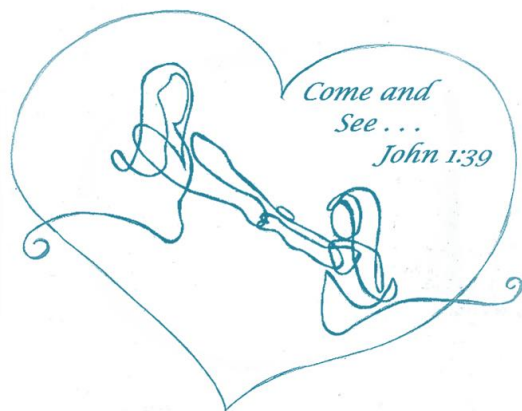


PACKET INFORMATION

1. Invitation Please read carefully. Please call if you have questions.
2. Offering Objectives A description of the convention goals for monetary and material offerings are included in this packet.
3. Monetary Offering Each Congregational Unit should send their convention offering with their voting member, visitors, or mail to the **Synod Treasurer:**
Karen Seaver
30325 Newlander Trail
Lindstrom, MN 55045
seaver.karen@gmail.com
Home; 651-213-3298
4. Poster
 - a.) One poster is included. Please put it in a spot where it will be seen by the women of your unit. Copy as needed.
 - b.) Sample bulletin or newsletter insert is included also.
5. Resolutions
 - a.) How to write and submit a resolution
 - b.) Resolution form
6. Church Site Map to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Saint Paul
7. Registration Form Please read carefully, it is self-explanatory.
Each person attending the convention must fill out a form.
Voting Member registration is due March 18, 2023.
Visitor registration is due April 1, 2023.
DUPLICATE the registration form as needed.
Please send completed form with your check to:
Amy Hendricksen
1181 Edgcumbe Rd #101
St Paul, MN 55105
amyhendricksen@gmail.com
773-383-5477
8. Nominations
 - a.) Nomination Form: To be elected at the plenary are the Vice-President (2 yr.), Secretary (2 yr.), and 3 Board Members (2 yr.). Congregational Units may nominate members for these positions.
 - b.) *A Few Good Women* sheet provides job descriptions.
9. Scholarships
 - a.) Information and an application for a scholarship to the convention are included.
 - b.) Application to serve as a Hostess Sister is included.

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You are invited to attend the 34th Annual Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Convention



April 22, 2023
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
700 Snelling Avenue South
Saint Paul, MN 55116
Phone: 651.699.1378

Theme
Come and See

As a leader in your Unit (Women's Organization), you can help us publicize this Convention. We depend on your efforts in encouraging women in **your church** to attend. Please help us in the following ways:

- ❖ Make copies of the various enclosures – post them in your church and give forms to interested women.
- ❖ **Select a voting member** to represent your unit/congregation at the plenary (business) sessions. The convention is NOT JUST FOR VOTING MEMBERS. Encourage women to register as non-delegates. All are invited to attend the plenary or the wonderful spiritual and creative activities that are being planned for them.
- ❖ **Encourage women's attendance** by offering full or partial scholarships. Nominate someone who has never attended a convention for a synodical convention scholarship. We are now offering scholarships for first-time attendees.
- ❖ **Bring items listed for Material Offering** to go to the Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services. Bring a quilt for display to be donated to Lutheran Social Services.
- ❖ **REMEMBER to bring your Convention Monetary Offering from your Unit** (Women's Organization). The monetary offering is $\frac{1}{2}$ to the Women of the ELCA and the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ to Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement and $\frac{1}{4}$ to Second Harvest Heartland.

We hold conventions to conduct the business of the Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization, elect officers and Board Members, approve the budget and to set direction for the future. It is also a time for community. We **meet to renew** friendships and **make new** friends. We are inspired and renewed by speakers and workshops, and we leave revitalized in our **faith**.

You and your church women are cordially invited to attend. May the Holy Spirit bless us as we gather in Christ's Name.

Blessings,

Dawn Sargent and Becky Maier
SWO Co-Presidents

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Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization 2023 Convention Offering Objectives

Monetary offering:



- 1/2 Churchwide Women of the ELCA
- 1/4 Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement
- 1/4 Second Harvest Heartland

Material offering for the Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services:

Bring

- shower curtains or heavy liners and hooks
- tall kitchen trash bags
- brooms/dustpans
- stove top or electric tea kettles
- stock pots
- gift cards to Target or Cub



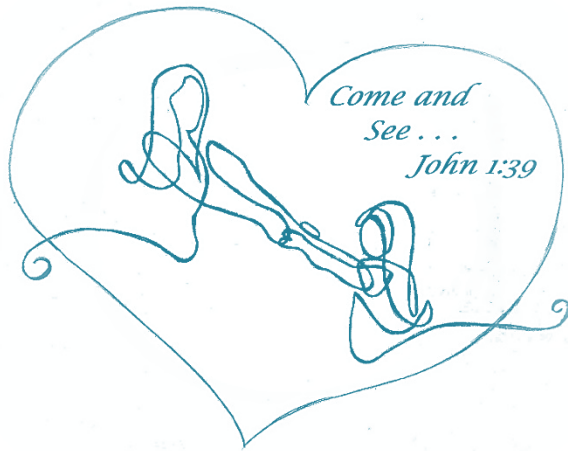
Quilts:



Bring a quilt to be displayed and donated to Lutheran Social Service Safe House following the Convention.

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34th Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Convention



April 22, 2023

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
700 Snelling Avenue South
Saint Paul, MN
Phone: 651.699.1378**

*You are invited to join women from around the Saint Paul Area Synod
for a day of Worship and Eucharist, Bible Study,
Learning Sessions and Business Meetings.*

Speakers include:

*Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy – “The Power of Story”
Bishop Patricia Lull – Bible Study
Churchwide Representative*

Learning opportunities/workshops:

*Kathryn Berger & Okunyi Agid - “Welcoming MN’s Newest Neighbors”
Pastor Bradley Schmeling - “Walk in Beauty”
Guatemala and Bega Kwa Bega updates
Churchwide Representative*

Invited Exhibitors:

*Guatemala
Bega Kwa Bega*

*Triennial Convention
Synodical Women’s Organization*

Come for the learning. Enjoy the fellowship!

For more information contact: _____

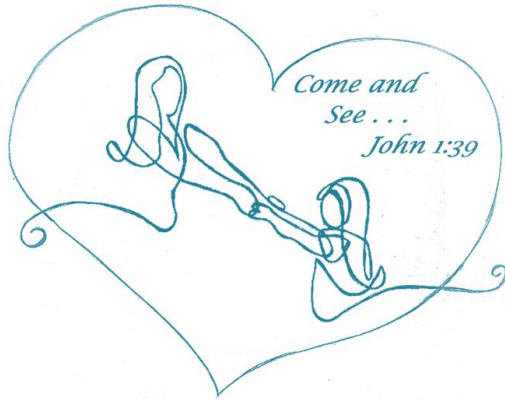
**Registration forms should be available at your church office or by
calling Amy Hendricksen, convention registrar, at 773-383-5477.**

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BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER INSERT for March and April

Mark your calendar for the 34th Annual Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization Convention:



Saturday, April 22, 2023
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
700 Snelling Ave So. St. Paul, MN
Theme: Come and See. . . John 1:39

The Keynote Speaker is Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, who is a Native American Theologian who walks with people of all cultures. Her Lakota people have a saying, "Mitákuye Oyás'ıŋ el changleska wiconi:" "We are all related in this circle of life."

Come and See and Share with the women of our Synodical Area.

For registration information, contact Amy Hendricksen at amyhendricksen@gmail.com or 773-383-5477 or 1181 Edgumbe Rd #101, St Paul, MN 55105.

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RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2023 WOMEN OF THE ELCA SAINT PAUL AREA SYNODICAL CONVENTION

Resolutions are:

- a way to participate in the democratic convention process and have your voice heard
- a means of educating women about a particular need or concern
- a vehicle for inspiring others to take a particular action

Resolutions are a way to plan and think ahead, and to hold ourselves accountable for the decisions we make. A resolution, when passed, is no longer an idea to consider; it is a commitment.

Resolutions should:

- have a clear and concise title and address only one issue
- address concerns that relate to Women of the ELCA's mission, purpose, activities, themes, or focus and are consistent with the positions/policies of the Women of the ELCA and the ELCA
- propose an action or a solution to a problem
- be based on sufficient background and analysis; able to be "backed up"

Resolutions have two portions:

The **"WHEREAS"** portion that identifies and explains what you want addressed. Here is the place for the facts, each listed as a separate Whereas statement. (See form)

The **"RESOLVED"** portion states the action you propose to address the concern. Again, each solution or action should be listed as a separate sentence. (See form)

Resolutions prior to convention are submitted by congregational units and mailed in advance in order to be printed in the convention book of reports. This gives voting members time to read them prior to voting.

- **The deadline for these resolutions is March 22, 2023.**

Resolutions which come before voting members during the convention must be presented in written form and requires the signature of three voting members. The deadline for presenting resolutions is 8:00 am, Saturday, April 22, 2023.

All convention resolutions are presented to the Convention's Committee on Reference and Counsel. The committee reviews the resolutions and makes recommendations to the voting member body about adoption. If the resolution needs clarification or rewording, the author(s) of the resolution are consulted. The convention parliamentarian serves as a resource for the Committee on Reference and Counsel.

A resolution form is included for your use. If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask:

Board Liaison Jacque Bieber at 651-238-1685; jqbieber@gmail.com

Parliamentarian Joanne Smestad Claussen at 952-994-6376; joannersc@me.com

Committee Chairperson Carol Bidwell at 651-455-3441; bidwellc846@gmail.com

Please submit resolutions by March 22, 2023, for inclusion in the Convention Book of Reports.

Use the form provided.

Send it to the Committee Chairperson:

**Carol Bidwell
433 9th Ave S
South St Paul, MN 55075
651-455-3441
bidwellc846@gmail.com**

**2023 RESOLUTION FORM
WOMEN OF THE ELCA - SAINT PAUL AREA SYNOD
SYNODICAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION**

Title of Resolution: _____

WHEREAS:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

Submitted by _____

Congregation _____

City: _____

Conference _____

Send the completed form **BY March 22, 2023**, for inclusion in the 2023 convention book of reports to:

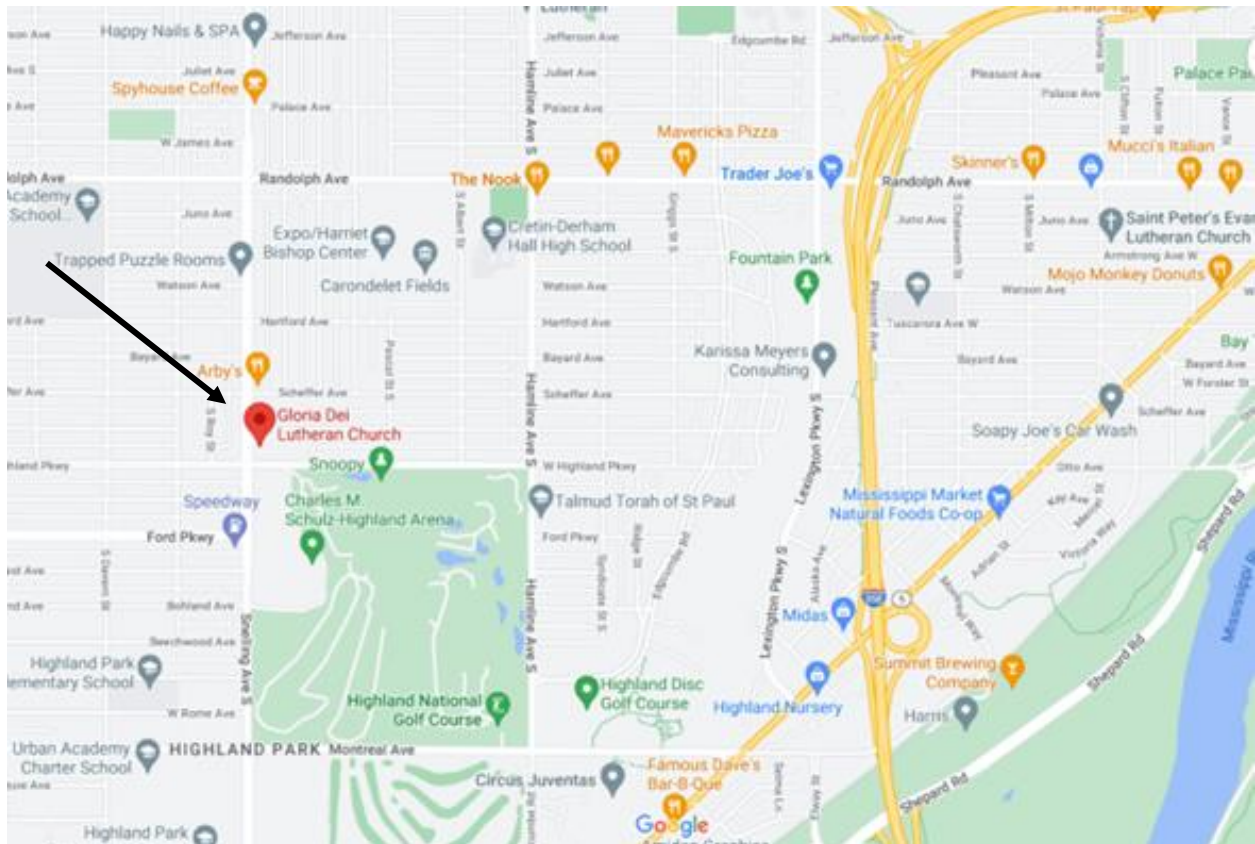
**Carol Bidwell
433 9th Ave S
South St Paul, MN 55075
Phone: 651-455-3441 or Email: bidwellc846@gmail.com**

Copy this form as needed.
Additional forms will be available at the convention for resolutions presented there.

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34th Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization Convention

Come and See

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

700 Snelling Avenue South
Saint Paul, MN
Tel: 651.699.1378

Saturday, April 22, 2023

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:30 am Plenary
- 10:30 am Worship with Communion
- 11:30 am Lunch with Keynote Speaker
Clusters encouraged to sit together
- 1:00 pm Learning Session 1 (4 choices)
- 2:00 pm Learning Session 2 (4 choices)
- 3:00 pm Bible Study
- 4:00 pm Closing Worship and installation

Voting Member registrations due March 18, 2023

Visitor registrations due April 1, 2023. We need a food count by this date.

Pre-registration for Visitors is not required but would be appreciated for planning purposes.

No meals are available for Visitors not pre-registered.

Make checks payable to: Saint Paul Area SWO

Mail completed form and check to: Amy Hendricksen Phone #: 773-383-5477
1181 Edgcumbe Rd #101 Email: amyhendricksen@gmail.com
St Paul, MN 55105



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Please Print:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

_____ CHURCH/CITY _____

CLUSTER: East Central___ North___ North Central___ South___ City___ South East___

Check all that apply:

___ VOTING MEMBER or ___ VISITOR

___ ALL DAY (includes registration, box lunch and electronic Bridges) \$40.00

___ Dietary needs (specify) _____

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2023 Nomination Form

Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization

In order to have nominations included in the convention booklet, please return by March 22, 2023

Check those positions in which the nominee is willing to serve.
The individual nominated must consent to serve if elected.

Vice-President ___ Secretary ___ Board Member ___

(Each congregational unit may submit two names.)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

Age Range: 34 or less ___ 35-49 ___ 50-64 ___ 65+ ___

Ethnic/Racial Heritage: Asian ___ African- American ___ Black ___
Latina ___ American Indian/Native Alaska ___
Arab/Middle Eastern ___ Caucasian ___

Primary Language other than English _____

Congregation _____

name

address

Form submitted by:

name

phone

address

Please complete reverse side.
Use additional sheets if necessary to complete this form.

(Please copy this form for additional nominations.)

EXPERIENCE: Beginning with most recent, list significant experience in each area over the last ten years.

Congregational Women's Organization _____

Cluster, Synodical, or Churchwide Women's Organization: _____

Congregation Activities: _____

Conference, Synod, and/or Churchwide: _____

Occupational History: _____

Community Work: _____

Other: (Please specify) _____

Rationale for believing nominee can serve effectively in position suggested:

Please return completed form **by March 22, 2023** to:

Patty Todnem
1342 18th Street West
Hastings MN 55003
651-437-7201
patodnem@gmail.com

WANTED: A FEW GOOD WOMEN

Saint Paul Area Synod Women's Board

Vice-President Preside over conventions, meetings and committees in the absence of the president. Leadership and communication skills. Report observations and recommendations.

Secretary Prepare records or minutes of board meetings and convention plenary sessions. Receive and answer correspondence and distribute meeting minutes

Board Member

- a. Transact necessary business and make programmatic decisions between conventions
- b. Set policies required for effective and efficient functioning.
- c. Supervise and coordinate the work of all committees it appoints.
- d. Provide guidance and direction to the Cluster Planning Committee.
- e. Determine the time and place of each convention.
- f. Prepare the agenda, rules of procedure and program for adoption by each convention.
- g. Report its actions to each regular Convention.
- h. Act as Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
- i. Act in other matters delegated to it by the Convention of the Synodical Women's Organization.

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2023 CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NOW is the time to submit your candidate's name on the enclosed application form for a fully paid scholarship to attend the Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Convention.

Give a member of your congregation an opportunity to be awarded a scholarship as a special guest of our Synodical Women. A requirement is that the applicant has never attended a previous Synodical Women's Convention. Scholarships are limited, so return the completed form to us as soon as possible, but no later than April 1, 2023.

The Scholarship Committee of our Synodical Board will notify the scholarship recipient if they are selected. We encourage your congregation's Women's Organization to meet with your local candidate and assist her in completing the enclosed application.

If there are any questions, please call **Glenda Schnirring – 651-437-6246**.

THIS SCHOLARSHIP DOES NOT INCLUDE OVERNIGHT LODGING.

DO NOT DELAY

Please fill out the form on the back and mail to:

**Glenda Schnirring
1136 15th Street W
Hastings, MN 55033**

gleners@embarqmail.com

Due: April 1, 2023

Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Convention

CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Qualifications for the Scholarship Applicant are as follows:

1. Applicant is a member of a Saint Paul Area Synod Congregation.
2. Applicant agrees to be a visitor and will provide us with her comments and suggestions in written form at the close of the convention.
3. Applicant has not attended a previous Synodical Women's Convention.

Please tell us why you are interested in attending our Women's Convention:

I plan to attend Saturday April 22, 2023 _____.

Name _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Church _____ Cluster _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Special Interests or Comments _____

If there are any questions, please call **Glenda Schnirring – 651-437-6246.**

**Glenda Schnirring
1136 15th Street W
Hastings, MN 55033**

gleners@embarqmail.com

Due: April 1, 2023

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Saint Paul, MN

Saturday, April 22, 2023

PLEASE SERVE AS A HOSTESS SISTER FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In setting up our scholarship program for women who have never attended a Synod Women's Convention, the Committee feels that it would be nice to have a Hostess Sister to serve as a guide, mentor, and friend. A requirement is that you be a full-time visitor, and not a delegate, to the convention.

If you are chosen to be a Hostess Sister, the committee will provide you with the name, address and phone number of your friend so that you can contact her ahead of time. Volunteering to be a *Hostess Sister*, does not obligate you to spend the entire time with your new friend. The two of you can work that out.

Thanks for your interest. We would also appreciate an evaluation of your sister experience at the close of the convention.

If there are any questions, please call **Glenda Schnirring – 651-437-6246**.

Glenda Schnirring
1136 15th Street W
Hastings, MN 55033
gleners@embarqmail.com

Due: April 1, 2023

Name _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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