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9th Annual Carolinas Lutheran Women
Convocation Minutes
September 28, 2019

The Ninth Annual Convocation of Carolinas Lutheran Women was held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Concordia Lutheran Church, China Grove, NC.

Nelsie Lawing, CLW Council Chair and Concordia Lutheran Church Women's President opened the meeting with announcements and greetings from Concordia.

Rev. Ken Reed of Concordia led us in an opening prayer.

A devotional entitled "Sweet Spirits" was led by Brenda Dunn (CLW Council/St. John's Statesville), pointing out the importance of friendships. Biblical references were: Romans 15: 5-6, Galatians 6:2 and Proverbs 27: 1-9. Two things to remember are that friends are good – but need to be chosen wisely and friendship is God's most special gift.

The opening hymn of "*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*" was sung.

Rev. Cathy Fanslau of the mission church, Lutheran Church of the Trinity, Cary, NC gave an update on their congregation. Their first worship service was held on Christmas Eve, 2017. This past summer they made a decision to begin to meet in homes. Their biggest challenge is how to let people know that they are there, and how to get the word out. With no other NALC congregations nearby, there's no help in spreading the word. They are starting a Bible study in a coffee shop to be held midweek. They do have a Facebook page and website. The congregation will grow – "in God's time".

Vicar Taylor Rister, 3rd year seminarian at North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS/Pittsburgh, PA) told us about her recent mission trip to Haiti. The UN has labeled Haiti as a 4th world country, meaning there is "no hope for recovery." Haiti has been battered by seas & poverty. God told her different story – hope for Haiti doesn't come from us or the UN but that God is doing great things there.

Janet Rash, CLW Council Secretary had the roll-call of the Affiliated churches. There were 91 women present from the affiliated churches. There were 3 from New Covenant Mission Congregation in Morganton that affiliated that day and 7 from Organ Lutheran, Salisbury that will be affiliating with us, for a total 101 women and 4 men visitors.

Triangle Lutheran Mission in Morrisville has changed their name to Lutheran Church of the Trinity.

Minutes from the 2018 Convocation were posted to the website last year, but needed to be approved by this year's convocation. A motion was made and seconded to accept them as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Kay Weaver, CLW Council Treasurer presented the treasurer's report and proposed budget for 2020, which would stay the same as 2019. Motions for each were made and seconded, and passed unanimously after some discussion.

Ginger Klock, CLW Council presented the nominations for council. (Kay Weaver and Nelsie Lawing). Two more nominations were needed from the floor. Genelia Kluttz, Faith, Faith, NC and Dena Henkle, Christ United, Granite Falls, NC were nominated and both accepted the nomination. Biographical information was given on both. The nominations were closed and the four were elected by affirmation.

Taylor Rister, NALS Seminarian had a prayer before the voting.

In additional business, two guideline amendments were proposed by the Council. Under "Terms of Affiliation," the words "and neighboring states" were added to the sentence ending in "open to all Lutheran church congregations in North and South Carolina." Also, under "Leadership," the position of "Historian" was added. Both changes were presented in the letter of invitation that was sent to the churches and individuals, but needed to be voted on at the convocation, per our guidelines. Both changes were approved.

The offering, which was designated to One Church One Child of Rowan County was received. In-Kind Gifts of non-perishable food items were brought in and will be sent to Main Street Mission, China Grove.

Two breakout sessions were held, with all participants attending both. One, led by Kay Weaver was entitled, "You Make My Life Sweeter." She presented the Loved Bible Project. For more information on this see the website: www.lovedbibleproject.com. The other session was led by Brenda Dunn and was on the friendship of Mary and Elizabeth.

Rev. Ken Reed of Concordia installed the CLW Council members.

A delicious meal was prepared by the women of Concordia and was served by the men, allowing the women to participate in the convocation. Much appreciation to them for doing this!

Next year's Convocation will be held on September 26, 2020 at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC.

Respectively Submitted,
Janet Rash, CLW Secretary

CLW Council Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2019

The first full meeting of CLW Council for 2019 met on January 26, at Gordon Conwell. Attending were: Lynn Coughenour, Brenda Dunn, Ginger Klock, Kay Weaver, and Janet Rash. Chair Nelsie Lawing was sick – but available via phone, and Thelma Torres was unable to attend. Outgoing chair, Lynn Coughenour conducted the meeting in Nelsie's absence.

Brenda Dunn had our devotions on Friendship – based on John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Outgoing Treasurer Jennie Cannon brought the closing treasurer's report and turned the files over to current treasurer Kay Weaver. Contributions from 19 congregations were received last year for a total of \$1425.

Council members' information sheets were reviewed and all were found to be accurate. We were reminded that all yearly contributions are to be sent to Kay Weaver c/o New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 2120 Startown Rd, Hickory, NC 28602.

Comment cards from the 2018 Convocation were read. All comments are appreciated, and suggestions were duly noted and reviewed.

Since we now have a congregation from Virginia affiliated with us – and could conceivably have others from neighboring states – it was suggested that we change our guidelines for "Terms for Affiliation" to include the words "neighboring states." Ginger made the motion and Kay seconded it. It would then read: "Carolinas Lutheran Women is a non-profit organization that partners with North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and shall be open to all Lutheran church congregations in North and South Carolina (and neighboring states). Congregations wishing to affiliate with Carolinas Lutheran Women will notify Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council in writing." This will be brought before the women for a vote at the 2019 Convocation.

Also in the guidelines, the office of "Historian" is not included. The new wording for this would be: "The council shall elect a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian from members within the council." This will be added & voted on at the Convocation.

Discussion regarding annual contributions and possible changes to the guidelines on this was discussed. Further discussion was tabled until our next meeting.

Program/theme ideas for the Convocation were discussed and the theme of "Sisters In Christ – Sweet Spirits" was chosen. There will be only two breakout sessions this year – which will enable everyone to attend both and not have to choose what to attend.

Upcoming dates/events:

2019 Convocation - Concordia, China Grove, NC 9/28/19

2020 Convocation - St. Jacob's, Chapin, SC 9/26/20

2021 Convocation - Faith, Faith, NC 9/25/21

CMD Convocation – Advent Lutheran, N. Charleston, SC May 17-18, 2019

NALC Convocation – Indianapolis, IN August 5-9, 2019

The next council meeting will be held on April 27th.

CLW Council Meeting
Following Convocation – Sept. 28, 2019

Present: Brenda Dunn, Nelsie Lawing, Ginger Klock, Pam Cansler, Janet Rash, Kay Weaver and newly elected: Genelia Kluttz, and Dena Henkle

Money from convocation offering was \$1640. We voted to add \$360 out of budget to increase the donation to \$2000. Also voted to give \$500 to Main Street Mission in addition to the In-kind gifts received at the convocation.

Expenses for Convocation were roughly \$650

Bags \$248

Printing \$189

Food/decorations \$180

Officers – Kay Weaver – Chairman

Nelsie Lawing – Treasurer

Janet Rash – Secretary

Ginger Klock – Historian

Our first meeting of the year will be on January 11 @ New Jerusalem at 10:00 am.

(Nelsie, Genelia and Janet will meet at Salem/Salisbury at 9:00 to carpool.)