

2024 Winter Newsletter

with Our 2024 Launch PLAN For You!

Dear WELCA Sisters in Christ,

2024 Will bring us the ability to practice the fellowship of Grace-Filled Living!

We will provide an exciting and uplifting convention to feed your faith life in September.

In preparation to be our best selves, here is a monthly checklist of Faith Building Tips!



Below our Treasurer Shares More Important Information about Donations and Registration for Convention.
Contact Diana Palma by text at 404 667-6290 with any questions to make our 2024 LAUNCH PLAN a success!

SES WELCA 2024-25 Faith Building Tips

February

Use our Winter Newsletter form and be among the earliest birds to register for our convention.

March/April

Find and attend your Cluster/Conference Meeting and enjoy fellowship, while finding your Convention friends.

2024 SPRING CLUSTER/CONFERENCE MEETINGS			
CLUSTER/CONFERENCE	DATE	HOST CONGREGATION	BOARD LIAISON
1 - Ebenezer	Saturday, April 20, 2024	Jerusalem, Rincon, GA	Pastor Patti Austin
2 - Good News	Saturday, March 9, 2024	St. John, Griffin, GA	Diana Palma
3 - Trinity	Tentative: April 26-28, 2024	Tentative - Lutheranch	Christeen Yerby
4 - Magi	Saturday, April 20, 2024	Trinity, Lilburn, GA	Melodee Davis
5 - Mission	Tentative April 13, 2024	TBD	Alice Schunemann
6 - Agape	Saturday, April 20, 2024	Gloria Dei, Knoxville, TN*	Bridget Radford
7 - Diaspora	Saturday, March 9, 2024	Shades Valley, Birmingham, AL	Sissy Gifford
8 - The King	Saturday, April 27, 2024	Faith Lutheran, Lebanon, TN	Arlette Stansbury
9 - Gulf Coast	Saturday, March 16, 2024	Grace, Culf Shores, AL	Kat Julius

* Meeting will be at Gloria Dei, Ascension will Co-Host

April

If your Cluster/Conference meeting has already happened, think about attending another one this month!
Be on the Lookout for the SPRING WEAVER!

May

Encourage all you know to register for Convention before the early bird rate expires

June

Begin your Silent Auction Project

July

Be on the Lookout for the SUMMER WEAVER!

Work on your Silent Auction Project

Prepare your Katie's Table Grab Bags

August

Finish all your convention preparations

Remind any late-birds to register before August 31

News from the Treasurer:

Greetings and Welcome to 2024-2025 Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA. First, I want to thank you for your support! As our new year begins on February 1, 2024, your new WELCA Board Members and Conference Planning Committee members have great hope and determination to serve our faithful congregations as we encourage each other to grow and thrive. Our nine clusters/conferences of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee will begin this year with uplifting programs all around our synod in March and April.

Our leaders are planning meetings to share the missions we will support this year plus September convention details as they develop. Last year, your donations helped us take a step closer to our SES WELCA's renown history of vibrant fellowship and generosity. I am very grateful to those who have already responded this year! Your prayerful attention to giving is critically important.

Here are three ways you can help NOW:

#1- [Send your regular offerings as your groups meet monthly](#) (or quarterly) (See Form A Below)

Checks payable to: SES WELCA (with Memo Line detail)

#2- [Plan to attend your Cluster/Conference Meetings](#) to learn more about our 2024-25 Convention plus, new mission projects and submit your individual registrations & offerings there. Information will include

- **Katie's Table**
- **Love Offering**
- **In-Kind Offerings**
- **New Mission Growth and Fellowship Projects**

#3- [Pre-register for the 2024 Convention](#) in Huntsville today at the extended 2023 rate of \$200.

(Registration form below may be submitted to Diana Palma with pre-payment)

Prayerfully shared,

Diana Palma

palmadbmax@gmail.com

404 667-6290

UNIT TREASURER'S INFORMATION

As new treasurers are being elected at the unit level, a reminder that the fiscal year for the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA runs from February 1 until January 31. For example, offerings sent to the synodical treasurer after February 1, **2024** will be credited to the **2024-2025** fiscal year. Donations are reported in the Bulletin of Reports for the convention each year.

Please be sure to send a completed Form A with your checks to the synodical treasurer. You can download Forms A and B from the Women of the ELCA website at www.womenoftheelca.org/stewardship-resources.

Just a recap of offerings at the unit level:

Regular Offerings	These Offerings are collected at your regular monthly or quarterly meetings.	Churchwide recommends that 50% stays at your local unit and 50% to the Synod Organization	Synod Treasurer Diana Palma 312 Honey Locust Court Peachtree City, GA 30269	Form A
Thankofferings	These offerings are received one or more times per year as your unit determines.	Mail the total amount of these offerings as soon as possible.	Women of the ELCA ELCA Gift Processing Center PO Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009	Form B
Convention Offering	These offerings are received before the synodical convention.	Mail the total amount to the Treasurer or bring to the convention	Synod Treasurer Diana Palma 312 Honey Locust Court Peachtree City, GA 30269	Form A
Love Offering	These offerings are received before the synodical convention.	Mail the total amount to the Treasurer or bring to the convention	Synod Treasurer Diana Palma 312 Honey Locust Court Peachtree City, GA 30269	Form A

Text

After offerings are received at the synodical level, here's how the funds are distributed:

Regular Offerings – ½ goes to churchwide in Chicago, and ½ remains with the synodical organization
Convention Offering – (worship services) ½ designated for churchwide, and ½ to the synod
2024-2025 Love Offering – **50% to Milagro Women's Center/50% to Scholarships**

Another gift that several units support is the Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund. This effort helps to defray the costs for Lutheran World Relief to ship the quilts, kits, soap, etc. that we donate each year. Designated gifts **will be sent to Lutheran World Relief**.

Please remember that for a church unit to get credit for their offerings, gifts must be sent to the synodical treasurer with a Form A and the check made payable to SES WELCA. If a check is made payable directly to the end recipient (such as Lutheran World Relief) it will be forwarded to that organization without any credit given to the unit.

Please send a completed Form A (next page) and checks payable to SESWELCA to the synodical treasurer:

Diana Palma
312 Honey Locust Court
Peachtree City, GA 30269
404-667-6290
palmadbmax@gmail.com



Offering Form A
 For use by CONGREGATIONAL UNITS
 for offerings to SYNODICAL TREASURER

Use Form A to submit **Regular Offerings** and **SWO Convention Offerings** to your Synodical Women's Organization. Make check payable to "Women of the ELCA." **Mail form with check to your synodical treasurer.**
 For more information, please call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2730.

CONGREGATION	DATE	CONGREGATION NUMBER
CONGREGATION CITY/STATE	CONFERENCE OR CLUSTER NAME	
UNIT TREASURER NAME	PHONE NUMBER	
ADDRESS	EMAIL	
CITY/STATE	ZIP	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
REGULAR OFFERING	\$	
SWO CONVENTION OFFERING	\$	
CONFERENCE OR CLUSTER OFFERING*	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
TOTAL	\$	

* It is recommended that at least 50% of any cluster or conference offering be sent to the synodical treasurer to be passed on in full to the churchwide women's organization. Use this line if you are handling the offering from a cluster or conference event.
 ELCAW01021
 Form updated 5/2017



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**Send all donations to:
 Diana Palma, Synodical Treasurer
 312 Honey Locust Court
 Peachtree City, GA 30269**

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\$200 Early Bird Registration Fee in effect until May 15*

REGISTRATION Form: (next Page)

***Please send completed registrations (for prepayments) to Diana Palma pending activation of Registrar preparations for 2024.**

Checks payable to: SES WELCA

Contributions/Registration to Diana Palma, 312 Honey Locust Court, Peachtree City, GA 30269

36th Annual Convention
Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA
September 20-21-22, 2024
Embassy Suites by Hilton Huntsville Hotel and Spa
800 Monroe Street, Huntsville, AL 35801

Name _____ Name for badge _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Cluster # _____

Congregation _____ City _____ State _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY (*Submit ONE FORM for each person registering*)

Voting Member _____ Participant _____ Young Woman _____ Exhibitor _____ Spouse _____ Board _____ Guest _____

REGISTRATION FEES – Includes 3 meals and convention expenses. (Breakfast included with hotel rate.) (Please circle the amount enclosed)

PLEASE CHECK IF YOU PREPAID _____

Registration Fees	Early Reg Disc 5/15/2024	8/31/2024
Voting Member/ Participant /Guest /Board	\$200	\$225
Young Woman (35 or younger)	\$110	\$125
Exhibitor (Saturday) _____	\$110 (includes lunch)	\$125
Spouse (<i>please submit a separate registration form</i>)	\$175	\$200
Banquet ONLY	\$50	\$60

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations prior to August 16 will receive a full refund minus a 25% processing fee. There will be no refund of registration fees for cancellations received on or after August 16.

Reservations for Embassy Suites by Hilton Huntsville Hotel and Spa may be made by calling 1- 256-539-7373, or can be made online, hold your ctrl key and click the link below:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=HSVES&groupCode=92C&arrivaldate=2024-09-19&departuredate=2024-09-22&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Hotel reservations must be made no later than August 19, 2024 for the group rate.

_____ I am a first time attendee

_____ I have special needs and *would like to have assistance during the convention hours*

Please indicate the type of assistance and times: _____

_____ I would like to sing in the convention choir

_____ I will help with Registration - Thur. evening _____ Fri. am _____ Fri. afternoon _____ Sat. am _____

_____ Please specify food allergies and health restrictions _____

Please make checks payable to SES WELCA. If you would like to pay by credit card go to the store on our website at www.seswelca.com. The \$15 service charge is already included in the posted fees. Please send your completed registration form and a check for the correct amount or a copy of your credit card receipt to our registrar Barbara Schwanebeck, 277 Mossy Way NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152. Registration must be postmarked by August 31, 2024. If you have any problems or questions, contact Barbara at 770-427-7808 or Barbara.schwanebeck@gmail.com.