

Report to Southern Ohio Synod Assembly
June 2020



“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.”

2020 has certainly provided its fair share of challenges for gatherings and events for the Women of the ELCA. Sadly, all of the conference spring gatherings were cancelled. This is the opportunity for women in each conference to gather, hear about the work of the women of the ELCA in our synod, churchwide and globally. We were excited to be going to Phoenix in July for the churchwide Triennial. That event has been postponed for August 2021.

Despite the cancellation of so many events in 2020, WELCA was busy in the fall of 2019.

- 1) Biennial Convention –Hosted by Ascension Lutheran Church in Cincinnati in September
 - a) \$1069.00 was collected for the Curran Solar Energy Project!
Overall support of the Current for Curran Project has been in the amount of \$2745.00 over the past year.
 - b) Elections were held for a new synod board which also created some new positions on the board, including:
Positions in the field of advocacy, to report on areas of need in our broken world & An appointment to the board was made of a woman to be our Triennial representative to keep us aware of Triennial happenings, locations, events & times and to provide a contact for the many women from Southern Ohio who attend the Triennial.
 - c) Election of voting members to the Triennial Convention – 5 women along with the President will be the voice of Southern Ohio to the Triennial.
 - d) Convention offering of \$1614.00 was shared between Tikkun Farm and Women of the ELCA
- 2) Southern Ohio Women of the ELCA sent financial support to the Dayton Conference for Camp Noah, camps for children affected by trauma.
- 3) Women of the ELCA participated with financial support to the Southern Ohio Synod THRIVE! Campaign.

- 4) Scholarships were given to 7 women in the amount of \$330.00 each to help with the cost of attending the Triennial.
- 5) In February 2020, I, as President of the Women of the ELCA of Southern Ohio, was asked to serve on the Nominating Committee where I traveled to Chicago to meet to develop a slate of nominees for the Churchwide Board who will be elected at Triennial.
- 6) Also, in February, in my role as President of the Southern Ohio Synod Women, I attended the Conference of Presidents in Chicago. It is always enlightening and fun to meet up with the Presidents from across the United States. We discussed issues, heard of proposed constitutional changes to be voted on at Triennial and reviewed the alternative Models for Mission. This Six Models for Mission can be found on the Women of the ELCA website under Membership. Units of Women of the ELCA can look vastly different from church to church. This allows freedom and flexibility to provide for the needs of the women and what works for each unit.
- 7) Women of the ELCA Churches continue to make quilts, school kits, hygiene kits, etc to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. In-gathering sites are St Luke Gahanna and Good Shepherd Dayton in October. Watch for specific dates and times.

Further information about the Women of the ELCA and the Southern Ohio Women of the ELCA can be found at: www.womenoftheelca.org and www.southernohiosynod.org, (hit the Collaborate button then a tab appears SOS Women).

Our newsletter, The Breeze, can be accessed via SOS Women.

We also have two facebook pages at which much information is shared: Southern Ohio Synod Women of the ELCA and Women of the ELCA

Respectfully submitted,
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