

# THE BREEZE

Southern Ohio Women of the ELCA Newsletter

Fall 2019

## *From the President*

Dear Women of Southern Ohio,  
Happy Fall Greetings!



As I am writing to you on this first day of November, I see the leaves falling down onto snow-sprinkled ground. Where did the summer go? Time goes... Oh so fast!

What a wonderful Biennial Convention! We elected a new synod WELCA board (information will be shared later in this newsletter) along with those voting members who will be taking voice and vote to the National Convention in Phoenix.

We heard first-hand account of the benefit of our support of the Current for Curran initiative. So Inspiring! Look for that information also in this newsletter. I hope that those of you who attended carried home with you inspiring messages and wonderful memories. It was so good to visit with all of you. Much information was shared and we went away with new purpose and goals. I know I did!

May you all have a wonderfully blessed Thanksgiving.

Susan

SOS WELCA PRESIDENT



*Yogie Jeffy, member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg and a native of Liberia, shared with the Southern Ohio Women at their Biennial Convention about the benefit of the Current for Curran Project, a solar energy initiative being carried out in her home country of Liberia. Current for Curran follows in the footsteps of PV for Phebe, a hospital in Liberia.*



*The Southern Ohio Women were so moved by her story that an offering of \$1069 was given for the Curran project! That's an offering from just 53 women!*

**WAY TO SHOW ADVOCACY WOMEN OF SOS!**

*To find out more about Current for Curran: Google or Facebook "Skip the Grid" and RREAL (Rural Renewable Energy Alliance).*



Biennial Convention Offerings were shared equally between Women of the ELCA and Tikkun Farms of Mt. Healthy.

Reverend Mary Laymon from Tikkun Farm shared the role and principle behind the ministry of healing and repair for the marginalized of our society.

\$1614.00 was our overall offering. \$807 shared with Tikkun Farm and \$807 with Women of the ELCA. Convention registration was 53 on Friday and 58 on Saturday

# LET'S GO TO PHOENIX !!

*Are you going?? Are ya'? Are ya? Huh? Huh?*

If you've attended a Triennial, you know how amazingly inspiring it is.

If you have never gone to Triennial, you really should consider it.

Make it a "bucket-list" priority.

Early Registration of \$325 is open now until January 6<sup>th</sup>.

After that date, registration is \$375.

"Go to [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org) for more information and registration"

Southern Ohio WELCA board has approved scholarship money to be evenly distributed to women who apply.

Contact Treasurer Kathy DeLong for more information.



## **Southern Ohio Women of the ELCA voting delegates to the Triennial are:**

Susan Wyckoff, President

Dolorise Bray, representing our women of color

Kathy DeLong- our first-time delegate to the Triennial

Su Bowling

Cheri Comstock

Stephanie Cotterman

Alternates: Koben Hinman & Evalyn O' Reed

Please remember these women in your prayers as we prepare for our travels and as we carry out the work of the Women of the ELCA.

## About Thankofferings

Thankofferings help Women of the ELCA to thrive as a responsive and mission-driven organization.

Your generous Thankofferings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide womens organization, including our triennial conventions, the work of your elected churchwide board, the annual conference of synodical presidents, justice and advocacy work, and so much more.

Thankofferings also support a publishing ministry that reaches women through “Gather” magazine and Bible study and free program resources that bring Lutheran theology to topics ranging from women’s health and prayer to stewardship and human trafficking.

Thankofferings also support extensive outreach to women of every generation through Bold Café, a free online magazine that features young adult writers in the church, and “Daily Grace”, a free daily devotional for smart phones and email.

At the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit in 2015, Women of the ELCA helped the youth of our church learn about human trafficking with an award-winning exhibit and advocacy opportunity.

We give in thanksgiving for blessings received.

*Have you planned your Thankoffering Service?*  
Resources available at [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

## **SPRING GATHERINGS 2020**

*It's not too early to start thinking and planning your Spring Gathering. Your Conference Board and Conference Rep will be your organizing team.*

# ADVOCACY

## WHAT DOES ADVOCACY MEAN TO YOU?

Definition of Advocacy: public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy

Advocacy is a process of supporting and enabling people to:

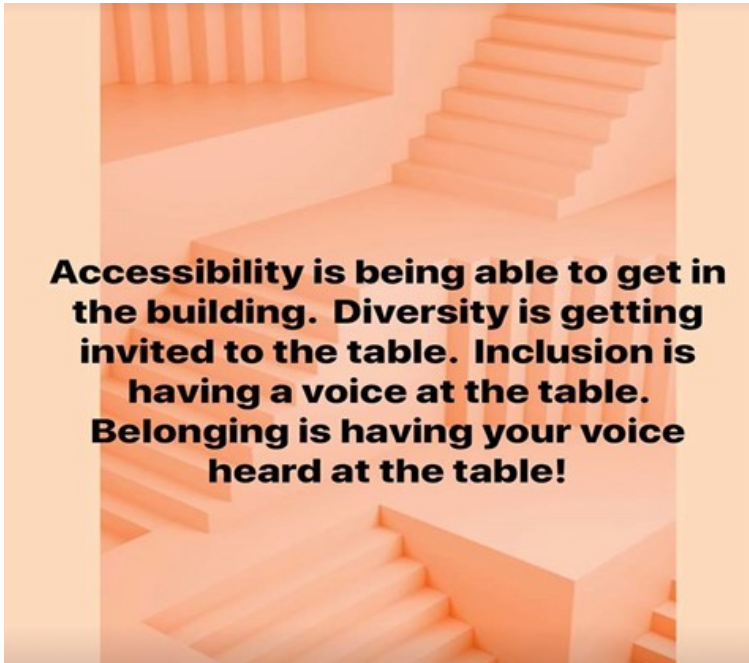
- \*Express their views and concerns
- \*Access information and services
- \*Defend and promote their rights and responsibilities
- \*Explore choices and options

According to ELCA Advocacy based in Washington, DC, “we work for change in policies based on the experience of Lutheran ministries, programs and projects around the world, and in communities across the U.S.”

For more information, go to ELCA Advocacy on Facebook.

The work of the Women of the ELCA revolves around advocacy. Look at the projects your local units are involved in: Lutheran World Relief, Anti Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Awareness, AAMPARO, World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response along with many others. Have you heard about Thursdays In Black? Check it out.

The Southern Ohio WELCA board, at the recent convention, elected two women to serve as Advocates for Southern Ohio. What does this mean? What does this look like? That will be determined in the next two years as these women and the WELCA board hammer out what it is, what we want it to be, what it means. We welcome your input.



**Accessibility is being able to get in  
the building. Diversity is getting  
invited to the table. Inclusion is  
having a voice at the table.  
Belonging is having your voice  
heard at the table!**



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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.

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

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