

THE BREEZE

Southern Ohio Women of the ELCA Newsletter

Spring 2018

From the President

Greetings Women of the Southern Ohio Synod!

Here we are in the season of Lent. Time goes by oh, so quickly!

Many of you know me, but many of you do not. My name is

Susan Wyckoff. I was elected President of the Southern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization at the Biennial Convention in Gahanna last October. I am honored to be elected your president and thank the many well-wishers who have encouraged me thus far.

I am a life-long Lutheran, currently an active member of First Lutheran in Bellefontaine. I am active in women's circle and have led two renovation projects within our church. I have attended Triennials since 2005 when we traveled to San Antonio and I was hooked!! As Triennial Promoter in 2014, I brought Queen Charlotte to your spring gatherings, to spread the word about upcoming Triennial activities. I have previously served on the SOS WELCA board in the capacity of Mission Faith and also as the Northwest Conference Representative. I look forward to the next two years in learning more about WELCA and working with and for all of you.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me. I may not have the answer but I will try to find out, or just be a listener if that's what is needed.

Feel free to contact me: gwyckoff@2access.net or 937-441-2960 (cell). I'm great at texting, so feel free to send me a text at that number and I'll get back to you.

Remember to mark your calendar for your upcoming spring gathering where we can connect and work to carry out God's Work with Our Hands. As we journey through this Lenten season, may we be blessed with mercy and grace from our loving Father and grow to know the sacrificial Lamb more dearly.

In God's Peace,

Susan Wyckoff

SOS WELCA President



SOS WELCA SPRING GATHERINGS 2018

*Sat March 17 - SCIOTO Calvary Lutheran Church 74 W. Main Street, Chillicothe
9:00 registration, 10:30 Start of Gathering
Contact Person: Judy Root or Nancy Hoffman*

*Sat April 7 -DAYTON Peace Lutheran Church, 3530 Dayton Xenia Rd., Beavercreek
10:30 registration, 11:00 -4:00 Gathering
Contact Person: Marcie Griffin or Marcia Calhoun*

*Sat April 14 - NORTHWEST St. Andrew Lutheran Church 7128 Stine Rd, Enon
8:30 registration, 9:15 Start of Gathering
Contact Person: Cheri Comstock or Jean Wright*

*Sat April 21 - MUSKINGHAM - Christ Lutheran, 1101 Steubenville Ave., Cambridge
Contact Person: Angie Hoberg, Phyllis Shoemaker*

*Sat April 28 - CINCINNATI -
Peace Lutheran Church, 10581 Arnheim-Day Hill Rd. Georgetown
8:30 registration, 9:00 Start of Gathering
Contact Person: Emma Barnaclo, Kathy DeLong, Ginny Pape*

Sun May 6 - CENTRAL - TBD



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

“DARING WOMEN OF THE REFORMATION”

In October we wrapped up our year with our 2017 Convention.

Out of all of the Fun, Bible Study, Learning about Daring Women of the Reformation, Good food, Fun, Shopping, and Fun. Then it was our turn to be Daring. We passed a few resolutions:

Resolution 1

Resolved that SOS Women of the ELCA add Anti-Human Trafficking as a line item in the budget.

*Signed: Marca Calhoun - New Hope Lutheran Church, Dayton
Marian Kettering - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Dayton
Stephanie Cotterman - St. John Lutheran Church, Dayton
Cheryl Comstock - First Lutheran Church, Northwest Conference
Emma Barnaclo - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cincinnati*

Marcia Calhoun moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Cheri Comstock.

Discussion followed. It was pointed out that Anti-Human Trafficking is a line item in the budget under the Expense/Disbursements heading of “Leadership”. It was also pointed out that anyone or group can make a designated gift to be used for Anti-Human Trafficking and it will then appear in the budget as a line item under “Benevolence”. It was also clarified that the line item for Anti-Human Trafficking would remain as such under “Leadership” and the Benevolence line would be additional money for the program. The signers of the resolution agreed that would fulfill their intention. No further action was needed.

Resolution 2

Resolved that SOS Women of the ELCA add a task force to study and react to the opioid crisis in our state.

*Signed: Marca Calhoun - New Hope Lutheran Church, Dayton
Marian Kettering - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Dayton
Stephanie Cotterman - St. John Lutheran Church, Dayton
Cheryl Comstock - First Lutheran Church, Northwest Conference
Emma Barnaclo - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cincinnati*

Marcia Calhoun moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Emma Barnaclo.

Discussion followed. Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt pointed out that the Southern Ohio Synod has established a task force in conjunction with the Archdioceses of Cincinnati, The United Methodist Church and others studying the opioid crisis in Southwestern Ohio. The signers of Resolution 2 agreed that SOS WELCA supporting this task force would fulfill the intention of the resolution.

The amended Resolution 2 now reads: Resolved that SOS Women of the ELCA support the synodical task force to study and react to the opioid crisis in our state.

Motion to accept the amended resolution passed unanimously.

We had an election and now we have a new board minus a treasurer which is still needed. Please prayerfully consider this position. Being on the board is a wonderful experience. Anyone with a little Excel knowledge and a commitment to attend events would be able to handle this position.

Please see the new listing of officers on the back page. I am looking forward to coming to my Spring Gathering in Cincinnati Conference to find out what our new board has been doing with these resolutions. I also can't wait to find out how the 500th Initiative Challenge went. I understand from Deb that you all continued to send funds through the end of the year for this. Please let me one more time say Thank you for always supporting our board. I know that you will support your new board in 2018.

God bless you All!

Robin Kaelin

Past President

SOS WELCA



Stronger and Better Together: Joining Jesus in the Restoration of the World

To find out more about Southern Ohio Synod updates go to : <http://www.southernohiosynod.org>
Look under Collaborate for SOS WELCA

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Southern Ohio Women Changing the World, one day at a time.

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