

# THE BREEZE

Southern Ohio Women of the ELCA Newsletter

CONVENTION ADDITION 2019

*From the President*

*SPECIAL BIENNIAL CONVENTION ISSUE!*

**"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you'll be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will."** Romans 12:2

theme verse for Biennial Convention 2019



*Greetings Women of the Southern Ohio Synod!*

Rain Rain Go Away!! If you're like me, you have many outdoor projects to be working on at this time: Flowerbeds, Flower pots, Gardening, MOWING THE YARD! Patio Parties, Swimming, Cookouts, Ball Games, Visits with Friends, etc. etc. And - MOWING THE YARD! AGAIN!

I so enjoyed visiting with the women of Southern Ohio at the Spring Gatherings. Hearing so many inspirational speakers and learning about agencies that provide for the needs of our communities, being inspired as how we, the women of the SOS, support them as well.

Remember in prayers the farmers who cannot get into the fields, for those facing flooding, for our society and our world.

As promised, this is a special biennial convention issue.

I look forward to seeing all of you in September!

In the promise of the empty tomb,

*Susan*

## Current for Curran

follows on the heels of PV for Phebe (Phebe Hospital in Liberia) and is a project to provide solar energy to developing countries. This initiative is sponsored through the Northeast Minnesota Synod. At Central Conference Spring Gathering we heard a first-hand account from a woman from Liberia who now lives in the Columbus area who expressed such gratitude for our support of the Curran Project. I'm sure we will be hearing more at our convention in September regarding this initiative. At this time, about half of the needed donations have come in. The total need is \$750,000. The solar panels have been donated by an energy company. To find out more about Current for Curran: Google or Facebook "Skip the Grid" and RREAL (Rural Renewable Energy Alliance). More information is located in this issue.

## Treasurer Information:

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All regular offerings along with Current for Curran offerings are sent to Kathy. Checks made to Women of the ELCA. Thankofferings are sent directly to Churchwide. Kathy can help with information about how to get offerings to Churchwide.



It's not too early to be thinking about & planning your **Thankoffering Service**.

Thankoffering service can be held at ANY TIME OF THE YEAR. Not just during the Thanksgiving season. Thankofferings support the on-going ministries of the churchwide Women of the ELCA – from utilities, staff, executive board, Conference of Presidents, Triennial convention, attendance at Youth Gatherings, communications and publications, justice and advocacy, and much more. Thankoffering services can be downloaded from [www.womenofelca.org](http://www.womenofelca.org) under Stewardship.

An organized service is just one way to hold a Thankoffering. Perhaps your women prefer to hold a special event regarding Women of the ELCA. This would be a great time to **SHOUT!** about what your WELCA unit does at the local, conference and synodical levels. Perhaps share in remembrance about the bold women who laid the groundwork for the women of the church. 100% of offerings collected are sent directly to churchwide WELCA.

## BIENNIAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

We, the synod board members, encourage you to plan to attend the Biennial Convention, joining us in fellowship, faith, inspiration and fun. We will commence on Friday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at the Quality Hotel with a baked potato buffet, including salad and assorted desserts. I encourage you to come to the hotel early in the afternoon. Perhaps, even consider taking in some sight-seeing on your own earlier in the day. Then come check in to your hotel room, relax, perhaps take a swim in the hotel pool, enjoy a refreshing drink and prepare yourself for a week-end of renewal and refreshment. We will have our first business session, including election of Triennial voting members on Friday evening, so you'll want to be in attendance to cast your vote (one per unit). The evening will conclude with singing, praise, prayer & worship and then social hour with snacks provided by the synod board.

On Saturday we will commence at Ascension Lutheran Church with pastries & coffee and continue with business, workshops, special speakers, culminating with a communion service.

Special Speakers at the Biennial Convention include Pastor Mary Laymon from the Mt. Healthy area. She and her husband own and run Tikkun Farm, a 3.5 acre farm; a place of healing, restoration and repair.

Also, the churchwide rep who will be in attendance with us is Laura Krueger, a resident of Avondale, Arizona, which is adjacent to Phoenix. She will be leading a workshop and perhaps she can give us some "tips" regarding our visit to Phoenix next summer when we come for Triennial.

The convention theme "being transformed by the renewing of our minds" will be our focus through workshops, Bible studies, fellowship and speakers.

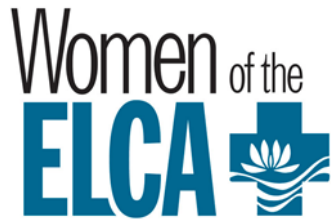
### **In this Issue, you will find:**

**Convention Flyer:** Information about logistics, dates, location, cost

Please make copies of this flyer, post it on bulletin boards, share in your church newsletter, hand out to the women of your congregation.

### **Convention Registration Form:**

Fill out & send with check to Kathy DeLong, SOS Treasurer



*Biennial Convention  
of the  
Southern Ohio Synod*

*Frí & Sat Sept 20 & 21, 2019*

*Quality Hotel 5901 Pfeiffer Rd. at Exit 15 on I-71 South  
Ascension Lutheran Church 7333 Pfeiffer Rd., Cincinnati*

**Friday Sept 20 -5:00 PM - Opening Session** will be held in the “Carpenter Room” at Quality Hotel, 5901 Pfeiffer Rd., Cincinnati beginning with a Baked Potato Bar including salad and dessert. Following dinner will be a business meeting including a speaker and elections and ending our evening together with “social hour” with provided snacks. Do not bring food into the hotel!

**Overnight Hotel Accommodations** at Quality Hotel - 513-793-4500. Reservations are in the name of “Lutheran Women of Southern Ohio”. Room rate based on double occupancy = \$124.00

**Saturday Sept 21 – The Convention** will continue at Ascension Lutheran Church, 7333 Pfeiffer Rd., turn right out of the hotel parking lot, go through light and church is on the right a very short distance from the hotel.

**Registration: \$50.00**

This includes the Friday evening dinner, Saturday morning breakfast (pastries, coffee, tea, juice, etc.) and Saturday Lunch

**FELLOWSHIP! WORSHIP! WORKSHOPS! SPEAKERS!**

*Special Speaker: Mary Laymon from Tikkun Farms of Mt. Healthy*

**ELECTIONS!** *Prayerfully consider your gifts & talents to the SOS*

WELCA Elections will be held for Voting Members to the 2020 Triennial

Nomination forms available through Breeze newsletter special convention issue or by contacting Susan Wyckoff at [gwyckoff@2access.net](mailto:gwyckoff@2access.net)

In addition: elections for Southern Ohio Synod WELCA board of which there are many vacancies. Contact your Conference rep or a board member.

# Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Southern Ohio Synod – 2019 Biennial Convention

## “ALL ANEW”



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is -

Convention will begin Friday evening at the Quality Hotel with a Baked Potato Bar which is included in the registration fee. On Saturday, the Convention will reconvene at Ascension Lutheran Church with breakfast & lunch included.

**Quality Hotel Blue Ash** 513-793-4500

, 5901 Pfeiffer Rd. , Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

**Ascension Lutheran Church,** 513-793-3288

7333 Pfeiffer Rd. (Exit 15 off I-71), Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please include:

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Conference: ☐ Central Ohio ☐ Cincinnati ☐ Dayton ☐ Muskingum ☐ Northwest ☐ Scioto

☐ Voting Member ☐ Visitor ☐ Pastor ☐ SOS Officer ☐ SOS Board ☐ Churchwide Rep.

(one voting member per congregational unit)

☐ **YES**, I plan to arrive in time for the Baked Potato Bar & attend the Friday evening session  
Fee: \$50.00

Make check payable to: Women of the ELCA

Deadline: September 6, 2019 – no refunds after this date.

Walk-in registrations welcome

Send registration form and fee to: **Kathy DeLong**, SOS WELCA treasurer

4178 Bayberry Ct., Hamilton, Ohio 45011 [rkdelong71@aol.com](mailto:rkdelong71@aol.com), 513-893-0069

For group registrations: Please complete a registration form for each person attending. Payment for all may be included in one check.

Overnight accommodation:

**Quality Hotel Blue Ash, 5901 Pfeiffer Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45242**

Double room rate: \$124.00 plus tax.

Hotel has restaurant and pool.

Phone: 513-793-4500 to make your reservation.

Rooms are reserved under

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF SOUTHERN OHIO.





Curran Hospital in Zorzor, Liberia, began life in 1924 as a bush hospital about 188 miles north of Monrovia but quickly expanded into a full hospital, with 125 beds and the capacity to provide Public Health Service for the whole district. During the Liberian Civil War of 1989-2003 the hospital was twice destroyed during horrific fighting between the LURD rebels and government soldiers. Anything of value was looted and hauled away, including the roof. Only the outer walls, riddled with mortar shell holes, were left standing. With the help of numerous churches, individuals and organizations the hospital was rebuilt twice.

At the end of the war in 2004 Curran began to limp back into operation, using one of the roofless rooms as an outpatient clinic during the dry season. Basic medical services were provided to nearby villages out of the back of a Land Rover, using Curran as a base.

Today Curran provides inpatient and outpatient services, a school of nursing and supervision for 23 community health centers and clinics.

Curran Hospital sends out a team of health care workers to check on pregnant women, do vaccinations, and of course test for malaria in the surrounding villages. It would take days for these villagers to walk to a clinic at Curran but the team can drive most of the way and then hike anywhere up to 6 hours to get to a village.

Lutheran women have been supporting Curran since its inception.

Curran's location, though remote, is very strategic. It offers humanitarian health care services, not only to Liberians, but also to people from adjacent Guinea and Sierra Leone. However, to get to Zorzor from Monrovia which is 188 miles you have to travel 4 1/2 hours on a gravel road and during the rainy season it is pretty rough.

Curran is the only mission hospital that also serves as the Government of Liberia's referral and teaching hospital in Lofa County.

Curran needs a hand up. It is experiencing severe financial difficulties and is having difficulty getting medical supplies and diesel fuel for its generators. Generators are the only source of electric power and fuel is very expensive and is not always available. A 100kW solar system will significantly reduce energy costs for the hospital and the excess electricity can be sold creating a revenue source for the hospital.

*Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention  
Phoenix, Arizona July 14-16, 2020  
Nomination form for Voting Members*



I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ to be a voting member at the 2020 Women of  
the ELCA Triennial Convention in Phoenix.

She would make a good candidate because she is active in \_\_\_\_\_

Her strengths are

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**To be filled out by the Nominee:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check Age Range:**    ☐ 18-29    ☐ 30-39    ☐ 40-49    ☐ 50-59    ☐ 60+

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

☐ Woman of Color    ☐ Primary Language other than English    ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> time voting  
member    ☐ have previously served as a voting member at a Triennial

**List Activities in the following areas:** (the back side of this form may be used as needed)

Women's Organization (local unit)

Within Your Congregation

Conference/Synod Activities

Community

**Signature of Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Pastor, Council Member** \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## Nomination Form for Triennial Voting Member:

Voting members to Triennial must be an active member of a WELCA unit.

3 categories of voting members will be:  
one woman of color or primary language other than English,  
one 1<sup>st</sup> time voting member (this does NOT mean 1<sup>st</sup> time attendee to a Gathering) and three in  
general voting members.

The nomination form is made out in a way that a person fills out the form nominating a woman,  
then gives it to the nominee to fill out and a member of the congregation signs.

**These forms are then sent to:  
WELCA SOS Vice-President Jackie Cutshall by August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Airfare, hotel accommodations and meals during the Convention  
(which begins Tues July 14 through Thurs July 16, 2020) are covered by synod and churchwide

Expenses (other than airfare) for the Gathering (Thur July 16 through Sun July 19, 2020)  
are the responsibility of the delegate.

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

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CONFERENCE INFO WILL BE UPDATED AT CONVENTION