Carolinas Lutheran Women

As sisters in Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to serve God by using the gifts we have received to reach out to others.

July 31, 2025

Dear NALC & LCMC Congregations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia,

🌮 Let's Taco 'Bout It! 🌮

The Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW) Council joyfully invites you to our **Fifteenth Annual Convocation**—and trust us, this one is ***Nacho Average Convocation!*** Get ready for a day filled with vibrant fellowship, flavorful mission stories, and a fiesta of faith!

🗓️ **Save the Date!**
Lettuce Gather With Jesus for Nacho Average Convocation
🗓️ **Saturday, October 11, 2025**
📍 **St. Paul Lutheran Church**
2496 SC-773, Pomaria, SC 29126
⏰ Registration and "Street Vendor" Table Set-up begins at 8:30 a.m.
🪅 Convocation kicks off at 9:00 a.m.

This year's convocation will be seasoned with a **Mexican Fiesta flair**. We look forward to each congregation bringing their "street vendor-style" display to showcase how you're spicing up mission and ministry in your community. From salsa-sweet stories of service to hot tamale testimonies, share how Jesus' light guides your ministry! Whether you're guacamole-deep in outreach or just planting seeds of faith, come be inspired and uplifted by what God is doing in and through His people.

🌯 Lettuce gather together!

Don't be a sour cream and miss out on the fun. Sign-up and proudly represent your congregation. Plan to fill your car from bebés (babies) to hermanas (sisters) in Christ to abuelas (grandmas), and don't forget your besties! The more the merrier! All are welcome! Bring your appetite for encouragement, connection, and churros (okay, maybe not churros, but definitely joy in Christ)! More details to follow, but in the meantime, start prepping your display ideas, and mark your calendars for a day that's bound to be *faith-full and fiesta-fabulous*!

Enclosed you will find the Registration Form and Nomination Form.

- Please make copies of the Registration for each attendee, include $10 registration fee per person (includes lunch) and return by **September 30, 2025**, to Robin McLaughlin, CLW Treasurer, 4155 Jackson Road, Mooresville, NC 28115. **Please make checks payable to Carolinas Lutheran Women.** Or you can go online to register https://forms.gle/aaLDryp3uNanBYFB6

- Yearly contributions may be sent at any time to the same address. Remember, this is not a mandatory contribution, and may be of any amount your congregation desires. An amount of $60 yearly is a recommendation. **All** donations are completely voluntary. (Not required)

- Affiliated congregations may nominate a member or individuals can self-nominate to serve on the CLW Council provided she has given her approval. See enclosed Nominations Form or go online to print a copy.

- If your congregation is not affiliated with the Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW), and would like to join, you may download an affiliation form from our website (www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org) or contact Robin McLaughlin (McLaughlins_1@Windstream.net) for a hard copy. Forms may be mailed or brought to the annual meeting.

- A proposed 2026 Budget will be presented during the annual meeting.

- **The Convocation Offering** will be collected for CLW to be used as needed. **Please make checks to Carolinas Lutheran Women and note Convocation Offering!**

- CLW Council Minutes and annual meeting forms are available on our website: (www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org). If you have any questions, need more information, or would like hard copies, please contact Robin McLaughlin (McLaughlins_1@Windstream.net) or (704) 202-6361.

- For those wanting hotel accommodations, the following has been arrangements have been made for Oct 10-11:

Hampton Inn
1201 Nance Street
Newberry, SC 29108
1-855-605-031**7**
Rate $135 plus tax
Group Name: WNALC

Home2Suites
111 Landworks Avenue
Newberry, SC 29108
1-855-618-4702
Rate $159 plus tax
Group Name: WNALC

In Christ's joyful service,

CLW Council (Chair: **Debbie Little** - New Covenant, Morganton NC; Co-Chair: **Linda Scott Gaston** – St. Martins, Maiden, NC; Treasurer - **Robin McLaughlin** - Concordia, China Grove NC; Historian: **Paulette Abernathy** - New Jerusalem Lutheran, Hickory, NC; Council: **LeaAnn Buckwell** - Faith Lutheran Church, Faith, NC; Council: **Linda Ketner** - United Lutheran Church, Cripple Creek, VA; Spiritual Advisor: **Pr. Tonya Brittain** - Organ Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC)

Scan the QR Code to register online

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