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**5th Annual Convocation
Carolinas Lutheran Women
October 3, 2015**

The 5th Annual Convocation for the Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW), entitled "Treasures from Heaven," was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Troutman, North Carolina, on October 3, 2015. Seventy-six women and guests represented 14 congregations from North and South Carolina. All guests enjoyed light refreshments provided by the women of Christ United Lutheran Church, Granite Falls prior to the meeting. Jerry McGuire, a member from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Troutman, provided prelude music as women gathered and greeted one another. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church President, June Hanson opened the Convocation with warm greetings from Christ United, Granite Falls and Holy Trinity, Troutman. Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith), CLW Council Chair, welcomed those in attendance and introduced other Council members. Holy Trinity's Pastor Dieter Punt opened the assembly with a brief meditation suitable for the weather referencing "ducks in a row" and concluded with an opening prayer.

Historian, Susanne Bebber (Concordia, China Grove) led the Ice Breaker Bible Trivia. The general consensus was that we all still have a lot to learn from the Bible. Following the Ice Breaker, everyone joined in singing the opening hymn, "The Beautiful Treasures."

Pastor Heidi Punt and Dena Henkle, President of Christ United Lutheran Women gave an update on their Mission Church. The church was founded in 2011 and has been a beacon of light to the community in Granite Falls, NC. The church has been involved in many mission outreach events, but the most touching story shared was their homeless bags project. Pastor Punt had asked for the congregational women to supply enough items to fill two bags for the homeless, such as blankets, socks, snacks and toiletry items. Another lady from the congregation had taken it upon herself to make a third bag. After the homeless bags were dedicated for God's service, Pastor Punt went to deliver the bags only to discover that three bags were needed instead of two. God works in mysterious and wonderful ways.

The business session began with the roll call by Secretary, Pam Cansler (St. Martins Maiden). Christ United, Granite Falls – 8, Christiana, Salisbury – 1; Concordia, China Grove – 5; Faith, Faith – 1; Holy Trinity, Troutman – 34 and 2 guests; Mt. Calvary, Claremont - 1; New Jerusalem, Hickory – 5; Our Savior, Dallas – 1; Shiloh, Hickory - 2; St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC – 2; St. John's, Statesville – 3 and 1 guest; St. Martin's, Maiden – 6 and 1 guest; St. Peter, Chapin, SC – 1 and 1 guest; Union, Salisbury - 2. **Total Present: 76; Churches represented: 14.**

President, Lisa Overcash stated that minutes from the last convocation were on the tables. A motion to approve the 2014 Convocation Minutes was made by Carolyn Wilfong (St. Martins, Maiden) and seconded by Sandra Bollinger (New Jerusalem, Hickory). The motion passed unanimously.

LaVaughn Beaver, Treasurer (Christiana, Salisbury) provided the Treasurer's report located in each folder. The balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$4,098.23. She noted that 10 congregations had

made contributions thus far in 2015. \$435 was used to recreate and update the Carolinas Lutheran Women's website.

LaVaughn called upon President, Lisa Overcash to give a status report on the website. Lisa reported that early in the year, Council found out that the website had been taken down due to the expiration of our subscription. Council immediately went to work to secure a Webmaster. Fortunately, Council Member, Gloria Ziemer's son, Patrick Harmon was able to recreate a new website under the same name (carolinaslutheranwomen.org). The website was up and running the end of August. She encouraged everyone to visit the new website.

LaVaughn also presented the 2016 Proposed Expenditure Budget, located below the Financial Report in each folder. The CLW Council proposed a \$158 increase over last year's budget to maintain the website. LaVaughn explained that the Convocation's Love Offering was designated for Samaritan's Purse and would be rounded up to make an even number, at Council's approval. 32% of the total budget is planned for Mission Outreach next year. Reba Reinhardt (St. Martins, Maiden) made a motion to approve the 2015 Budget, and Elizabeth Morriston (Holy Trinity, Troutman) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Council Member, Ann Tucker (Union, Salisbury), presented the slate of nominees for Council on pages 8-9: Susanne Bebber (Concordia, China Grove), Pam Cansler (St. Martins, Maiden), Lynn Coughenour (Union, Salisbury), Brenda Dunn (St. John's, Statesville), Janet Rash (Salem, Salisbury) and Kay Weaver (New Jerusalem, Hickory). No nominations were made from the floor. Pastor Heidi Punt from Christ United Lutheran Church, Granite Falls led the assembly in prayer before voting. According to guidelines, the nominees with the top highest number of votes will be elected to Council. The four nominees receiving the highest votes to fill the expired terms for 2016 were: Susanne Bebber (Concordia, China Grove), Pam Cansler (St. Martins, Maiden), Lynn Coughenour (Union, Salisbury) and Brenda Dunn (St. John's, Statesville).

President, Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith) highlighted the Council's activities since the last Convocation. The Council met five times since September, 2014. An informational meeting was held in May at Christ United Lutheran Church, Granite Falls, NC and then Council traveled to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Troutman, NC. Greetings were shared from Carolinas Lutheran Women at the Carolinas Mission District Convocation at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Gastonia that same month. In August, one Council member was able to travel to the National NALC Conference in Dallas, TX.

Lisa received two comments from the assembly including a request to have the Convocation minutes mailed to the churches who could not attend the event. The minutes will be posted on the website and sent via email or by mail to the 24 churches not in attendance. Also, the question was asked if Carolinas Lutheran Women had a Facebook page. CLW does not have a Facebook page at this time, but Council would certainly discuss the suggestion. If anyone was particularly gifted in this area and would volunteer their input, Council would be grateful. Lisa announced that there were comment cards in each folder for feedback on the event and the willingness to host future Convocations.

The Convocation Offering will be given to Samaritan's Purse, a non-profit organization that works to meet the physical needs of the poor, sick and suffering all over the world while spreading the hope and love of Jesus. Council Treasurer, LaVaughn Beaver (Christiana, Salisbury) encouraged everyone to browse through the catalog for a brief description of the 42 Mission Projects that Samaritan's Purse currently supports. Unless individual checks specified a particular project, Council would decide how the funds would be allocated at their next meeting.

In-Kind Gifts of paper products collected will be divided between My Sister's House, a shelter that provides a safe living environment for victims of violence in Iredell County and South Caldwell Christian Ministries who provides crisis assistance to those in need in Caldwell County.

Treasurer, LaVaughn Beaver (Christiana, Salisbury), offered prayer for Samaritan's Purse, My Sister's House and South Caldwell Christian Ministries. The total amount collected for Samaritan's Purse was \$1,712.03, which Council voted to increase to \$2,000. In-kind gifts for my Sister's House totaled \$110 and was increased to \$275. In the same manner, South Caldwell Christian Ministries received \$125 and was increased to \$275 by Council.

A second hymn, "Take My Life" was sung.

Council Member, Jennie Cannon (St. Peter, Chapin, SC) led us in our program "Treasures From Heaven." Jennie read the Bible passage from Matthew 6: 19-24. This passage discusses two temptations to beware: (1) doing works to receive praise from man instead of doing works in secret where only God knows and (2) seeking treasures on earth instead of having meaningful relationships with God through Jesus Christ. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matthew 6:21. Each participant was instructed to fill their treasure chests with the Bible verses provided, as well as write down some favorite verses of their own. We were asked to write down our blessings and place them in the chest and finally to decorate the treasure chests with beautiful gems. We were encouraged to keep the chests handy to lift us up when this earthly world gets us down and to add verses and blessings as God continues lead us throughout our lifetimes.

Rev. Nathan Yoder, Dean of Carolinas Mission District, (St. Martins, Maiden) installed the newly elected Council. Pastor Heidi Punt from Christ United Lutheran Church, Granite Falls then gave the benediction followed by everyone singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Following the benediction, lunch was provided by the women of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Troutman.

Pam Cansler
Carolinas Lutheran Women's Secretary
St. Martins Lutheran Church, Maiden, NC

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting February 7, 2015

Council Members:

• Lisa Overcash - Faith, Faith, NC (Chair)

- Pam Cansler- St. Martins, Maiden, NC (Secretary)
- Jennie Cannon – St. Peter, Chapin, SC
- LaVaughn Beaver - Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Gloria Ziemer – St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC
- Susanne Bebbler – Concordia, China Grove, NC (Historian)
- Ann Tucker – Union, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The CLW Council held its first 2015 meeting on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. All council members were present.

The meeting was conducted and called to order at 9:55 a.m. by Lisa Overcash. Ann Tucker distributed "A Litany of Women's Power" recognizing women, both named and unnamed, who throughout time used the power and gifts God had given them to change the world. We remember strong role models like Sarah, Mary Magdalene our own grandmothers and mothers. We pray for victims of violence and poverty and especially for our daughters and granddaughters that all may have a powerful, Christ-centered Spirit.

The following business was addressed:

1. **MINUTES:** LaVaughn Beaver made a motion to approve the minutes from the Annual Convocation on September 27 2014. Susanne Bebbler seconded and the motion was approved. Secondly, Ann Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes from November 1, 2014, and LaVaughn Beaver seconded. The vote was unanimous.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** LaVaughn Beaver distributed and reviewed the year-end report. Balance as of December 31, 2014 was \$3,797.95. We were over budget by \$469.04. Some of that cost was in postage where Pam Cansler purchased extra stamps before postage increased. Current Balance on Hand: \$3,917.95 with a reminder that we must keep a balance of \$1,500 to avoid service charges. Ann Tucker made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Pam Cansler seconded, and the motion carried.
 - Council was made aware that congregational contributions were up slightly from last year with 21 churches giving a total of \$1,550. LaVaughn disclosed that 49.4% of total receipts were distributed to mission outreach. CLW has increased its mission outreach contributions from 25% in 2012 to 35% in 2013 and close to 50% in 2014.
 - The financial reports are in the process of being audited. There will be a small cost associated with the audit.
3. **CLW WEBSITE:** LaVaughn Beaver informed Council that it was brought to her attention sometime after the Annual Convocation that the Carolinas Lutheran Women's website was down. In past years, the website had been maintained and paid for by a sister congregation as their contribution each year. After some research, LaVaughn found out that the yearly subscription had not been paid which resulted in our website being removed. Council discussed the pros and cons of either trying to purchase our website back or developing our own website. Since none of the council members had expertise in that field, Gloria Ziemer offered to ask her son who is a

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Web-Master to help us get another website up and running. CLW Council will be responsible for administering and maintaining the new website.

4. **AFFILIATIONS:** Pam Cansler reported that there have been no new affiliations received, so we remain at 35 churches. She will go to the Carolinas Mission District website and generate a current list of member churches to compare with ours.
5. **CAROLINAS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION FOR 2015:** Council agreed that Carolinas Lutheran Women should be represented at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Gastonia, NC in May. One or two council members will make plans to bring greetings as well as set up a table to recruit new members.
6. **2015 CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN'S CONVOCATION:**
 - Council received notification that Christ United Lutheran Church in Granite Falls, NC would graciously host the 2015 Convocation on October 3, 2015. Susanne Bebber made a motion to set the date for our next convocation for October 3, 2015 at Christ United. Ann Tucker seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
 - Several great ideas were presented for the program. Council wanted to break away from tradition and introduce something different in 2015. Jennie Cannon volunteered to lead our program and the scripture focus will be Matthew 6: 19-21, with the theme concentrating on treasures.
 - Council also discussed worthy charitable organizations for our offerings. After much discussion, Pam Cansler made a motion to support Samaritan's Purse, out of Boone, NC. Jennie Cannon, seconded and the motion passed unanimously. LaVaughn Beaver felt that we could possibly invite a representative from Samaritan's Purse to share with the group all the different ways Samaritan's Purse helps others. LaVaughn volunteered to work on a devotion that would fit well with our theme and the work of Samaritan's Purse.
 - Gloria Ziemer will think about hymns for the occasion, and council will ask Brenda Dunn from St. John's Lutheran Church, Statesville, NC if she would be willing to play the piano?
 - Lisa Overcash volunteered to work on making two separate checklists for convocation preparation, one for the hosting church and the other for Council.
 - Pam Cansler volunteered to call Thrivent to see if they would provide notepads, pencils or any other items for convocation. Jennie Cannon suggested trying to see if Council could secure Thrivent funds to help with the expenses of the convocation. Ann Tucker will talk to a Thrivent representative that attends her church to inquire about Thrivent funds.
7. **AGENDA TOPIC FOR APRIL MEETING:** Convocation Project: Trial Run. Jennie Cannon volunteered to provide the devotions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Next CLW Council Meeting
Saturday, April 11, 2015 @ 10:00 AM
Location: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
14542 Choate Circle
Charlotte, NC 28273

IMPORTANT 2015 dates

- **Carolinas Mission Convocation for 2015:**

Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Gastonia, NC

- **National NALC Convocation**

Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport
Dallas, TX
August 11-14, 2015

- **Carolinas Lutheran Women's Convocation**

Christ United Lutheran Church
170 Duke Street
Granite Falls, NC 28630
October 3, 2015

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting

March 5, 2016

Council Members:

Lisa Overcash – Faith, Faith, NC (Chair)

Pam Cansler – St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (Secretary)

Jennie Cannon – St. Peter, Chapin, SC (Treasurer)

Susanne Bebbler – Concordia, China Grove, NC (Historian)

Lynn Coughenour – Union, Salisbury, NC

Brenda Dunn – St. John's, Statesville, NC

Gloria Ziemer – St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC

CLW Website: carolinaslutheranwomen.org

The CLW Council held its second 2016 meeting on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC. Council members in attendance were Lisa Overcash, Jennie Cannon, Susanne Bebbler, Lynn Coughenour, Brenda Dunn, and Gloria Ziemer. Pam Cansler was absent due to a work commitment. Brenda Dunn took notes and agreed to write the minutes for the meeting.

Chair, Lisa Overcash called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Devotions were given by Brenda Dunn on "God's Grace".

Minutes from the January 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed. No changes were made. A motion was made by Gloria Ziemer and seconded by Brenda Dunn to approve and place the minutes on file. Motion was carried.

Jennie Cannon gave the following Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning Balance = \$3,439.84
- St. Peter's, Chapin, SC gave \$60.00 as a Church Contribution
- New Checking Account with Wells Fargo
- No Fee and only required to keep a minimum balance of \$300.00
- Opened the account with the \$60.00 church contribution from St. Peter's
- Lisa transferred funds from the previous banking account to Wells Fargo
- New checks were purchased by Jennie Cannon as a donation – Have the Christian Fish (Icythos) symbol printed on them
- Debit cards – 1 for Chair Lisa and 1 for Treasurer Jennie
- All Finances set-up

With the approval of the Council, Jennie has set-up a new format for the Treasurer's Report.

The following Business was discussed:

1. Facebook Page for CLW -- What needs to go on it?
 - Convocation Information
 - Links for CLW Website and Donations
 - Information about Carolinas Mission District and NALC at the Churchwide Synod Level
 - Settings would be closed group with Lynn listed as Administrator
 - Lynn will be working on setting up the Facebook over the next weeks and will e-mail the council members with the information
2. Convocation
 - Will be at Faith, Faith, NC on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016
 - Registration: \$8.00
 - Registration begins at 9:00 am with the meeting at 9:30 am
 - Theme: Reformation: 500 Years
 - Scripture Reference: Psalm 46
 - Devotions will be given by Jennie who will decide how much of Psalm 46 to use and will tie into the Breakout Sessions
 - Discussed what should be the focus of the Breakout Sessions: women's groups in churches – what's working and what is not, etc.

- Jennie will develop a handout for the Breakout Sessions
- Those in attendance will be scrambled for Breakout Sessions – by colors, numbers, etc. on nametags or program bulletins
- Full-size red door for ending of Breakout Sessions to allow attendees to write down an idea, hope, or personal reflection concerning Lutheran Women in the future and “hang it” on the door as their “Reformation”
- Lisa will check on the door. If not, Jennie will bring one to the convocation.
- Lisa could not get any information about the lady who presents a program dressed as Katherine von Bora.
- Brenda presented information about a drama detailing the life of Katherine von Bora, written by James G. Cobb from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It was originally written to celebrate the 500th anniversary of von Bora’s life. It requires only 3 people to do.
- Council approved of using the drama as the program for the convocation. Lynn agreed to be the Narrator; Gloria volunteered to be Katie von Bora; and Lisa stated she would try to get a man from Faith to be Martin Luther.
- The Convocation offering was discussed.
 - * In January, the council agreed for the Convocation Offering to go “Wounded Warriors”.
 - * Brenda and Gloria both reported the organization has been in the news recently including newspaper articles with reports of “extravagant spending for administration purposes and possible misuse of funds”.
 - * It was agreed to change the designation of the Convocation Offering for 2016 to “St. Jude’s Hospital”.
 - * Brenda is going to research the “Gary Sinese Foundation” which helps veterans and Gloria is going to research organizations that help female veterans as possibilities for the 2017 Convocation Offering.
- Favors for the convocation were discussed. As discussed at the January meeting, a “red door ornament” will be the favor for the convocation. Jennie brought a picture and mentioned the website of the door ornament that she has. It was stated that Pam is checking on possibly getting them made out of wood.
- Information about the convocation, registration, and nominations should be sent out in June. The council discussed including a comment about suggested monetary donation to CLW from the member churches in the letter.
- It was decided that Pam contact Pastor Nathan Yoder, Dean for the Carolinas Mission District, and invite him to attend. If so, then he could do the installation of newly elected council members.
- Council would like Pam to contact Thrivent about folders for the convocation. Lisa will also check on getting them.

The agenda for the next meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2016 will focus on the program, breakout sessions, and materials for the convocation in September.

Brenda Dunn volunteered to have devotions again.

Brenda Dunn
Acting Secretary
Carolinas Lutheran Women’s Council

Carolinas Mission District Convocation
May 20 – 21, 2016
Little Mountain, SC

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting April 11, 2015

Council Members:

• Lisa Overcash - Faith, Faith, NC (Chair)

- Pam Cansler- St. Martins, Maiden, NC (Secretary)
- Jennie Cannon – St. Peter, Chapin, SC
- LaVaughn Beaver - Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
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- Susanne Bebbler – Concordia, China Grove, NC (Historian)
- Ann Tucker – Union, Salisbury, NC

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The CLW Council held its second 2015 meeting on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. All council members were present.

The meeting was conducted and called to order at 10 a.m. by Lisa Overcash. Jennie Cannon presented the devotional and project entitled "Where Is Your Treasure?" from Matthew 6: 19-24 that will be the focus of the 5th Annual Carolinas Lutheran Women Convocation.

The following business was addressed:

1. **MINUTES:** Ann Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. LaVaughn Beaver seconded and the motion carried.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** LaVaughn Beaver distributed and reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Balance as of March 31, 2015 was \$4,067.95 with 4 church contributions received so far this year totaling \$270. The report was accepted as presented.
3. **CLW WEBSITE:** Patrick Harmon, Gloria Ziemer's son, has agreed to help Council get the website back up and running. There may be a start-up cost of \$800 and \$12 per year to maintain the website. Council discussed using the NALC website but considered the LCMC congregations and wanted to have our own site. Council tried to pull up the old website address and nothing displayed. Council hoped that we could maintain the same address. Once we have the website up again, the idea was mentioned to add a link on the NALC website to ours. LaVaughn Beaver made a motion to see if we could reconstruct our website using the old address of www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org not to exceed the cost of \$1,000. If we cannot use our previous address, we should try for something close. Jennie Cannon seconded. The vote was unanimous.
Action: Gloria will ask Patrick to see if we can reconstruct the website using our previous name.
4. **AFFILIATIONS:** Pam Cansler reviewed the Carolinas Mission District website and reported that there were several churches that had not joined Carolinas Lutheran Women. After reviewing the list, several members of Council volunteered to try and make contact with some of the churches. There are 35 affiliated congregations.
Action: Jennie to contact New Hope Lutheran, Ballentine, SC. Susanne to contact Organ Lutheran, Salisbury, NC and Trinity Lutheran, Landis, NC.
5. **CAROLINAS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION FOR 2015:** President, Lisa Overcash agreed to bring greetings at the Carolinas Mission District Convocation at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Gastonia, NC in May. Ann Tucker may be able to attend as well. Council would like to be able to hand out a flyer promoting our 5th Annual CLW Convocation coming up in October.
Action: Susanne Bebbler volunteered to work on the Convocation Flyer.

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6. 2015 CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN'S CONVOCATION:

- Jennie Cannon plans for the program and project to take approximately 45 minutes. Jennie was approved for the Action Team Grant of \$250 from Thrivent to help with the cost of the project. Pam Cansler is also checking to see if Thrivent can donate pens, pencils and notepads for 125-150 people. We can use the pens for the activity.
- Susanne Bebbler agreed to present a simple Ice Breaker involving trivia questions.
- Gloria Ziemer presented two hymns that would be appropriate: An old Shaker hymn sung to the tune, "Simple Gifts" and "Take My Life."
- The Convocation Love Offering was designated for Samaritans Purse in Boone, NC because most of the money goes toward mission. LaVaughn Beaver contacted Samaritans Purse to see if a representative could attend the meeting and share the many ways they help others. LaVaughn also distributed a list of all the missions Samaritans Purse supports. Council felt that we should choose those that are focused on women and children. After much discussion, Council agreed to wait until after the Convocation to decide the specific mission(s) to support. LaVaughn is also searching for devotions.
- Lisa Overcash presented the Convocation Checklist. Council reviewed the items and felt the list was complete and accurate.
- We will also collect In-Kind Gifts and ask the host church to decide what those will be and who they will benefit. Pam will contact Christ United Lutheran Church to see if Council can meet with them at their church on May 9, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the details of the Convocation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Next CLW Council Meeting
Saturday, May 9, 2015 @ 10:30 AM
Location: Christ United Lutheran Church
170 Duke Street
Granite Falls, NC 28630

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Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting May 9, 2015

Council Members:

• **Lisa Overcash - Faith, Faith, NC (Chair)**

- Pam Cansler- St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (Secretary)
- Jennie Cannon – St. Peter, Chapin, SC
- LaVaughn Beaver - Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Gloria Ziemer – St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC
- Susanne Bebbler – Concordia, China Grove, NC (Historian)
- Ann Tucker – Union, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The CLW Council held its third 2015 meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Christ United Lutheran Church in Granite Falls, NC. All council members were present. Christ United representatives were Kris Thompson, Dena Henkle, Delores Kaufman, and Pastor Heidi Punt. Also in attendance were Joyce Clodfelter, June Hanson and Debbie Harris from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Troutman, NC.

After introductions from both churches and council members, Lisa Overcash called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

The following business was addressed:

1. **MINUTES:** The minutes were not available to review.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** LaVaughn Beaver gave the Treasurer's Report. Balance on Hand: \$4,287.95. Seven churches had made contributions in 2015. LaVaughn reported that 21 churches had supported Carolinas Lutheran Women in 2014. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
3. **CLW Website:** CLW Council is in the process of reconstructing another website. All prior information previously posted on the website should be given to Gloria Ziemer's son, Patrick.
4. **CAROLINAS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION FOR 2015:** The Carolinas Mission Convocation will be held May 29 and 30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Gastonia, NC. President, Lisa Overcash will be bringing greetings from the Carolinas Lutheran Women. Susanne Bebbler will have the 2015 CLW Convocation flyers ready for distribution at this event.
5. **2015 CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN'S CONVOCATION:** President, Lisa Overcash informed the group of Council's plans for the Convocation. The theme this year is "Treasures From Heaven" and the accompanying devotional comes from Matthew 6: 19-24. Jennie Cannon explained the project she would be leading. All Council members would be available to help as needed. Jennie also mentioned that she had secured a Thrivent Grant for \$250 to help fund the cost of the supplies for the project and suggested that we try to get another grant from North Carolina. Since CLW has budgeted funds for Convocation expenses, LaVaughn made a motion to use one Thrivent Grant. Ann Tucker seconded and the vote was unanimous.
 - Lisa distributed the Convocation Checklist for the Host Church and started reviewing the list. The host church would need to be able to accommodate approximately 120 people for the project and meal. It was decided to move the Convocation location to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Troutman, NC, since it was larger. Both Christ United and Holy Trinity will co-host the event on October 3, 2015. For those traveling, both Statesville and Mooresville would have plenty of hotels to choose from.

- In-Kind Gifts would be divided between 1) My Sister's House, a Battered Women's Center and 2) South Caldwell Christian Ministries. Both non-profit institutions could use paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, gift cards and monetary donations.
- The Offering was designated for Samaritan's Purse.
- Registration will be from 9 -9:30 a.m. with the Meeting to follow.
- Libby Brown, a volunteer from Holy Trinity Lutheran will play the piano.

Council was invited to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church following lunch to tour their church.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:45 AM.

Next CLW Council Meeting

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*******NEW LOCATION*******

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

225 Morgan Street
Troutman, NC 28166