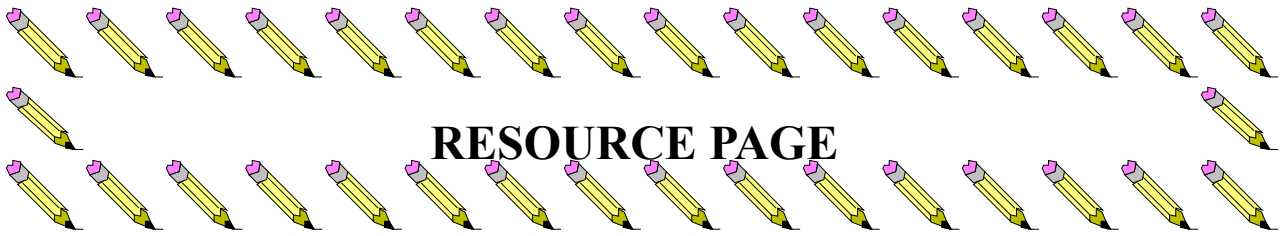
Friday, September 10, 2021-Kirkwood Hotel

10:00????? SWO Board Meeting-Conference Room
1:30.....2:30 Vendors Set Up
2:30.....3:30 Registration
3:30.....4:15 Button Flowers
4:30.....5:30 From Long Johns to Quilts
6:00.....7:00 Evening Meal-Conference Room
7:00.....8:30 First Business Meeting
7:00.....8:00 LSI Presentation (for non-voting members)-Conference Room
8:30.....8:45 Evening Vespers
8:45.....??? Pajama Party in Rooms and Suites

Saturday, September 11, 2021-Kirkwood Hotel

7:00-----8:15 Breakfast in Suites
8:00.....8:30 Registration
8:30.....9:15 Gathering Music, Opening Worship and Offering
9:15.....10:10 Bible Study by Bishop Amy Current
10:10.....10:20 Break
10:20.....11:00 Message from Church Wide
11:00.....12:00 Women in Ministry-Pastor Trish Decker
12:00.....1:00 Lunch
1:00.....1:15 Claims and Credentials Report
1:15.....2:00 Second Business Meeting (if needed)
1:15.....2:00 Paula Land from the Catherine McAuley Center
2:00-----3:00 Closing Worship and Installation of Board Members

Have Safe Travels Home!



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To get to our web page-click on About-then click Southeastern Women's Organization
to get to our page

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board. Please respond with a YES!



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The Stewardship Challenge for 2021 Stamp Project

The Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization is working with other Women of the ELCA groups to donate cancelled stamps to the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. The cancelled stamps are sent to a group that sorts and sells used stamps to collectors around the world. Thus far, 65 million stamps have been collected by this group in Kyle, Texas, and they have donated \$42,000 to the shipping fund of Lutheran World Relief to ship quilts and kits around the world. To help you participate, we provide the following information:

not only canceled stamps but new ones as well, commemorative and seasonal stamps are most valued.

Cut the stamps from the envelope leaving 1/4 inch around the stamps so as not to damage the stamps.

Save the stamps and bring them (or send them) to our Gathering at the Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids

Your Stewardship Committee,

Carol Gruhn

Roberta Jurgersen



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The SWO 33rd Gathering will be in Cedar Rapids, September 10-11, 2021.

Hope to see you there.