



Dear Sisters in Christ,

We are so happy to be able to invite you again to attend in person the Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA which will be held September 16-18, 2022, at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center in Marietta, Georgia.

You will find the following information concerning the convention attached:

- *Registration Form*
- *Convention Poster*
- *Voting Member Responsibilities*
- *Nomination Form*

Please encourage the women in your unit to attend the convention and extend a personal invitation to the young women (ages 14-35). You may make as many copies as you need of the Registration Form and the Convention Poster to share with the women in your congregational unit.

We have several general scholarships of \$100 that may be used toward your registration fee. There is also the Whitney Hill Memorial Fund which provides \$100 for a young woman 35 or under, and the Caroline Gammell Memorial Fund for a woman over the age of 65. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is July 1, 2022. Please contact **Shirley Connelly** at sconnelly@gmail.com for an application. *Names and information submitted for scholarships are kept strictly confidential.*

Please note that you will need to make your own hotel reservations directly with Hilton Hotels by calling 1-800-445-8667. You must mention the code SOUSCI to receive the posted rate of \$129.00 per night. Rooms will be released starting August 1 and cannot be guaranteed after August 15. If you prefer to book your room online just hold the Ctrl button on your computer and click on the link below.
www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink

Also attached is the information for your voting member to the convention. Each congregational or special unit of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA is entitled to one voting member. It is very important that all congregations be represented as we conduct the business of our organization.

We will be electing a vice-president, secretary, and three board members this year. Please prayerfully consider serving our organization in this capacity. A form is attached to submit nominations for these positions. *Please note that changes to the bylaws allow up to two people from a congregation to serve on the board provided that one serves as an officer and one serves as a board member.*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the board members.

We have missed seeing you and can't wait to see all of you again in September!

Blessings,

Shirley Connelly