

NC Women of the ELCA SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The N.C. Synodical Women's Organization (NC SWO) would like to add **YOU** to our resource bank. Please complete this form indicating how you might participate, what areas interest you, and how you would be willing to use your God-given talents and gifts. This is not a commitment to serve but simply expresses your interest.

(✓) *To indicate preference* (X) *To indicate you are currently serving and wish to continue.*

I. I would be interested in serving on the following synodical committees (See information on the reverse side.):

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| a. _____ Justice | c. _____ SWO Gathering Planning |
| b. _____ Discipleship | d. _____ Stewardship |

II. _____ I would be willing to serve as a Conference Leader. (See information on back.)

III. I would be willing to be a:

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| a. _____ Bible study leader | g. _____ Photographer at various events |
| b. _____ Retreat leader | h. _____ Song leader |
| c. _____ SWO Gathering organist | i. _____ Parliamentarian |
| d. _____ SWO Gathering choir director | |
| e. _____ Have our CU host a Conference Gathering, One-Day Retreat or Committee Day | |
| f. _____ Offer the Officers and Board the use of my vacation home for a weekend planning retreat. | |

IV. I have skills to share:

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| a. _____ Create PowerPoint Presentations | h. _____ Design artwork for logos, posters, fliers, etc. |
| b. _____ Desktop publishing | i. _____ Be a resource person for social media (ie: Facebook, Twitter, My Space, etc.) |
| c. _____ Make a banner | j. _____ Plan or participate in programs or skits |
| d. _____ Write devotional materials/articles | k. _____ Excellent computer skills |
| e. _____ Design or manage websites | l. _____ Grant writing: |
| f. _____ Finance/Accounting experience | |
| g. Play the following musical instruments: _____ | |

V. I have the following gifts/talents/training/experience not listed above and would be willing to share them with N. C. Women of the ELCA: _____

****Refer to the reverse side for a description of some of the committees' duties.****

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Date: _____

Name: _____ Today's Event: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Church City: _____ Home Church: _____

E-mail: _____ Conference: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Return during this meeting or mail form to: Judy Springer, 3831 Wade Coble Drive, Burlington NC 27215

NC Women of the ELCA Synodical Committees

All synodical committees are chaired by officers and board members.

JUSTICE (formerly Mission: Action and Mission: Community)

Justice is faith in action. It includes serving God in ways that bring healing and wholeness to the church, the society and the world. Women of the ELCA justice initiatives include combating commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking and supporting people with special needs. We advocate for racial and cultural equity through our anti-racism training and our cross-cultural programming. This committee also educates and advocates for justice, non-violence and peace; promotes global awareness; encourages ecumenical understanding and outreach; and encourages support of a variety of ministries. Some projects supported by the NC Women of the ELCA include: Lutheran World Relief, World Hunger and women and children in crisis. This committee serves as a resource to research service opportunities and lift up special projects that promote justice and offer healing and hope.

DISCIPLESHIP (formerly Mission: Growth and Leadership)

Discipleship is a lifelong journey of living out and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Women of the ELCA participants practice the seven marks of discipleship: praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving, and giving. The NC Women of the ELCA discipleship is lived out through opportunities for spiritual education and growth such as: retreats, Bible studies for Conference Gatherings, devotions, coordinating the Women's Theological Seminar and encouraging personal faith development. The committee also coordinates the Young Women Guests program at the synodical gathering and programs to encourage the participation of middle school and high school age girls, updates the *Footsteps to Leadership* manual, provides leadership training and conducts delegate orientation at the Annual Synodical Gathering.

STEWARDSHIP (New)

Stewardship is a careful and responsible management of the money, property, and resources that God has entrusted to us. This committee encourages and equips women to consider their responsibility and capacity for stewardship and faithful giving. It seeks financing in creative ways such as grants and educates women in life-long financial and end-of-life planning. It will manage and encourage giving to our scholarship programs. Another focus of this committee is to aid our congregational units in drafting and updating constitutions and is responsible for updating the Synodical Constitution with amendments by the Synodical Women's Expression and as mandated by the Churchwide Women's Organization.

CONFERENCE LEADERS (Unchanged)

This committee is led by the **Conference Coordinator** who is appointed by the NC SWO President and is a member of the NC SWO Board. Other members include conference leaders elected by their individual conferences. They include the conference **Presiders, Directors of Communication, and Treasurers' Assistants**. Together they plan conference events and activities. The presiders, along with an NC SWO president-appointed Nominating Chair, serve each year as the Synodical Expression Nominating Committee.

SWO GATHERING PROGRAM PLANNING (Unchanged)

This committee plans the annual NC SWO gathering, beginning immediately at the close of each year's gathering. This committee works to secure and coordinate presenters and programs for all participants. An evaluation is created by this committee to gather information for the newly elected Board.