

The Scroll

Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synodical Women's Organization

November 2015

President's Message

Greetings Sisters in Christ!

Since not all of you wonderful ladies were able to attend the convention in September, I decided to use my message that I wrote for the convention booklet for this Scroll's message. This convention marked the end of my first term as president for the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synodical Women's Organization. I'll be honest, I haven't accomplished nearly as much as I've hoped to, but maybe I've laid down some good foundations for the next two years. I am running again for the position of president, and, God willing, I will have more time to complete some of the goals I set for my time leading this organization.

The last year has been a challenging one for me personally. Last summer I partnered up with a good friend of mine to open a business – 12 Strings Bar & Grill in Bay City, Texas. Many people have said, "I think it would be so cool to own a bar!" Well, it has definitely been an interesting experience. I don't regret it, because I have learned a lot about myself and other people and I have also met some amazing new friends. However, it has required a huge investment of my time and resources and the whole experience has been very stressful and challenging. But, I love my bar and you are all welcome anytime you are in Bay City! (Maybe I'll have to offer a Women of the ELCA discount!)

On top of the new business adventure, in October I left the bank job that I'd been at for 12 years and started working as an account executive for a small radio station. (If you live in the Brazos Valley or around the Matagorda/ Wharton County area – you can check out my station at 105.3 or 94.9 FM! J) I've never done sales before and I'm still not sure that I'm really a salesperson, but I'm trying really hard. I do love the station and the genre of music we play so I want to do everything I can to help it grow.

So, with all the challenges and stress going on in my personal life, I feel like the work for Women of the ELCA has suffered. But, as I mentioned at the beginning of my letter, I hopefully have two more years to make up for that and I'm a little more settled in with the new business (our 1 year anniversary was on September 5) and the job at the radio station.

So let's talk about what the past year has been like for me as far as Women of the ELCA is concerned.

Last year's convention in Baton Rouge was small in attendance but I really enjoyed it and I think all the women that were in attendance did also. Although we had hoped to engage more of the women from the Louisiana area, I do believe that with some continued contact with the churches over there, we can get some more involvement in our organization from their women. At least that is my prayer! The board has discussed rotating conventions around the Synod, and if that continues, we would be back in the Louisiana area for a WELCA convention in about 6 years.

In February, I attended my second Conference of Presidents in Chicago. This was, once again, a great opportunity to meet with and learn from my fellow SWO presidents from around the country! The weekend is always packed with lots of information about Women of the ELCA and ways to grow our organization. I came back with some new ideas that I was able to share with my board at our

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retreat that was held the next weekend at Lutherhill.

In April, Kim Holle and I attended the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Assembly in Houston. I was a delegate for my church and Kim manned a table for the Women of the ELCA. She and I both visited with a lot of women and handed out a lot of information about our organization. We also added several email addresses to our distribution list (and many of them were for women that don't have an active unit at their church!!) Hopefully this will lead to some new units being formed and growth for Women of the ELCA!

I am still trying to attend as many Cluster Gatherings as possible. I have a goal to visit each Cluster at least once a year and so far, I think I'm doing pretty well at meeting that goal. I really enjoy the Cluster Gatherings because, not only do I get to find out what is going on all around our Synod but I learn a lot from the presentations. I continue to be amazed at how much women do not only in their congregation, but also in their community. I send out invitations to all Cluster Gatherings via email because I would like to encourage you all to attend whatever gathering is most convenient and interesting for you. Please feel free to attend any Gathering you'd like. By attending others, you might learn something new and meet some wonderful women in the process! I know that I learn something new (whether it is a project or a speaker's topic) at every event I attend (and I've met some amazing women!)

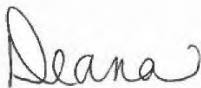
My continued goal for my Presidency is to grow our organization, either by getting more churches involved (forming new units) or finding new women to get involved in an existing unit. One way to make this happen is to remember that in order to be an active unit in Women of the ELCA doesn't mean the church has to have a traditional circle meeting once a month. In order to be considered an active unit, a group must:

1. Meet together for study, support and mission (this doesn't have to be once a month and can be achieved in a lot of ways!) This doesn't have to be an in person meeting – some churches are taking advantage of social media as a way to learn and discuss!
2. Participate in the ministry of Women of the ELCA beyond their congregation (attend cluster gatherings, annual convention, etc.)
3. Support financially the program of Women of the ELCA
4. Designate someone to communicate with the synodical and churchwide women's organization

Be creative in how you interpret Women of the ELCA within your church and how you get involved! One of the things I like the most about this organization is our involvement in so many different issues and the many resources that are available to us. Whatever issues spark your enthusiasm – Women of the ELCA can help you fan that passion.

Thank you for your participation in Women of the ELCA throughout the year. I challenge you to find a woman in your part of the Synod that isn't involved in Women of the ELCA and invite her to your next event. That is how we will grow this wonderful organization that has so much to offer each and every woman in the ELCA!

Blessings!



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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Congregation: _____

Cluster: _____

Speaker's Bureau

Are you looking for someone to speak at an event? These women have graciously offered to share their knowledge and experiences with groups needing a program. Feel free to contact them if you are in need of their service. If you'd like to add your name as a speaker, please contact Deana Fuchs and we'd love to add you!

Today's Dream Tomorrow's Reality: Racial Justice Advocacy

Learn about Racism today and White Privilege

Programs can be for one hour, one day or a weekend.

Liz and Beverly Curtice

Contact: Beverly.curtice@yahoo.com or 832-454-1903

Romanian Mission Trip

Share her recent mission trip to Romania with For God's Children International.

Liz Curtice

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Prayer, Promoting Women of the ELCA, Thankoffering/ Thanksgiving/ Thanks-living

JoAnn Fuchs

Contact: djfuchs@embarqmail.com or 979-345-7092

Liberia Trip, Justice Issues, Gender-based Violence

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Taichi as Moving Meditations; Sacred Dance

Peg Swavely

Contact: mswavely@aol.com or 281-225-4296

Children's Treatment Center, Adoption, Elderly, Disaster Response

Diane Covert

Contact: dcovert@lss.org or 713-557-3802

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Women of the ELCA

Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Women of the ELCA

www.womenoftheelca.org

www.gulfcoastwelca.org

**note NEW address!!!!*

Our new webmaster is Elida Lopez – feel free to contact her at quinamari@gmail.com with any information you'd like to see or add to our website!

Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

www.gulfcoastsynod.org

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

www.elca.org

Lutheran World Relief

www.lwr.org

Café - stirring the spirit within

www.boldcafe.org

ACTIVE UNIT LIST

Help us update the Active Unit List for our SWO!

We need a contact person for each church. Please send your contact's information via email to Deana Fuchs at deana317@hotmail.com or Cindy Weidemann at cindysue5150@yahoo.com. Please include a mailing address, phone number and email address (if available) along with the name. Thanks for helping us update our records!

28th Annual Convention Results

The 28th Annual Convention of the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Women of the ELCA was held on Saturday, September 19 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in La Grange, Texas. The board hosted an evening of fellowship on Friday night at Lutherhill's Charby Chapel. Wine and light snacks were served and the women in attendance enjoyed visiting with friends, playing games and decorating wooden crosses. Saturday morning, the convention began with breakfast that included an omelet bar that was manned by members of the Synodical board. This was definitely an interesting experience (that the Lutherhill staff make look SO easy!!) but luckily the women were very patient with the novice omelet makers!! We had a total attendance of 116 women (including participants, voting members, guests and vendors). This is the most we've had a convention in several years and we were so excited by the exceptional turnout. \$2,806.00 was collected in offerings. \$1,403 (1/2) of that was sent to the Churchwide organization and the other half was given to Combined Community Action—Meals on Wheels of the La Grange area. Units were asked to bring items for a silent auction and the auction raised \$2,258 which was also given to Meals on Wheels. Two beautiful quilts were donated and raffle tickets were sold for these quilts. The raffle raised \$457 which is going into our educational scholarship fund. For the physical offering, ladies were asked to bring items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. 184 kits were assembled during the convention and a total of 272 kits will be sent to LWR. There were several interesting workshops offered including "United Against Human Trafficking," "Healthy Lifestyle/Active Lifestyle," "Praise & Proverbs with Pen & Paper," "Wardrobe 911," Self Defense, Thrivent Financial 101 and a skin care/ color classes with a Mary Kay consultant. Thank you so much to all the women of St. Paul Lutheran in La Grange for all their hard work!! They made us feel so welcome and helped make the day a success!

The Scroll Is Now Available Via E-Mail

To help the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synodical Women of the ELCA save money and eliminate waste, we are trying to get women to receive the Scroll via e-mail. It is free to receive The Scroll electronically so encourage other women in your unit, church or cluster to send their email address to the Scroll editor, Deana Fuchs at deana317@hotmail.com. Or collect addresses and forward them yourself!



Please don't throw me away, delete me or stick me in a file! Instead, make copies or print me out and share me with your friends or other women in your unit!!

28th Annual Convention
Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Women of the ELCA
CONVENTION EVALUATION FORM

Name (optional) _____

Please help us in the planning of next year's convention by rating the following on a scale of 1 (unsatisfactory) to 5 (very satisfactory). If anything does not apply (i.e. hotel), please place

Advertising and publicity for the convention 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

Registration process and communication with Registrar 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

Check-in for convention 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

Satisfaction with the hotel (cleanliness, space, amenities, etc.) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

Quality and selection of the meals 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

Churchwide Representative Presentation: Lois Bylund 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

Choice of workshops and workshop content 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

Friday Fellowship @ Carby Chapel (Lutherhill) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

Additional comments: _____

What would you like to see at future conventions? _____

Would your congregation be willing to host a future convention? _____Yes _____ No

Do you prefer 1 day _____, 2 day _____, entire weekend _____ conventions?

Please email this back to Deana Fuchs—deana317@hotmail.com or return by mail—525 N. Hwy 36, West Columbia, TX 77486

2015 Cluster Coordinators & Liaisons

Cluster Name	Board Liaison	Coordinator	Coordinator Email	Coordinator Phone
Bayou		Vacant		
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Central Houston	Kim Holle/ Cindy Weidemann	Vacant		
Southwest	MiLisa Gaertner	Vacant		
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Western	Carolyn Muske	Betty Huebner	huebner5498@wildblue.net	(979) 836-5888

There has been some confusion as to whether our Synodical Women's Organization's Clusters line up with the Synod's Conferences. They do not. At the beginning of this year, the board went through the current Cluster alignment, looked at how the Synod had realigned their conferences and then made some slight changes to the Clusters. In addition, Rice Belt Cluster had decided to disband because of lack of participation by some churches. Below is a list of which churches are assigned to each Cluster. There are some churches that do not have active Units and some Units are not active with their Clusters. The board has made it a goal for the coming year to contact all churches and see if we can increase membership and activity.

Bayou Cluster:

Bethlehem—New Orleans
 Christ the King – Kenner
 First—Lafayette
 Galilean—La Place
 Gethsemane—Chalmette
 Good Shepherd—Marrero
 Grace—New Orleans
 Hosanna—Mandeville
 Love—New Orleans
 Our Saviour—Baton Rouge
 Peace—Slidell
 St. Mark—Metairie
 St. Paul—Baton Rouge
 St. Paul—Lake Charles

Southwest:

Advent—Houston
 All Saints—Stafford
 Celebration—Cypress
 Chinese—Houston
 Christ—El Campo
 Christ the Servant—Houston
 Covenant—Houston
 Danevang
 First English—Damon
 First Taiwanese—Houston
 Hope—Beasley
 Living Word—Katy
 Messiah—Cypress
 New Hope—Missouri City
 St. Martin's—Sugar Land
 St. John—Wallis
 St. Paul—Wharton
 St. Peter—Bay City

Brazos Cluster:

Christ—Brenham
 Eben Ezer—Brenham
 Elizabeth—Caldwell
 Emmanuel Greenvine—Burton
 First—Somerville
 Immanuel Wiedeville—Brenham
 Martin Luther—Carmine
 Our Saviour's—College Station
 Peace—College Station
 Salem—Brenham
 St. James (New Wehdem)—Brenham
 St. John Prairie Hill—Brenham
 St. John's—Deanville
 St. John's—Waller
 St. Paul Phillipsburg—Brenham
 St. Paul Rehburg—Burton
 St. Paul's—Brenham
 Trinity—Hempstead
 Zion—Brenham

Southeast:

Good Shepherd—Bridge City
 House of Prayer—Houston
 Light of Christ—La Porte
 New Life—Pearland
 Peace—Pasadena
 Principe de Paz—Houston
 St. Paul's—Baytown

Coastal Cluster:

Alvin Lutheran
 Christ—Lake Jackson
 Christus Victor—League City
 Faith—Dickinson
 First—Galveston
 Lakeside—League City
 Memorial—Texas City
 St. John—Angleton
 St. John's—Santa Fe
 St. Paul—Freeport
 Trinity—La Marque

Western:

Bethlehem—Round Top
 St. John—Ellinger
 St. John—Cat Spring
 St. John—New Ulm
 St. John—Bellville
 St. John Rutgersville—La Grange
 St. John of Warrenton
 St. Paul—La Grange
 St. Paul—Fayetteville
 St. Paul—Columbus
 St. Paul of Shelby—Fayetteville
 Trinity of Frehlsburg—New Ulm
 United of Swiss Alp—Schulenburg
 Waldeck—Ledbetter

Central/ North Houston:

AGAPE—Cleveland
 Augustana—Houston
 Angel of Joy—Lufkin
 Atascocita—Humble
 Christ the King—Houston
 El Buen Pastor—Houston
 Redeemer—Houston
 Faith—Bellaire
 Good Shepherd—Houston
 Grace—Houston
 Grace—Conroe
 Holy Comforter—Kingwood
 Holy Cross/ Santa Cruz—Houston
 Hosannah—Houston
 Holy Trinity—Houston
 Joyful Life—Woodlands
 Kinsmen—Houston
 Lake Livingston—Onalaska
 Lord of Life—Woodlands
 Memorial Drive—Houston
 Salem—Houston
 Spirit of Joy—Woodlands
 St James/Santiago Apostol—Houston
 Tree of Life—Conroe
 Zion—Houston

TREASURER'S REPORT

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous offerings for 2014 - 2015. Last year's offerings received were \$7,560.59 and our goal was \$9,000.00. That is 84% of our goal.

As Women of the ELCA your regular offerings support local ministries (in your congregational unit) and synodical ministries (in your synodical women's organization or SWO). Units collect regular offerings, keep a portion and send a portion to the SWO. The SWO keeps a portion and sends 45% to the churchwide women's organization. When we give to churchwide women's organization, our offerings help Women of the ELCA provide resources, programming and ministries to thousands of women and congregations, every day. Our churchwide regular offerings provide for: leadership training, *Gather* magazine and Bible Study, support for new units, spiritual gifts and discipleship programming, program resources on women's health, spiritual practices, church history, human trafficking and more, *Cafe* e-zine and podcast, racial justice network and trainings, advocacy for women and children, outreach through social media, and partnering with other Christian women's organizations.

Our SWO uses Regular Offerings to support leadership development, organize events, publish the Scroll, train congregational officers, and provide scholarships for women to attend conventions, retreats, or the Triennial Gathering and educational scholarships.

Does your congregational unit send a Regular Offering? When does your women's group gather? For fellowship over lunch? For Bible study or quilting? To plan an upcoming project? Units are encouraged to collect a Regular offering every time they meet. Whether the amount is 50 cents or 50 dollars, Regular Offerings help connect every local activity to the larger community of the Women of the ELCA. This year I challenge your unit to give 10% more than last year.

Clusters are also encouraged to give to the SWO. Cluster offerings help defray the costs of board members' travel to their meetings and help provide necessary training and resources to help your Clusters grow.

Your support is vital and necessary for us to be able to continue to support the mission and purpose of the Women of the ELCA.

Let us be cheerful givers to the mission and ministry that we are called to Support.

Peace be with you all,

Kim Holle, Synodical Treasurer

TEXAS LOUISIANA GULF COAST SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA - BUDGET INFORMATION

RECEIPTS		2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
A	OFFERINGS	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,199.74	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 10,933.24	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 10,104.59	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
1	Units	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,104.74	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,919.89	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,560.59	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
2	Convention	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,095.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,013.35	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,544.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
B	DESIGNATED GIFTS	\$ 850.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,956.25	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 397.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
1	25th Appeal	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	LWR	\$ -	\$ 67.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Malaria Campaign	\$ -	\$ 273.00	\$ -	\$ 906.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	Thankoffering	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5	Rachel's Day	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 344.75	\$ -	\$ 179.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6	Companion Synod Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 535.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7	Katie's Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
C	SPECIAL GIFTS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,188.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
1	Disaster Relief	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Triennial	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Lutherhill	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	Campus Ministries	\$ -	\$ 248.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5	Convention Fund	\$ -	\$ 940.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
D	SWO CONVENTION	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 16,396.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 7,254.50	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 4,913.11	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
1	Registration & Meals	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,530.00	\$ -	\$ 6,470.00	\$ -	\$ 2,015.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 2,178.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Country Store	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	Silent Auction	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,866.00	\$ -	\$ 634.50	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
E	SWO LEADERSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1	Retreat	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
F	SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
1	Convention/Retreat	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Education	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Triennial	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
G	OTHER RECEIPTS	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,065.04	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,737.90	\$ 500.00	\$ 65.77	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
1	Lucinda Pins	\$ -	\$ 99.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	T-Shirts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Oper/Void CK/Bank	\$ -	\$ 966.04	\$ -	\$ 1,737.90	\$ -	\$ 65.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
H	MISSION TRANSFER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
I	SCROLL	\$ 100.00	\$ 69.00	\$ -	\$ 98.00	\$ -	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 33,350.00	\$ 30,757.78	\$ 29,200.00	\$ 22,086.89	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 21,674.47	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 23,500.00

TEXAS LOUISIANA GULF COAST SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA - BUDGET INFORMATION

DISBURSEMENTS	2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
A										
BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 1,262.66	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 2,838.26	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 1,645.09	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,650.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,650.00
1 Board Meetings	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 866.94	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,053.18	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 765.88	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
2 Operating	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 242.72	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,033.45	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 859.61	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,050.00
3 Scroll	\$ 750.00	\$ 153.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 19.60	\$ 200.00	\$ 19.60	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
4 Triennial Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 751.63	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
B										
EVENTS	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 15,999.49	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 7,048.97	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 9,812.09	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
1 Convention	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 15,999.49	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,017.97	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 8,216.62	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
2 Retreat	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3 Designated Gifts	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,595.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 Convention Deposits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
C										
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
1 Covention	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2 Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
3 Triennial	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
D										
TRIENNIAL CONVENTION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 117.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
E										
SPECIAL OFFERING	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,133.33	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,488.17	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,027.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
1 Lutherhill	\$ -	\$ 1,932.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2 Companion Synod	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3 Disaster Relief	\$ -	\$ 228.75	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 Campus Ministries	\$ -	\$ 1,841.50	\$ -	\$ 2,413.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5 LWR	\$ -	\$ 131.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6 Phebe Solar Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
F										
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,737.90	\$ 100.00	\$ 681.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
G										
CWO	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 7,241.39	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,585.38	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 5,659.27	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 6,350.00
1 Offerings	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 3,647.14	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 3,563.95	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 3,402.27	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,600.00
2 Convention	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,547.50	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,506.68	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,272.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
3 Triennial Offerings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 Special Offering & Gifts	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,046.75	\$ 500.00	\$ 514.75	\$ 500.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 32,650.00	\$ 28,636.87	\$ 29,200.00	\$ 19,698.68	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 20,768.09	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 23,500.00

TX-LA Gulf Coast SWO Women of the ELCA
Statement of Cash Flows
February 2014 through January 2015

	<u>Feb '14 - Jan 15</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	-5,093.62
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	-5,093.62
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Opening Balance Equity	8,408.14
Net cash provided by Financing Activities	8,408.14
Net cash increase for period	3,314.52
Cash at beginning of period	15,370.07
Cash at end of period	<u>18,684.59</u>

TX-LA Gulf Coast SWO Women of the ELCA
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
February 2014 through January 2015

	<u>Feb '14 - Jan 15</u>
200023 - Board/Guest	2,307.66
200024 - Travel	500.00
Total 20001 - Convention	8,216.62
20003 - Designated Gifts	1,595.47
Total 20000 - Events	9,812.09
30000 - Scholarships	
30002 - Education	500.00
30003 - Triennial	325.00
Total 30000 - Scholarships	825.00
40000 - Triennial	117.77
50000 - Special Offerings	
50005 - LWR	27.00
50006 - Phebe Solar Project	2,000.00
Total 50000 - Special Offerings	2,027.00
70000 - CWO	
70001 - Offerings	3,402.27
70002 - Convention	1,272.00
70003 - Triennial Offering	500.00
70004 - Special Offering & Gift	485.00
Total 70000 - CWO	5,659.27
80000 - Other Expenses	
80001 - Fundraiser/Tumblers	681.87
Total 80000 - Other Expenses	681.87
Total Expense	20,768.09
Net Ordinary Income	-5,159.39
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	65.77
Total Other Income	65.77
Net Other Income	65.77
Net Income	<u>-5,093.62</u>

TX-LA Gulf Coast SWO Women of the ELCA
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
February 2014 through January 2015

	<u>Feb '14 - Jan 15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
1000 - Offerings	
1001 - Cluster Offerings	256.00
1002 - Convention Offerings	2,544.00
1003 - Unit Offerings	7,304.59
Total 1000 - Offerings	10,104.59
2000 - Designated Gifts	
2002 - Katie's Fund	191.00
2003 - Lutheran World Relief	27.00
2005 - Rachel's Day	179.00
Total 2000 - Designated Gifts	397.00
3000 - Special Gifts	
3005 - Triennial Project	100.00
Total 3000 - Special Gifts	100.00
4000 - SWO Convention	
4002 - Physical Offering	141.00
4003 - Raffle	340.00
4004 - Reg & Meals	1,940.00
4005 - S. Auction	720.00
4006 - Transportation	1,537.11
4007 - Vendors	75.00
Total 4000 - SWO Convention	4,753.11
5000 - Other Receipts	
5006 - Tumblers	160.00
Total 5000 - Other Receipts	160.00
6000 - Scholarship	
6001 - Conv / Retreat	86.00
Total 6000 - Scholarship	86.00
8000 - Scroll	8.00
Total Income	15,608.70
Expense	
10000 - Board Expenses	
10001 - Board Meetings	
100011 - Transportation	240.80
100012 - Lodging	389.55
100013 - Rental	30.00
100014 - Meals	105.53
Total 10001 - Board Meetings	765.88
10002 - Operating	859.61
10003 - Scroll	19.60
Total 10000 - Board Expenses	1,645.09
20000 - Events	
20001 - Convention	
200011 - Pre Conv Planning	1,184.06
200012 - Trans for participants	1,149.54
200013 - Reg. Refund	90.00
200014 - Trans. Refund	560.00
200015 - Nursery	80.00
200016 - Music	100.00
200017 - Honoriums	190.00
200018 - Facility	300.00
200019 - Meals	1,294.95
200020 - Incidentals	140.87
200021 - Workshops	50.00
200022 - Booklet	269.54

Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast SWO Women of the ELCA
Breakdown of Accounts and Funds
2014-2015

Wells Fargo	\$ 8,766.81	\$ 8,766.81	Wells Fargo
Mission Investment w/interest	\$ 9,917.78	\$ 9,852.01	Mission Investment W/O Interest
Combined Total of Both Accounts	\$ 18,684.59	\$18,618.82	Combined Total of Both Accounts W/O Interest
		\$17,607.96	Designated Funds
		\$ 1,010.86	Excess Funds
		\$ 65.77	Interest
		\$ 1,076.63	Total Excess Funds

	2/1/2014	Income	Expense	1/31/2015
Operating Account (WF)	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00
Convention Grants	\$ 2,163.30		\$ 325.00	\$ 1,838.30
Companion Synod	\$ 6,221.97	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,321.97
SWO Convention	\$ 3,375.21	\$ 3,461.55	\$ 3,626.98	\$ 3,209.78
Educational Scholarship	\$ 3,512.28	\$ 86.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,098.28
Triennial Promotional Items	\$ 257.40		\$ 117.77	\$ 139.63
Triennial Offering	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ -
	<u>\$ 21,030.16</u>	<u>\$ 3,647.55</u>	<u>\$ 7,069.75</u>	<u>\$ 17,607.96</u>

Convention Summary	
Income	\$ 7,457.11
Expense	\$ 11,084.09
	<u>\$ (3,626.98)</u>

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Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires, drink freely from the water of life.....

Rev 22:17





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Our Mission Statement

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

Our 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.



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