

SC Women of the ELCA Goals for 2018- 2019

"Community of Women" – We are a group of women created in the image of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are called to develop and engage an inclusive movement to bring all women into fellowship and ministry for community.

- Encourage all women to participate in congregational unit activities, conference meetings, and convention attendance; promote sponsorship of Young Women Guests and First Timer Guests.
- Work with the convention host conference to formulate and assist with the 2019 convention project plan; facilitate an annual convention that conducts the business of the SC Women of the ELCA and meets their needs with regards to spirituality, leadership development, family health, and stewardship.
- Suggest a convention workshop and/or keynote speaker related to our local and/or global projects.
- Promote awareness of the 2020 Triennial Convention in Phoenix.
- Continue to expand our *Ripple* circulation by offering it free via email; promote the *Ripple's* Congregation Corner and add a "Recipe Corner" where individuals can send in their favorite recipes; submit articles covering our goals and projects for 2018 – 2019.

"Disciples of Jesus Christ" – We are followers of Jesus who strive to live in the way of Christ.

- Worship weekly; read and study the Bible together and individually; pray often.
- Promote peace; seek justice; advocate; and serve others out of a spirit of love; give freely of our time and resources; and be Christ-like.
- Promote the stewardship of God's creation.
- Promote and focus on World Day of Prayer – March 1, 2019.

"Grow in Faith" – Through faith opportunities and ministry to one another, we grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we experience grace at work in our lives.

- Encourage women to attend retreats at Camp Kinard, Isle of Palms, and the Wild Women Weekend at Lutheridge by providing information and publicizing the activities.
- Promote church-wide growth resources: *Daily Grace*, *Gather*, *Interchange*, *Bold Café*, *Bold Connections*.
- Promote Synod, SC WELCA and CWO websites and resources such as WELCA provided Bible studies.
- Promote SC WELCA Facebook page; start up a "Prayer Corner" for the Facebook page where congregations can ask for prayer for someone in need, natural disasters, a congregation need, our Synod or any needed prayers.
- Provide information that encourages building relationships between generations through mentoring.

"Affirm our Gifts" – We engage in a discernment process of our best gifts and use these gifts to serve God and serve others.

- Affirm our relationship with Christ through worship and prayer; filled by the Holy Spirit, we serve others.
- Receive God's grace and joyfully share his love made known in Christ.
- Value the mutual support and friendships as sisters-in-Christ.
- Encourage congregations to host WELCA Day/ Bold Women's Day on February 24, 2019.

"Support one another in our callings" – We provide financial support for faith opportunities for women to share God's grace.

- Encourage and support SC WELCA Scholarships at LTSS through Honorary Life Memberships and Memorial Recognition Program; promote and support Katie's Fund.
- Support conference leaders and congregational unit leaders.
- Strive to increase Regular Offerings by 1%.

"Engage in Ministry and Action" – We respond to discipleship by serving others.

- Promote Thrivent Financial resources and other ministries to do community service projects.
- Provide information about human trafficking via our website to the conferences and congregational units, and to present information about our projects at conference meetings: Freedom Backpacks for Lighthouse for Life; support a global outreach project for sending "Thinking of You/Thank you for your service" cards to our active duty military personnel during the 2019 convention.
- Collect pictures of veterans/ active duty military of SC WELCA ladies and their family members to put on a mural at the convention.

"Promote Healing and Wholeness" – United in love, we are called to act with justice, which is faith in action.

- Support and promote ELCA church-wide efforts to address natural disasters, human trafficking, domestic violence and hunger.
- Continue to give Regular Offerings, 65% of which are shared with Church-wide organization.
- Give Joy Offerings for ELCA Good Gifts.