

SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN OF THE ELCA CONVENTION NEWS



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 26, 2021, 1:00-6:00 pm

*"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand."* ELW 597

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 KJV

Greetings from Becky Koch, President

Sometimes we seek change at our own pace. Other times, like the 2020 pandemic, change is uninvited and thrust upon us. We find ourselves either embracing or resisting change as we move forward into the unfamiliar territory of the virtual world. Perhaps we are tired and are wondering when it will ever end. However, through the frustration and challenges, God's Grace abides within us. We are flexible and adaptable, looking for the silver lining in the clouds of these challenging times. We continue to act boldly for peace, justice, and wholeness - and continue to share God's boundless love for all.

Now that vaccinations are available, in faith, we dare to hope that life will return to normal again soon. Your SC WELCA board has faced difficult decisions about the upcoming convention, bearing the responsibility of care and safety for you. Since there is still some uncertainty about what these next few months hold, we have chosen to plan a virtual convention. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide us in our final planning. We ask for your prayers in this process. We deeply appreciate your patience. Peace to you!

News from Amanda Boatwright, VP and Convention Chair

Greetings to all! We hope you have heard by now that we will be having a virtual convention this year. The virtual convention will be on **Sunday, September 26, 2021, 1pm-6pm**. Please be considering the two voting members from your church. They will need a valid email address to log in. They will need their own iPad, laptop or personal computer to log in so they can access files and vote. This year we will be voting on president, treasurer, and board members. We will also have the ability to add visitors to watch the meeting as well. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you daily. Can't wait to see all your beautiful faces at the virtual convention.

News from Rae Davis, Action Committee and Project Chair

Given the virtual nature of the convention and the additional postage costs associated with mailing gift cards, all donations for the projects should be in the form of checks. Details about payment will be included in the next issue of the *Ripple*. If your conferences and congregational units would like more information regarding Lutheran Disaster Response or SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, please check out the links on the SC WELCA website page. Thank you to all the ladies who have generously contributed to the mask project for SCNCAC. Together, we have donated over 1,000 masks, and in doing so, we have shown grace to these children. They have been quite appreciative of your tireless efforts and have indicated they have an adequate supply at this point. If they find they need more, they will let us know.

News from Kristin Snelgrove, Community Committee Chair

With signs of hope on the horizon, ladies across SC are itching to get back together. If your conference is planning on hosting a fall gathering, we'd love to hear about it! Seeing things slowly getting back to normal will help everyone see the light at the end of the tunnel. We would also love to know what your church has been up to during COVID for our Congregational Corner. Please email your info to ksnelgrove2005@yahoo.com by May 30th.

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14