



# The **RIPPLE**



Expanding the Circle of SC Women of the ELCA

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**FALL 2024**

## WELCOME OUR NEW 2024 - 2025 SC WELCA BOARD



Front Row: Shari Donley (Secretary), Risse Snelgrove (President), Rachel Quesada (Treasurer), Christie Gardner (Vice President).

Back Row: Merri Lewis, \*Lisa Petty, Joy Derrick, \*Cristina Guillermo, Sallie Folk, \*Brianna Harris, Sarah Cheesman, LaTynia Taylor

*\*New member*

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### OUR 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.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.*



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*"For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20-21).*

Wow, what a convention. Thank you to those who planned and attended our SC WELCA Convention this past June. A huge thank you to St. Luke's Lutheran Church and all the St. Luke's women who worked so hard to make our convention a success.

This newsletter will celebrate our time together in relationships, worship and the business we attended to. We celebrated raising \$47,000 to purchase a tractor for the women in Tanzania and we accomplished this by your incredible generosity.

If you recall in my President's report, I reflected on why our faith is like a mustard seed. The tiniest seed can grow tremendously in such a short time when they are scattered, watered and have plenty of sun. I asked are we going to be like mustard seeds in our own faith and in our WELCA organization? It's the small things we can do as SC Lutheran Women that will enable us to be scattered and grow our organization. Simply asking a friend to one of your events, encouraging a woman in your congregation to be a leader, serving on one of our mission committees or even inviting another congregational unit to your meetings or events.

Your new board recently held a retreat at Camp Kinard. We focused our work on answering this question. How can we scatter ourselves like mustard seeds to grow this organization? We answered this question in so many ways. We realized that our congregational units are our priority. With this in mind, conference liaisons will be taking a more active, broader role in support of their units. So, be on the lookout for phone calls and letters coming soon.

We are excited and ready to scatter ourselves into congregational units. But we can't do this alone. It will take all of us being a mustard seed, thinking of small ways you can scatter your faith within your congregation, making it a place that women want to be, grow and make a difference.

One way to do this is to join us at our next convention, hosted by the Western Conference, on August 15-16, 2025, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aiken, SC. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this convention, please email your Vice President Christie Gardner.

I look forward to shine a light on all the exciting things our SC WELCA units are doing to scatter and grow in their faith .....we are mustard seeds, we buy tractors and we can move mountains.

Your sister in Christ,

Risse



**2025 SC WELCA CONVENTION**  
**AUGUST 15 & 16, 2025**  
**St. Paul's, Aiken SC**



# SECRETARY'S REPORT



What a wonderful convention we had this past June! Tim Lowery was a hoot and it is so refreshing to be able to see the comical side of serving the Lord. The other speakers and reports were very informative. What about raising over \$40,000 for the "She Shed". God has surely blessed us and continues to allow us to be his beacon of showing love. The minutes from the convention have been posted on the SC WELCA website and I encourage you to take the time to review them.

The 2024-2025 Board met on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Camp Kinard to do the annual planning for the next year.

Highlights from the minutes include:

- Cindy McManus will continue to be our *RIPPLE* editor and will work with Lisa Petty to keep our website updated and to progress the use of social media.
- Rachel Quesada provided a Treasurers report. Discussed was what to do with a CD that is due to renew February, 2025. The Board credit card has a balance of 40,000 credit points. The Board voted to have the points converted to gift cards to be used for future events.
- Vice-President Christie Gardner provided an update on the 2024 Convention. The results of the convention evaluations were reviewed to help in planning for the 2025 event. The Board approved that the 2025 convention will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aiken on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Merri Lewis presented the Conference Coordinator Report that included the current conference leaders and the next conference meetings.
- The Communication Committee Report included that Lisa Petty is adding a Google calendar to the website. The Board approved to use Zeffy as a means to pay online for event fees and fundraising. Zeffy .com has no cost and does not charge a fee to process fees and donations.
- The Mission Growth, Mission Community and Mission Action planning reports were given.
- Old Business included forming a Teen Suicide Prevention task force. Risse will issue a Call to Action for volunteers to serve. A task force will be created to do a five-year plan for Long-Range planning. LaTynia Taylor, Cristina Guillermo and Cindy McManus will serve as Anti-Racism coordinators with the anti-racism task force being named "Today's Dream – Tomorrow Reality". Pat George will continue the Truth in Healing initiative and Land Acknowledgement program.
- New Business included addressing the convention resolution for changes to the constitution and will be worked on by the Constitution/By-Laws committee who will convene soon to start the work. The Active Unit Assessment, required by the CWO, was reviewed.

Our next Board meeting will be at the annual Camp Kinard retreat on February 28, 2025.

As a reminder, send me your respective conference agenda's and reports along with any changes to congregational units. Forms for this information can be found on the website.

Continue to keep all our Sisters in Christ in your prayers and enjoy this refreshing Fall weather.

Yours in Christ,  
Shari Donley, Secretary







# ACTION



Greetings from your Action Team!! What a wonderful, awesome SC WELCA convention we had at St. Luke's, Summerville this past June!! You ladies are the best, most generous and just blow our minds every year when we gather to do God's will.

Our Action team and all of our project leaders/teams are so excited and greatly appreciate your wonderful, thoughtful, kind gifts.

- \* Our Tanzania – She Shed project as of July 8, 2024 was **\$41, 434.85.**
- \* Our 5th Gospel Foundation project total was **\$2,453.40.**
- \* The Newberry Nursing Scholarship Fund was **\$4,169.00.**
- \* Katie's Fund was **\$1,406.81.**
- \* And finally, our Neighbors Together Project was **\$1,578.40 PLUS!**

Backpacks for school (all sizes)	172
Bars of soap	793
Wash Cloths	9,769
Wet Wipes	492
And other items collected	523

Again, many thanks to all of you and your generosity! If you would like to give more moneys to these, projects, please make checks payable to SC WELCA and send to our wonderful treasurer:

Rachel Quesada  
SC WELCA Treasurer  
520 Timber Lane  
Anderson, SC 29621

Our board will be meeting in August and discuss plan for projects for 2025. We will keep you posted as soon as we know!

Your very grateful Action Team,

Sarah Cheesman, Chair  
Christie Gardner, Merri Lewis, LaTynia Taylor

## GLOBAL AND LOCAL PROJECT FOR 2025 CONVENTION

Action Team is excited to share our projects for the 2025 convention!



(Local) - Lighthouse for Life who takes care of locally trafficked girls. The goal is to provide a filled backpack to use to start over. We will publish their Wish List on the website and the next *RIPPLE*.



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

(Global) – Lutheran World Relief Farmer's Market to provide seeds for farmers by selling coffee (two cases) and using the money to purchase the seeds. Chocolate bars will be used as prizes at the

2025 convention.

(Global) – Provide fabric kits to Lutheran World Relief and accept monetary donations for shipping to Minnesota where LWR will gather all kits and send them abroad. More details will be in the next *RIPPLE* and on our website.





# SHE SHED PROJECT

## WE DID IT!



I do not know how to begin to thank you ladies for making the “She Shed Project” a reality. Your generosity has made this happen. To honor a request to help ladies that you don’t even know to improve their quality of life is truly amazing.

Bishop Nguvula “*thanks each of you for your concern for the people in the South Western Diocese in Tanzania.*” He continues to say that “*what you have done for our women is a service to God on behalf of our diocese. We thank you very much. The value of your donation will be displayed openly!*”

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless each of you!

Cathy Milejczak





# COMMUNITY



The Mission Community Committee will meet via zoom on September 22, at 7pm. We will work on;

- Job descriptions for Conference Liaisons for Board members,
- Review and update the survey based on Churchwide’s survey,
- We will consider a South Carolina statewide version of the CWO’s Faithful Friends.

We will provide detailed results of our September meeting in the winter issue of *The RIPPLE*.

Cristina Guillermo, Chair  
Brianna Harris  
Rachel Quesada  
Risse Snelgrove

## Want to Revitalize your unit or start one in your congregation?

SC WELCA has put together a tool for you to use to help you do just that. A copy of a survey to use in your own congregation is on page 7. This can also be found on the website, under “Tools for Leaders”.

Hand this out on a Sunday to all women attending your service(s). Set out a basket or something to collect them. Encourage the women to prayerfully consider their answers. Then one or two of you can tabulate the results and compare those preferences to your current activities. This will work for starting a unit or revamping the one you have. Use our online Handbook for other ideas and the few requirements needed to be considered an active unit.

Be open to great input from your ladies and the new ideas to use for fellowship, service and Bible Study.

Any Board member will be happy to assist in your planning if needed.



## JOIN US NEXT YEAR FOR OUR 2025 SC WELCA CONVENTION!

**DATES:** Friday, August 15 & Saturday, August 16

**LOCATION:** St. Paul’s Lutheran, 961 Trail Ridge Rd, Aiken, SC 29803

**HOST CONFERENCE:** Western

**THEME:** Renew, Refresh, Remember

**NEW THIS YEAR!** You will have the option to pay for your registration and meals with a credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay or CashApp! Details on page 13.







# COMMUNITY

## SC Women of the ELCA Congregational Survey

Do you know about this organization? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you want fellowship with other Lutheran women? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

What would you like a Lutheran Women's group in this congregation to be like for you to want to attend?

### Check all that applies

- Bible Study
- Service projects
- Luncheons/Suppers
- Book club
- Crafts
- Speakers
- Parties
- Other:

1. What are the talents and/or assets that you could bring to a WELCA unit? (i.e. -teaching, music, technology, sewing, cooking, other skills)
2. Do you own any equipment you would be willing to share if needed? (i.e. - sewing machine, large vehicle to carpool, computer)
3. What day(s) of the week works best for you to meet? M T W Th F S Su
4. What time of day works best for you?
5. Early morning, Late morning, noon time, early afternoon, late afternoon, evening
6. How frequently would you prefer to meet? Weekly, monthly , quarterly, other \_\_\_\_\_
7. Other

## CALL TO ACTION!

### TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION



The Suicide Prevention Task Force is a dynamic group of professionals and volunteers who are all committed to the mission of decreasing rates of suicide and ending the mental health stigma in our state. We are fighting to reduce deaths by suicide by educating our residents on depression and mental health, reducing the stigma of seeking help, and improving access to services. Through a variety of programs, initiatives, and events the Task Force has led or contributed to efforts throughout our congregational units and conferences.

SC WELCA is looking for volunteers to serve on our Suicide Prevention Task Force. Has your family been affected by suicide? Do you have a passion to help save lives of our children of God? If so please step up to serve on a task force that is being formed to educate, advocate and help our teens live through their stresses and mental health issues in a compassionate way. We need your stories and ways to share your experiences with congregations in our synod. This taskforce will identify ways to create educational materials, videos and other ways to inform parents, grandparents, families and friends to look for the signs of depression in our youth. This may be a way to share your stories and concerns through the congregational units as well as conference gatherings and workshops at our annual conventions. If you would like to serve on this taskforce please contact Risse Snelgrove at [snelgroverisse@gmail.com](mailto:snelgroverisse@gmail.com). We need you!



# GROWTH



During the Board Retreat in August, the Growth Committee set the goals for 2024 – 2025. The following are these goals.

1. Promote website resources with a once a month email blast on a certain topic.
2. Post more information on Facebook to include once a month blast from a Board member of a short and inspiring story.
3. Plan and execute the 2025 Camp Kinard retreat with Pegi Roberts providing the program, Plan and execute the 2025 Isle of Palms retreat with Jennifer Nuovo leading a Bible Study.
4. Provide a Zoom Bible Study on Jonah starting in mid-October.

Mission Growth members:

Joy Derrick, Chair  
Sallie Folk  
Cindy McManus  
Lisa Petty



*"It is written, man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4*

The Growth Committee is starting a weekly Online Bible Study in October, featuring Jonah. This is a 6 week study at no cost to you. We sent out an email a couple of months ago asking for those who are interested. Anyone Else? If so, email Cindy to sign up.

When you sign up for the Bible Study, you will be sent an email invitation to the Zoom meeting every week to access the study. Call Cindy McManus at 336-918-4353 or email [cjm.welca@gmail.com](mailto:cjm.welca@gmail.com) if you have any questions.







# 2024 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024 annual SCWELCA Convention was a great success! We had an attendance of 103 BOLD WOMEN attending. We want to congratulate our new board members on being elected, Brianna Harris, Cristina Guillermo, and Lisa Petty. We thank these wonderful young women for coming forward and dedicating their time and talents to the board for the next two years. We also thank outgoing board members: Cindy McManus, Linda Roland, & Diane Wicker for their years of service. We know they will be close by and continue to support WELCA.

♦ Young Women Guest and First Timer guests: We were blessed to have more than 11 First Timer guest at our convention in June. Please remember that SC WELCA will pay for one First Timer per Conference. If there are more than one participant that would like to be a First Timer guest, we suggest that the Conference pay for their registration and meal. If this is not possible, then those participates will need to pay for their own registration/meals unless someone would like to sponsor them. We only had one Young Woman Guest attend our last convention. We were disappointed that Conferences did not submit applications for their YWG. It is so important to keep this tradition going in our SWO. It allows more women the ages 18-35 to attend. The SC SWO pays for one YWG per conference.

♦ Nominations for Board: We will be electing a new president and treasurer at our 2025 convention in August along with four board members. We are looking for nominees for the Treasurer and board members. We are asking each conference to send in a possible candidate. It is so important to have board members represent each conference. Please, encourage women to consider running. Nomination forms will be updated and added to our website soon.

## WORKSHOPS

### Bible Study with Ashlynn Cox

The SC WELCA convention this past year was awesome. I was able to attend the Bible Study, “Just Love”, presented by Ashlynn Cox.

The focus was on John 3, especially verse 16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

We discussed love and that we love because God loves us. God of continued love, God knows the big picture!

Then we all painted our “big picture” of love and created a “stain glass window” of “Just Love” that was later displayed at the convention for all to enjoy!

*Sarah Cheesman*

### Pottery with Roger Clark

He uses his pottery and demonstrations as his testimony. I was amazed at how he could create a utensil container while presenting his story. *Sallie Folk*

We hear a wonderful story told while getting a pottery demonstration with Pastor Roger Clark. *Lisa Petty*

### Neighbors Together

Suzanne Young, the Interim Executive Director of Neighbors Together, explained the organizations mission and purpose and how they go about providing needed services for people in the low country area.



### **Art Gallery trip**

I took the trip to the Art on the Square Gallery. I was able to see beautiful pieces of art from local artists and I got to meet some of them. *Lisa Petty*

### **Thrivent Financial Planning**

Representatives from Thrivent discussed useful ideas in preparation for your retirement. Didn't get a chance to go to this workshop? Contact any Thrivent representative in your area and ask for retirement advice.

### **Quilted Heart Craft**

Participants added beads and stitches to embellish quilted hearts. These hearts are distributed in the community for others to pick up to brighten their day. "I found a quilted heart" program ([www.ifoundaquiltedheart.com](http://www.ifoundaquiltedheart.com)) is responsible for making and placing hearts around the community. *Sallie Folk*

### **Staying Healthy as We Age**

We are never too young to start to worry about that. I was surprised on some food we should be more careful about purchasing. *Lisa Petty*

### **Truth in Healing**

A thought provoking discussion concerning the ELCA Truth in Healing Movement and Land Acknowledgement. You will learn what this movement is and why it is important. We will discuss what Land Acknowledgement is and how to find out what tribes once occupied the land you live or worship on. If you missed this go to <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8192> for resources to do a land acknowledgement at your own services and meetings.

### **Churchwide Rep & SCWELCA Board Q&A**

This was a very informative session discussed how Churchwide is addressing resources for the LBGQT community. *Sallie Folk*

I attended the Q&A with the Churchwide rep and our board. We have several ladies present who engaged in wonderful conversation about Churchwide regulations. Lots of good information passed along. Also, the ladies present have feedback to our board members on communication and convention. It was a great opportunity to connect with Churchwide and our delegates. *Christie Gardner.*

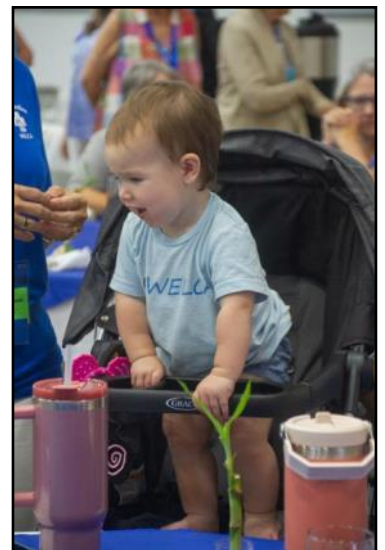
There was also a discussion with the First Timers that the convention needs to be more transparent about different acronyms used. For example: What is the BOR? BOR stands for "Bulletin of Reports" which is the booklet used during the convention. This is full of information featuring the agenda for the convention, biographies of nominees for the board, the proposed upcoming year budget and other items. *Cindy McManus*













## NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS. WE TAKE CREDIT CARDS AND DEBIT CARDS!



We now accept credit cards and debit cards. Accepted credit cards include, but are not limited to, Visa, Master Card and American Express cards. We also accept Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Cash App. Pay with these QR codes or go to our website.

If you've never used a QR code, just aim your phone camera at one of the codes. Your phone will focus and automatically show a window with the website. Just click on that website and it will take you to the payment form.



Camp Kinard  
Retreat registration



Isle of Palms  
Retreat registration

Registering  
online for the  
2025 Convention  
Coming soon!



Fabric kit shipping cost  
donation



Tanzania  
donation



Lighthouse for Life  
donation





# LOCAL CIRCLE NEWS

## The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Newberry

On February 25th, 2024, Redeemer's WELCA, celebrated BOLD Women's Sunday. WELCA members led all phases of the service, except for communion.

Prior to the beginning of the service, Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director at the church, was presented an Honorary Life Membership to WELCA.

During the sermon time, Zoe Reid, told about her experiences traveling in Greece, along with her mother and other members of the Southeastern Synod. According to Zoe, it was quite a spiritual experience for her. While the offering was being gathered, Alanna Boozer sang a solo.

On Mother's Day, WELCA placed flowers in the church to the Glory of God and in Honor of the Women in the congregation. Before the dismissal, it was announced that one of the vases of flowers would go to the oldest mother there - Fae Cousins - and the other would go to the newest mother - Juliet Nguyen.



## Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Irmo

On Saturday, June 8, 2024, the Keisler Circle invited the ladies of Bethlehem to a Spring Luncheon. The ladies were served a lunch of chicken salad on crisp lettuce boats, fresh fruit salad, and many delicious homemade desserts. Everything was served on a variety of fine china brought by the ladies of Keisler Circle.

There was a wonderful program led by Sarah Hofmann teaching participants about the history of the Keisler Circle. A fun crazy game was played where items were called out and the ladies had to look for those items in their purses. The event was so successful that another one is in the planning process in the coming months.







# CONFERENCE NEWS

## FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

1. **Foothills** Conference: Immanuel, Greenwood, October 12, 2024, Registration 9:30 a.m. Meeting: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2. **Upstate** Conference: No information.
3. **Epiphany** Conference: Next meeting will be at Crown and Cross, Florence, Spring 2025, Time and Date TBA.
4. **Amelia** Conference: Sat., Sept 21. Good Shepherd, Walterboro. Registration begins at 11:30 am with lunch and program to follow.
5. **Heartland** Conference: St James Lutheran Church, Newberry. April 27, at 3:00 p.m.
6. **Midlands** Conference: No information.
7. **Coastal** Conference: Sat., Oct. 5 at Holy Spirit. At 10:00 a.m. Registration, meeting & lunch to follow.
8. **Saxe-Gotha** Conference: St. Stephen's, Lexington. September 15 at 3:00 p.m.

## CONFERENCE LEADERS

1. Foothills: Coordinator - Lena Jones, Secretary - Becky Koch, Financial Secretary - Sandie Wonto
2. Upstate: *All positions are vacant.*
3. Epiphany: Coordinator - Elsie Angus, Secretary - *vacant*, Financial Secretary - *vacant*
4. Amelia: Coordinator: Joanne Perrin, Secretary - Cathy Deloach, Financial Secretary - Candace Fralix
5. Heartland: Coordinator - Sarah Cheesman, Secretary - Janet Balletine, Financial Secretary - Edith Hawkins
6. Midlands: Coordinator - Christine Price, Secretary - Gaye Betcher, Financial Secretary - Bobbie Bell
7. Coastal: Coordinator - Luanne Farish, Secretary - Luann Weldman, Financial Secretary - Betty Belekis
8. Saxe Gotha: Coordinator - Ella Shumpert, Secretary - Kristi Marshall, Financial Secretary - Betty B. Enlow
9. Western: Coordinator - Amanda Cruse, Secretary - Deborah Rhoden, Financial Secretary - Donna Fuller

## FOOTHILLS CONFERENCE

The Foothills conference meeting was held at Messiah, Mauldin on April 23, 2024. Pastries and coffee/juice/water were served in the morning. Kathi DeVoe, member of Messiah women, welcomed those present. Mona Turner gave the devotions and prayer. Music was provided by Nora Beth Norton. Rev. E.P. Martin lead us in prayer. Greetings were brought from the SCWELCA board by President Risse Snelgrove. A total of 39 ladies attended including three board members.

Mona Turner introduced guest speaker, Sandi Smith, with the Augustine Literacy Project of the Upstate. The Augustine Literacy Project was founded in 1994 by Linda McDonough in Chapel Hill, NC. They provide at least two no-cost, 45-minute, one-on-one lessons, weekly to qualifying students at their school or at an affiliated afterschool program. The lessons are individualized, structured, and multi-sensory. This instruction allows our students to process reading in a strategic way, through more than simply looking at words and pictures on a page. In every lesson the student learns to see, hear, touch, say, read, and write letters, words, and sentences.





## HEARTLAND CONFERENCE

The Heartland Conference met on Sunday, April 21st at Macedonia Lutheran Church in Prosperity. There was a successful informative meeting led by Sarah Cheesman. Thirty-nine women, including three board members were present. Greetings were brought from the SC WELCA board by board member Merri Lewis.

Entertainment was provided by Miss Lake Carolina, Ms. Madi Coffman, granddaughter of Sara Coffman. Madi sang the song she performed in the 2024 Miss South Carolina pageant.



## WESTERN CONFERENCE

The Western Spring conference meeting was held at Whittenburg Lutheran in Leesville on March 17, 2024. Conference Coordinator, Amanda Cruse, welcome the ladies. The program featured the handmade Chrismons that were made by members of Whittenburg over the past several years. Pictured here are just a few of the dozens of beautiful Chrismons made at Whittenburg. The ladies heard the history of the creation of these ornaments, examples of how several of them were made, and how to order the kits now.





# HONORARY LIFE/MEMORIAL RECOGNITION

## Honorary Life & Memorial Recognition

### South Carolina Women of the ELCA



#### **Honorary Life**

Honorary recognition may be made for a minimum donation of \$25 and is a way to pay tribute to a woman, man or young person in your congregation who is always there when needed and never finds an excuse to not help anyone in need, regardless of the situation. The application for Honorary Life Memberships has space for a citation (reason for recognition). This will be printed on the Honorary Certificate. The certificate and pin will be sent to the requestor for presentation.

#### **Memorial**

Memorial recognition may be made for a minimum donation of \$25 and is given in memory of a woman, man or young person who has passed on to the church triumphant and who had a positive impact on you or your church during their lifetime. The Memorial application has a space for a citation (reason for the memorial) if desired and printed on the certificate. The certificate will be mailed to the requestor for presentation.

All proceeds from the Honorary Life and Memorial Program go to our SC Women of the ELCA Scholarship Fund at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary/LRU.

\_\_\_\_\_ Honorary Life      \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial

#### **RECIPIENT INFORMATION** (please print)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Presentation Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTED BY** \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

**CITATION ON CERTIFICATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Ready to Frame      \_\_\_\_\_ Presentation Folder

**SUBMITTED BY** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send Certificate/Pin to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION** (minimum donation of \$25; make check payable to SC Women of the ELCA)      Enclosed is a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Honorary Life members will receive a Certificate and Honorary Pin. Memorials will receive a Certificate.*

*Send completed form with your check to Dee Bostick, 2624 Six and Twenty Rd, Pendleton, SC 29670*

*Phone: 864-650-3956, Email: deebostick1@gmail.com*





**2025 SC WELCA Retreat at Camp Kinard  
6053 Two Notch Road  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070**



Guest Speaker: Pegi Roberts, SCLRC Coordinator of Older Adult Ministries

**Dates: Friday, February 28 – Saturday, March 1**

**Times:** Check-in is 4:00 pm Friday and Check-out is 1:00 pm Saturday (after lunch)

**Cost for day:** \$55 (includes meals, breaks, retreat leader, and materials)

**2-day Cost:** \$95.00 Double occupancy (lodging and all of the above)

**2-day Cost:** \$135.00 /Single occupancy (lodging and all of the above)

**\*Bring your favorite snack to share.\***

Complete the information below. (PLEASE PRINT)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church \_\_\_\_\_ Church/City \_\_\_\_\_

Check which applies:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a roommate - Roommate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not have a roommate, please assign me one.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to room alone.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$95 (Double Room)      \_\_\_\_\_ \$135 (Single Room)      \_\_\_\_\_ \$55 (Day Attendance)

**MAKE CHECK OUT TO “SC WELCA”. Mail check and registration form to: Rachel Quesada, 520 Timber Lane, Anderson SC 29621.**

Would you rather register and pay online? Use the new QR Code.



**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**

**THE FINAL COUNT IS REQUIRED TO BE TURNED IN TO CAMP KINARD ON JANUARY 28.**  
*No reservations can be taken after this date!*

Questions? Contact Cindy McManus at 336-918-4353 or email [cjm.welca@gmail.com](mailto:cjm.welca@gmail.com)



**ISLE OF PALMS RETREAT**  
**2101 Palm Blvd.**  
**Isle of Palms, SC 29451**



**Guest Speaker: Jennifer Nuovo**

**Dates: Friday, May 16 - Sunday, May 18**

**Times:** Check-in is 4:00 pm Friday and Check-out is 11:00 am Saturday

\_\_\_\_\_ **Day timer Cost:** \$87.50 (includes meals, breaks, retreat leader, and materials)

\_\_\_\_\_ **3-day Cost:** \$175.00 Double or more occupancy (lodging, linens, and all of the above)

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*Payment can be split up with balance paid by April 14, 2025. Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

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\_\_\_\_\_ I do not have a roommate, please assign me one.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to room alone.

First time attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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Questions? Contact Sallie Folk at 843-307-1417 or email [salstitcher823@yahoo.com](mailto:salstitcher823@yahoo.com).





# WELCA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LUTHERAN LAYWOMEN

Are you interested? Do you know a woman that would benefit from this?

Scholarships for Lutheran Laywomen provide assistance to Lutheran women studying for a career other than ordained ministry.

**The purpose of the Scholarship for Lutheran Laywomen** is to provide assistance to women studying for a career other than ordained ministry. General funds for this scholarship come from the Cronk, First Triennium Board, General, Mehring, Paepke, Piero/Wade/Wade, Edwin/Edna Robeck Opportunity

Scholarship for Lutheran Laywomen. Also with funds for specific opportunities from Arne Administrative Scholarship, Schmieder Leadership Scholarship, Amelia Kemp Scholarship, Belmer, Kahler, Vickers/Raup Funds and Irene Drinkall Franke, Mary Seeley Knudstrup Funds.

**Administrative leadership:** The Arne Administrative Scholarship provides assistance to women interested in reaching the top of their field as administrators. The additional education may be pursued through full-time school attendance, night courses, or summer sessions.

**ELCA college and seminary leadership:** The Schmieder Leadership Scholarship provides assistance to women administrators and faculty at ELCA colleges and seminaries who wish to participate in leadership training and management training institutes.

**Women of color leaders:** The Amelia Kemp Scholarship provides assistance to ELCA women of color in undergraduate, graduate, professional, or vocational courses of study.

**ELCA service abroad:** The Belmer, Kahler, Vickers/Raup Funds provides assistance to women preparing for ELCA service abroad, either in general or in health professions.

**Christian service:** The Irene Drinkall Franke, Mary Seeley Knudstrup Funds provides assistance to women as they take graduate courses preparing them for occupations in Christian service.

### Eligibility and Guidelines

THE APPLICANT MUST:

- be a citizen of the United States of America.
- hold membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- be at least 21 years old.
- have experienced an interruption in education of two or more years since completion of high school or college.

### Additional Scholarship Committee Considerations

- Involvement in Women of the ELCA

### Recipient Commitment

- Women of the ELCA must be notified in writing of any change in education plans.
- Scholarship funds must be used within the academic year of the award.
- Scholarship funds must be returned if the educational program is canceled, or if it is terminated by the recipient's personal decision.
- Scholarship funds will be forfeited if the scholarship recipient does not adhere to the timeline set for providing information and documentation needed for awarding funds.

If requested, recipient will be interviewed for Women of the ELCA print and/or electronic media.

For more information and application go to <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/scholarships>.





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# WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2022?



	COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	BLANKETS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS	MASKS
<p><b>462,262</b> QUILTS &amp; KITS IN 19 COUNTRIES</p> <p><b>220,317</b> QUILTS <b>1,650</b> BLANKETS</p> <p><b>94,060</b> PERSONAL CARE KITS <b>90,860</b> SCHOOL KITS</p> <p><b>46,560</b> BABY CARE KITS <b>8,815</b> FABRIC KITS</p> <p><b>31,950</b> FACE MASKS</p>	ANGOLA	Maryland	18,480			9,890	4,950	1,230	
	ARMENIA	Maryland	12,375					1,230	
	BURKINA FASO	Minnesota	14,760		4,480	9,100	4,480	4,100	4,400
	DIJIBOUTI	Minnesota	10,080		15,360				
	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota			15,360				
	GEORGIA	Maryland	36,960						
	GUATEMALA	Minnesota	7,200			21,700	7,200		
	HAITI	Minnesota	8,640			2,800			
	JORDAN	Maryland	7,260		5,500				
	LEBANON	Maryland	15,180		8,000	6,900	4,200	1,230	
	MALI	Maryland	22,440		5,000	4,830	3,150	205	6,250
	NIGER	Minnesota	11,160		5,760		3,840		4,400
	PERU	Minnesota	15,840			7,000			
	POLAND	Maryland	11,520		2,500	7,360	3,480		
	SIERRA LEONE	Minnesota	10,800			7,000	3,840		4,400
	SOUTH SUDAN	Maryland	3,630	1,650	13,000	3,220	2,100	820	6,250
	SYRIA	Maryland			6,500	5,908			
	TANZANIA	Minnesota	7,920		6,400		6,080		
	UKRAINE	Maryland	6,072		3,000	8,280	3,240		6,250
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>220,317</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>90,860</b>	<b>94,060</b>	<b>46,560</b>	<b>8,815</b>	<b>31,950</b>

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**A note from the Editor.** I am grateful every day for the opportunity I have in being able to create The *RIPPLE*. It is fun and I hope you find it enjoyable and full of useful information. I love using my computer skills to inform you all of the great work that our women of South Carolina do for the worthwhile causes we support. I wish we had more room in this publication to promote the many issues that we are all committed to improving. That is why I think our website is so important. We are not restricted to printed pages or cost. I urge you to view the website, [www.scwelca.com](http://www.scwelca.com) to see what we are working on.

I am proud to say that I am part of a new Anti-racism Task Force that has been established by our board called, "Today's Dream – Tomorrow's Reality". Board members Cristina Guillermo and LaTynia Taylor are also members of this important group. Stay tuned to The *RIPPLE* and our website for information as we work to find ways to build bridges and break down fears between people.

*Cindy J McManus*



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