



## MISSION STATEMENT

**To mobilize women to act boldly  
on their faith in Jesus Christ.**



## PURPOSE STATEMENT

**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.**

## Ongoing Ministries of the NC Women of the ELCA:

**Adults Saving Kids (ASK):**  
Education program to prevent sexual exploitation  
of youth

**Christine Bohr Anderson Seminary Scholarships:**  
Awarded annually to female seminarians

**Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas:**  
Collect items for group homes

**Lutheran World Relief Parish Projects:**  
Collect quilts, blankets, and kits (personal care,  
school, baby care and fabric)

**Pennies Project:** Yearly collection for worthy causes

**Today's Dream, Tomorrow's Reality (TDTR):**  
Education program promoting racial justice

...and many other short-term or local opportunities  
for service, support and education.




Women of the  
**ELCA** 

of  
**North Carolina**



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Called to Discipleship  
Empowered by the Holy Spirit



# You're invited!

to join your Lutheran faith sisters in...

## FELLOWSHIP



Small Groups



New Friends



Gatherings

## FAITH BUILDING



Bible Study



Worship



Retreats & Seminars

## SERVICE to OTHERS



Local Outreach



Lutheran World Relief Projects



International Outreach

**Women serve, witness and grow**  
within each expression of the  
**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
in America (Women of the ELCA).

## CONGREGATIONAL EXPRESSION/UNIT

(CE). Women of the ELCA congregational groups gather for fellowship, Bible study and service, carrying out their mission in their church and community. Some CEs are made up of smaller groups called "circles." CEs may have independent participants who may or may not be members of their congregations.

## CONFERENCES

The North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization (NC SWO) is divided into 15 conferences for mutual support and to aid in communication and joint ministries of the congregations in each geographic area. Spring and Fall Conference Gatherings are held each year. Each conference is led by a president, a director for communication and a treasurer's assistant.

## SYNODICAL EXPRESSION

The NC SWO is led by a Board and officers that are elected to staggered terms by NC CE delegates. The NC SWO provides resources, retreats, Bible studies, publications, website, online networking, and conference and state-wide gatherings.

Visit [www.ncwelca.org](http://www.ncwelca.org)

## CHURCHWIDE EXPRESSION

Based in Chicago, the churchwide expression of the Women of the ELCA is composed of 64 SWOs from across the United States and the Caribbean paralleling ELCA synods. The SWOs send delegates to the triennial conventions where the churchwide executive board is elected. These women set goals and themes for the organization. The churchwide staff, led by an executive director, develops resources, programs, and print and online publications for CEs and SWOs, and plans the organization's triennial churchwide gatherings. Visit [www.elca.org/wo](http://www.elca.org/wo)