

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization
of Women of the ELCA

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 301 N. Lincoln St., Redwood Falls, Minnesota

Please type or print clearly.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

CONGREGATION & CITY _____

CONFERENCE _____

Please circle the one that applies to you: VOTING MEMBER VISITOR CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

***Note: Conference President registration is paid by the Synod Board. If you have circled Conference President you do not need to send any payment – just the completed registration form.*

*(The Conference Vice President qualifies **IF** she is coming in the president's place – make that note here _____)*

ALL registrations DUE BY APRIL 22, 2024

Do you have special dietary needs? _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00

*Cost includes:
registration, coffee time, noon lunch*

Refer all registration questions to:

Karen Quistorff
karenquistorff.kq@gmail.com or 320-282-6368

Make checks to: SW MN WOMEN OF ELCA

**Send complete form and check to: Karen Quistorff, Convention Registrar
10704 Co. 95
Sauk Centre, MN 56378**

TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE

2024 CONVENTION OFFERING

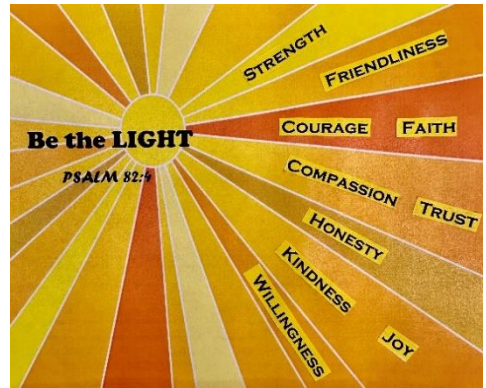
May 4, 2024, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

2024 Offering Objectives:

- 50% to Churchwide Women of the ELCA
- 50% to Terebinth Refuge

You may bring your unit offering to the convention worship service or mail it in advance to:

Karen Quistorff, Treasurer
10704 Co. 95
Sauk Centre, MN 56378



Katie's Fund – Bring your loose change for cans on the lunch tables.

Gifts Cards - We are also collecting gift cards to Target, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS for women served by Terebinth Refuge.

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet along with your unit offering.



2024 SW MN Convention Offering

Congregation Name & City _____

Congregation Number _____

Conference _____

Treasurer's Name _____

Treasurer's Address _____

Offering Amount \$ _____

Make check to: "SW MN Women of the ELCA"

CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Women who would be **first-time** convention visitors (not voting members) and who wish to learn about the Women of the ELCA are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

Those selected **must be** willing to attend **all** sessions of the Women's Synodical Convention on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 301 N. Lincoln St. in Redwood Falls, MN.

The recipients of the scholarship will be asked to evaluate their experiences and share impressions with the convention participants at the end of the day on May 4th.

All convention costs (registration, meals), will be paid by the Synodical Women's Organization with the exception of travel expenses.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION FORM and return by APRIL 1, 2024.

Please type or print all information

NAME _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

HOME CONGREGATION _____

CONFERENCE _____

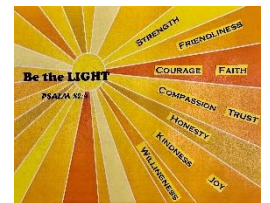
The group of scholarship participants and the mentors will be seated together throughout the one-day convention.

If selected, I will participate according to the scholarship provisions.

Applicant's signature _____

Signature of Congregation Sponsor _____

(this form MUST be signed by a member of your congregation)



Return this completed and signed application by APRIL 1, 2024.

Mail to: Ilene Penk, 11168 Hwy. 15, Brownton, MN 55312
- or scan completed application and email to: ilenepenk45@gmail.com.

CONVENTION MENTOR APPLICATION

Women who are knowledgeable of the work of the Women of the ELCA on all levels and would be interested in guiding the Scholarship Recipients the day of convention, are encouraged to apply.

The two mentors will be selected on a first-come first-served basis and are willing to devote their time at all sessions of the convention. If you are selected as a mentor, you are expected to be seated with the other mentor and all scholarship recipients at all times during the convention.

All convention costs (registration and food) will be paid by the SW MN Synodical Women's Organization with the exception of travel expenses. The convention is a one-day event to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN BY **APRIL 1, 2024.**

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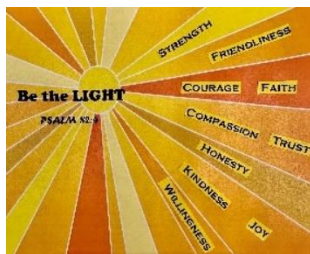
If selected, I agree to participate according to the Mentor/Scholarship provisions.

Applicant's signature _____

Signature of Congregation Sponsor _____

This form MUST be signed by a member of your congregation.

Return this completed and signed application by **April 1, 2024, and mail to:**



Ilene Penk
11168 Hwy. 15
Brownton, MN 55312

- or scan completed application and email to: ilenepenk45@gmail.com

RESOLUTIONS

A resolution is your opportunity to address problems, situations, or concerns that affect the churchwide, synodical or local organization of Women of the ELCA and possibly its partners and global affiliates. Here is your chance! If your unit has a special concern, now is the time to address it. Resolutions should be presented at the Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention [plenary sessions on Saturday, May 4, 2024](#), at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Here are some guidelines for submitting a resolution:

1. **What is a resolution?** A resolution is a main motion, presented in written form by a voting member. It is a proposal that a convention acts upon or expresses itself as holding certain views.
2. **Who prepares and presents resolutions?** Every Congregational Unit has the right and privilege to prepare and present, through its voting member, a Resolution to the convention. The resolution must be signed by five (5) voting members representing five (5) congregational units of the SW MN Synodical Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA.
3. **Why do we use resolution forms?** The form helps the secretary and president accurately report the business and action taken. It helps you think through your motion. It helps the convention move forward in an orderly manner.
4. **Resolutions are your voice.** If you want to speak up and be heard, this is one way of expressing yourself. Resolutions provide for the vision and direction of our organization. If you have an area of concern that you feel needs to be addressed, a resolution is a way of requesting action and beginning discussion and deliberation. The beginning portion of the resolution (the WHEREAS) states the issue of concern and should list factual background information to help the reader understand why this resolution is being presented. The conclusion (the RESOLVED) states the proposed action or actions. It tells what you think we should do about this issue.

Ask yourself these questions before submitting a resolution:

1. Is the concern something our SW MN Synodical Women's Organization can address?
2. Is the proposed action consistent with the positions and policies of the ELCA?
3. What is the outcome desired if the action is taken?
4. In what other ways might congregational units of our Synodical Women's Organization deal with the concerns?
5. What are the costs in terms of time, talent, and money in implementing this action?

If you wish to submit a resolution, please review the guidelines, and then write it on the official form that is included in the publicity packet that reaches all congregational units.

CONGREGATIONAL/INTERCONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT:

PLEASE GIVE THE FORM PERTAINING TO RESOLUTIONS TO YOUR Voting Member.

MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS require the signature of (5) five voting members, representing (5) five congregational/intercongregational units. These voting members must all be members of a congregation belonging to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This motion/resolution must be in the hands of the Resolution Committee **NO LATER than 10:00 am, Saturday, May 4, 2024. The committee would prefer that resolutions be mailed prior to convention by April 4, 2024**, so the committee could act on them and have copies ready for the delegates. Mail resolutions to: Jane Leitzman, 30655 Melanie Way, St. Joseph, MN 56374, or email by that date to jane.leitzman@gmail.com.

**OFFICIAL FORM FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS TO
THE SW MN SYNODICAL WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION, MAY 4, 2024.**

I submit the following notion/resolution related to:

_____ (indicate topic)

Whereas:

Be it resolved:

(use reverse side if additional space is needed)

1. _____ Congregation _____
Name of originator –voting member

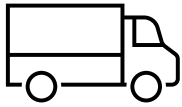
2. _____ Congregation _____

3. _____ Congregation _____

4. _____ Congregation _____

5. _____ Congregation _____

IN-KIND OFFERINGS FOR CONVENTION



It's back!

Look for the truck in the church parking lot.

All LWR quilts and kits may be dropped off from 7:30 to 10:30.

Bring your completed Convention In-Kind Offering form or send to Noreen Beranek in advance. Remember to include all donations on your report, not just those made to Lutheran World Relief.

Personal care kits are the focus for 2023-2024. For more information see <https://lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits>.

As always, you are welcome to assemble other kits too. See <https://lwr.org/kits>.

Monetary donations to LWR are always needed and appreciated as well. See www.lwr.org for more information.

LWR'S APPROXIMATE COST TO DELIVER QUILTS AND KITS OVERSEAS:

One Mission Quilt	\$2.80
One School Kit	\$2.85
One Personal Care Kit	\$1.50
One Baby Care Kit	\$3.10
One Fabric Kit	\$1.80

There will be no Christian literature collection at the 2024 convention.

Tips and reminders about your LWR donations:

Quilts

- LWR cannot accept fleece in quilts or kits, but will accept other fabrics that include microfiber.
- It is recommended (but not required) that quilts be tied in square knots or double knots, no more than 6-8 inches apart.
- Finished quilt size must be 60" by 80".
- Quilts must be sturdy and warm.

Kits

It is recommended (not required) that all personal care items be wrapped in a towel and secured with ribbon or yarn.

Shipping

- Pack completed quilts and kits separately in boxes. Pack like items together (School Kits separately from Personal Care Kits, etc.).
- Label each box in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS with the contents and the name and address of your congregation.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not exceeding 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.

Terebinth Refuge

Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS will be collected at the convention for women served by **Terebinth Refuge**.

Global Health Ministries

Global Health Ministries (GHM) will **not** be at our convention this year. To learn more about GHM's projects, see www.ghm.org. Click on "Get Involved," then "Service Projects," and finally click on "Download Project Instructions" for more information.

In-Kind Offering Reporting Form

The Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women of the ELCA would like to keep track of how many quilts, kits, and other offerings have been collected and donated.

Please list your donations to Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries below.

Use the back of this form to record donations to local and other causes.

Bring your completed form to the convention or, better yet, send it in advance to:

Noreen Beranek, PO Box 83, Gibbon, MN 55335
naberanek@gmail.com

Conference (please circle) CROW RIVER GLACIAL RIDGE GREAT RIVER LAC QUI PARLE
 LAKELAND MINNESOTA VALLEY PRAIRIE SCENIC VALLEY SHETEK WATONWAN RIVER

***If you do not know your conference, please make sure to list the town or city where your church is located.*

CHURCH NAME _____ CHURCH TOWN/CITY _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME _____ PHONE # _____

TYPE OF DONATION	TOTAL
Quilts to LWR	
Quilts to Others	
School Kits	
Personal Care Kits	
Baby Care Kits	
Fabric Kits	
Other LWR Donations	
Monetary Gifts for shipping of LWR Quilts/Kits	\$
Global Health Ministries - # of items or bags/boxes	#
Gift Cards for Terebinth Refuge – to Target, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS	\$

