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4th Annual Convocation Carolinas Lutheran Women September 27, 2014

The 4th Annual Convocation for the Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW), entitled "Women of Many Hats," was held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Chapin, South Carolina, on September 27, 2014. Eighty-seven women and guests represented 22 congregations from North and South Carolina and Water Missions International. Prior to the meeting, guests enjoyed sampling varieties of stone-ground grits that Chapin, SC is widely known for. CLW Council member and Historian Brenda Dunn (St. John's, Statesville) provided prelude music as women gathered. Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith), CLW Council Chair, welcomed those in attendance and introduced other Council members. Greetings and welcome were brought by Jean Frick, St. Peter Lutheran Church Women's President. St. Peter's Pastor David Tholstrup opened the assembly with prayer.

CLW Council Treasurer LaVaughn Beaver (Christiana, Salisbury) gave instructions for the Ice Breaker. Each lady who wore or brought their favorite hat was asked to tell the story or meaning of the hat. After some discussion, those who wished to share their stories were encouraged to do so.

Pam Cansler (St. Martins, Maiden), CLW Secretary, read the scripture from Proverbs 31:30-31, and everyone joined in the opening hymn, "Lord of All Hopefulness."

Brenda Dunn (St. John's, Statesville) led us in a Bible Study entitled "Proverbs 31: Women of Many Hats" (spiritual, honest, hard-working, loving, family-oriented).

The business session began with the roll call by Secretary, Pam Cansler (St. Martins Maiden). Advent, Kings Mountain – 2; Advent, North Charleston – 3; Christ United, Granite Falls – 2, Christiana, Salisbury – 4; Concordia, China Grove – 2; Crowfield Baptist, Goose Creek - 1; Faith, Faith – 1; Holy Trinity, Little Mountain - 1; Holy Trinity, North Augusta – 2; Holy Trinity, Troutman – 2; Immanuel, Rockwell – 1; Immanuel, Sumter – 3; Macedonia, Chapin – 1; Mayer Memorial, Newberry – 2; New Hope, Balentine – 1; New Jerusalem, Hickory – 1; Salem, Salisbury – 1; St. Jacobs, Chapin – 7; St. John's, Statesville – 2 and 2 guests; St. Martin's, Maiden – 9; St. Peter, Chapin – 31; St. Timothy, Goose Creek – 4; Water Missions International, Charleston – 2 guests. **Total Present: 87; Churches represented: 22.**

CLW President Overcash stated that minutes from the last convocation were on the tables and had also been posted on the website. She called for corrections or comments about them. A motion to approve the 2013 Convocation Minutes was made by Sarah Abernethy (St. Martins, Maiden) and seconded by Kay Weaver (New Jerusalem, Hickory). The motion passed unanimously.

LaVaughn Beaver, CLW Treasurer (Christiana, Salisbury) provided the Treasurer's report located in each folder. The balance as of September 27, 2014 was \$4,357.25. She explained contributions, offerings and expenditures over the past year. Contribution checks should be made payable to Carolinas Lutheran Women, Attention: LaVaughn Beaver and mailed to 1040 Asa Lane, Salisbury, NC 28146. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as information.

Beaver also presented the 2015 Proposed Expenditure Budget, located below the Financial Report in each folder. The CLW Council proposed a \$500 increase over last year's budget with \$100 more for Carolinas Mission District and a \$400 increase in the Convocation Love Offering. Beaver explained that the Convocation's Love Offering was designated for Water Missions International and would be rounded up to the nearest hundred dollars. One third, or 33% 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 Peggy Cannon (St. Peter, Chapin) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Proposed changes in CLW Guidelines was our next topic of discussion. Copies of the proposed changes had been distributed prior to the annual meeting and was also printed on pages 6-8 in the program for reference. Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith) CLW Chair, explained the Council's discussion and decision to become tax-exempt and open a separate checking account with our own tax identification number. In the event of dissolution, our guidelines would reflect that the funds would be directed to another non-profit Christian organization. Strikethroughs indicated the old version and highlighted areas were the proposed changes. Several other grammatical strikethroughs were noted. Reba Reinhardt (St. Martins, Maiden) made a motion to accept the changes with additional corrections. Jan Williams (Concordia, China Grove) seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Susanne Bebbler (Concordia, China Grove) CLW Council member, presented the following nominees for Council: Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith) and Gloria Ziemer (St. Jacobs, Chapin). Jennifer Cannon (St. Peter, Chapin) was nominated from the floor by Pam Cansler. Kay Weaver (New Jerusalem, Hickory) made a motion to close the floor for nominations. Jan Williams (Concordia, China Grove) seconded the motion. Brenda Dunn (St. John, Statesville) made a motion to accept the three nominees by acclamation. Thelma Horres (Advent, North Charleston) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Pastor Marty Ramey from Advent Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain, NC had prayer before the voting.

CLW Chair Overcash highlighted the Council's activities since the last convocation. The Council met six times since November, 2013. They have continued to add North and South Carolina NALC/LCMC congregations to the map of affiliated congregations. Genevieve Lambert (St. Paul, Salisbury) has maintained our website (www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org). An informational meeting was held in April in Chapin, SC. Greetings and a display were shared at the Carolinas Mission District Convocation in the spring. Three Council members attended the National NALC Conference in Charleston, SC in July. CLW has a scrapbook detailing events and activities that CLW Council Historian Dunn has maintained. There are 89 project ideas on the website for inspiration, and if your congregation has ideas, we would welcome the input. Letters and emails provide updates from the meetings. Let Secretary, Pam Cansler know if you would like to receive minutes of the meetings. Finally, there are comment cards in each folder for your feedback on the event, suggestions for future programs or willingness to host the next convocation.

Carolinas Lutheran Women were blessed to have Kevin and Janice Herr with Water Missions International out of Charleston, SC to share how they are able to transform lives all over the world through sustainable safe water solutions. A water treatment system was on site for demonstrations.

Thelma Horres (Advent, North Charleston), CLW Council member, offered prayer for Sister Care and Water Missions International. The total amount collected was \$1,399.65. In-kind gifts for Sister Care, a center in Chapin, SC for abused and battered women and children totaled \$180 in gift cards, \$60 in cash, 55 school supplies, 50 canned goods, 50 toiletry items, 11 fully stocked backpacks, 5 nonperishable items and 4 paper products.

A second hymn, "Far Above Riches" was sung.

CLW President Overcash introduced Kim Sheeks from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rockwell, NC who presented "Women Of Many Hats." This fast-paced, high-energy entertainment was a fun way to portray the many hats women wear in their life's journey. God has given every woman an individual "style" or gift. We would be wise to seek ways to honor Jesus with those gifts and proudly display our Christian hats.

Rev. Carl Haynes, Dean of Carolinas Mission District, installed the newly elected Council members. Pastor David Tholstrup from St. Peter, Chapin then had the benediction followed by everyone singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Following the benediction, lunch was provided by the women of St. Peter, Chapin.

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

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting January 25, 2014

Council Members:

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

- Pam Cansler- St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (Secretary)
- Thelma Horres - Advent, North Charleston, SC
- LaVaughn Beaver - Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Susanne Bebbler – Concordia, China Grove, NC
- Brenda Dunn - St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Genevieve Lambert – St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org

Saturday, January 25, 2014

(Actions – *Italicized*)

The CLW Council held its first 2014 meeting on Saturday, January 25, at Concordia Lutheran Church, China Grove, NC. All Council members were present except Thelma Horres and Genevieve Lambert. Lambert (via email) expressed her sadness of having to relinquish her council position.

The meeting was conducted by Lisa Overcash. She called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and handed out an agenda for the meeting. Devotions were given by Brenda Dunn and written by a medical doctor on "The Cross in Our Body." We were enlightened on how certain proteins acting as glue in our bodies, when viewed under a microscope, form a cross. We are "fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14. Refreshments were provided by Susanne Bebbler. Susanne also volunteered to provide the devotions for the next meeting.

The following business was addressed:

1. **MINUTES:** The minutes from the last council meeting was reviewed by all members and accepted as documented.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** LaVaughn Beaver distributed the year-end report. Balance on Hand: \$3,095.59. The report was reviewed and accepted as presented.
 - Council was made aware that giving patterns have declined this year as compared to last year. 18 churches contributed \$1,100 in 2013 where 25 churches contributed \$1,785 in 2012, so contributions are down \$685 from last year. Council would like to encourage contributions for 2014 as congregations are able. *Action: Cansler to list in the minutes where contributions can be mailed.* [Special note: Make checks payable to Christiana Lutheran Church and on memo line write Carolinas Lutheran Women. Mailing address shown in box. Please include your name and address so you may be sent an acknowledgement.]
 - 2014 Council Focus: Personal checking account for CLW.
3. **AFFILIATIONS:** There remains 34 affiliated churches. If there have been changes in your congregation, such as a new pastor, congregational representative or president of your women's organization, please complete a new affiliation form and either mail or email to Pam Cansler. *Action: Cansler is to have the website updated with the new 2014 council members and contact information, as well as adding church phone numbers and contact phone numbers to the affiliation forms.*
4. **COUNCIL VACANCY:** Council agreed that prior council members, Ann Tucker or Sandra Bollinger, should be asked to fill the unexpired term for Genevieve Lambert since there were

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no other candidates at the Convocation. *Action: Overcash will contact Ann Tucker to see if she is willing to fill Lambert's unexpired term.*

- Council discussed the need to incorporate phone communication and email as alternative ways to participate in meetings when council members live too far away to attend Council Meetings.
 - Council Focus: Guidelines for Council Elections.
5. **CAROLINAS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION FOR 2014:** Council agreed that Carolinas Lutheran Women should be represented and bring greetings if allowed. Council discussed setting up an exhibit table with the CLW Location Map and history album and having brochures available to hand out.
 6. **2014 CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN'S CONVOCATION:**
 - Council received notification (via email) that St. Peter Lutheran Church in Chapin, SC would graciously agree to host the 2014 Convocation and presented two dates for Council to consider. Council chose Saturday, September 27, 2014. Council discussed having a meeting with the women of St. Peter in Chapin which would be beneficial to both parties. *Action: Cansler to contact St. Peter, Chapin to schedule the meeting.*
 - Program ideas were discussed and council agreed to invite Kim Sheeks, "The Hat Lady," from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rockwell, NC. Her program would center on the different hats Christian women wear. *Action: Council to be thinking of an appropriate title for the program.*
 - With the 2014 Convocation being held in SC, travel time would need to be taken into consideration. The suggestion was made to start registration an hour or so later. After much discussion, Council decided to make that decision at a later time.
 7. **CONVOCATION VOTING GUIDELINES:** Council felt it was necessary to address the issue raised at the 2013 Convocational Meeting about whether to limit the number of votes per church or allow each person present the opportunity to vote at the meeting. Council agreed that a proposal to change the voting guidelines should be extended to the membership prior to the meeting and voted on at the 2014 Convocation. Council will research the proper procedures for such action.
 8. **THRIVENT FOLDERS:** *Action: Cansler contacted Thrivent to request folders for the 2014 Convocation. Thrivent will be donating folders and name tags for the event.*
 9. **EMPATHY CONCERNS:** *Action: Shared empathy concerns for Sandra Bollinger (loss of mother) and continued prayers for Genevieve Lambert.*
 10. **AGENDA TOPIC FOR APRIL MEETING:** Chair Lisa Overcash requested all Council members bring ideas for the 2014 Convocation Theme Title.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Next Meeting:
Sat., Apr. 5, 2014 @ 9:00 AM
Location: LaVaughn Beaver Residence
1040 Asa Lane
Salisbury, NC 28146

Important 2014 dates:

- **Carolinas Mission Convocation for 2014:**
Fri., May 30 and Sat., May 31
Union Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC
- **Lutheran Core & Theological Conference
and National NALC Convocation**
Citadel in Charleston, SC
July 22-25, 2014

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting April 5, 2014

Council Members:

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

- Pam Cansler- St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (Secretary)
- Thelma Horres - Advent, North Charleston, SC
- LaVaughn Beaver - Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Susanne Bebber – Concordia, China Grove, NC
- Brenda Dunn - St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Ann Tucker – Union, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org

Saturday, April 5, 2014

(Actions – *Italicized*)

The CLW Council held its second 2014 meeting on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at LaVaughn Beaver's house, Salisbury, NC. All Council members were present except Thelma Horres. Ann Tucker graciously agreed to fill the unexpired board seat for Genevieve Lambert.

The meeting was conducted by Lisa Overcash. She called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Susanne Bebber opened the meeting with prayer and provided devotions from Psalm 51, David's lamenting prayer, since we were in the season of Lent. Refreshments were provided by LaVaughn Beaver. LaVaughn volunteered to provide the devotions for the next meeting.

The following business was addressed:

1. **MINUTES:** The minutes from the last council meeting was reviewed by all members and accepted as documented.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** LaVaughn Beaver distributed the treasurer's report. Balance on Hand: \$3,190.59. The report was reviewed and accepted as presented.
 - Council discussed the need to open and maintain a separate account for the Carolinas Lutheran Women. Christiana Lutheran Church had generously received and earmarked our offerings for the CLW. For succession planning, the Council felt it necessary to open a separate account to make it easier for future Treasurers. In order to open a non-profit checking account, CLW would need a tax identification number. Discussion also included trying to find a bank accessible to both NC and SC as well as charging the least amount of fees. Ann Tucker made a motion to open a separate CLW checking account. Suzanne Bebber seconded and the vote was unanimous. *Action: LaVaughn and Lisa volunteered to research several banks for this purpose.*
3. **AFFILIATIONS:** To the Council's knowledge, there are 34 affiliated churches. The CLW website has updated contact information for all council members. If your congregation has had changes, such as a new pastor, congregational representative or women's organization president, please complete a new affiliation form and email to Pam Cansler at pcansler@us-cu.org or mail to 4453 Phillips Street, Maiden, NC 28650.
4. **CAROLINAS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION, MAY 30, 2014:** Ann Tucker agreed to speak on behalf of the Carolinas Lutheran Women. An exhibit table will display the CLW Location Map, history album and brochures for our 2014 CLW Fall Convocation Gathering.

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5. 2014 CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN'S CONVOCATION:

- Council is to meet at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Chapin, SC on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 11 a.m. to plan for the CLW Convocation to be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014.
- Kim Sheeks, from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rockwell, NC will present the program. "Women of Many Hats" will be the title with devotions from Proverbs 31:10-31. Many exciting ideas were discussed for a most enjoyable meeting. All women are encouraged to wear or bring a special hat and a friend.

6. **CONVOCATION VOTING GUIDELINES:** Based upon discussion at the 2013 Convocation, LaVaughn Beaver made a motion that the voting procedures remain as stated in the guidelines. Brenda Dunn seconded and the vote was unanimous.
7. **EVANGELISM DISCUSSION:** Council discussed mission ideas, such as supporting seminary students and mission fields like Madagascar, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Water Missions International. Council wants to be proactive and diligent in selecting mission projects and then communicating with congregations so that they will know what is being done with their contributions.
8. **NOMINATIONS:** Three Council terms will expire in 2014, Lisa Overcash, Brenda Dunn and Thelma Horres. Council decided that nominees should have email/internet access, and personally attend several meetings per year. Council members meet about 6 times per year. Nomination and registration forms should be sent by the end of June and returned back to Council by August 1st. *Action: Lisa asked the Council to prayerfully consider candidates willing and able to participate in elections at the Convocation.*
9. **EMPATHY CONCERNS:** *Action: Continued prayers for Genevieve Lambert.*
10. **AGENDA TOPIC FOR APRIL MEETING:** Provide direction and support for the women of St. Peter, Chapin, SC as we all prepare and plan for another successful Convocation.

The meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

Next Meeting:

Sat., Apr. 26, 2014 @ 11:00 AM
Location: St. Peter Lutheran Church
900 Dreher Island Road
Chapin, SC 29036

Important 2014 dates:

- **Carolinas Mission Convocation for 2014:**
Fri., May 30 and Sat., May 31
Union Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC
- **Lutheran Core & Theological Conference
and National NALC Convocation**
Citadel in Charleston, SC
July 22-25, 2014

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting April 26 2014

Council Members:

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

- Pam Cansler- St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (Secretary)
- Thelma Horres - Advent, North Charleston, SC
- LaVaughn Beaver - Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Susanne Bebbler – Concordia, China Grove, NC
- Brenda Dunn - St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Ann Tucker – Union, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org

Saturday, April 26, 2014

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The CLW Council held its third 2014 meeting on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC. All Council members were present except Ann Tucker. Jean Frick, Wanda Harrill, Betty Sox, Susan Rauch and Jennie Cannon were also in attendance from St. Peter.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Overcash at 11:00 AM after having toured the sanctuary. Introductions followed by everyone telling a little about themselves. LaVaughn Beaver presented a humorous devotional piece encouraging positive thinking in all things. Pam Cansler volunteered to provide the devotions for the next meeting.

Lisa distributed a Convocation Checklist to the ladies of St. Peter and provided everyone with a summary of the theme, speaker/program, table favors, parting gifts, and information bags that had been discussed previously by Council. St Peter's women would be responsible for providing a simple refreshment at registration, lunch, decorating and providing help throughout the meeting. LaVaughn informed the women that the registration cost was approximately \$7 per person, for planning purposes.

All agreed to collect in kind gifts to benefit a local charity, such as the Women's Crisis Ministry or Sister Care for abused and battered women and children. Another organization, Becky's Place, provides wigs for women and could benefit from monetary donations. *Action: The women of St. Peter will put together a list of items needed for in kind gifts to be included with the registration form.*

The Love Offering collected during the meeting will go to Water Missions International. LaVaughn volunteered to count the Love Offering and asked for one other volunteer. *Action: Thelma is checking to see if a representative could come to give information on this mission.*

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the Meeting will start at 10 a.m.

The following business was addressed:

1. **MINUTES:** The minutes from the prior meeting three weeks ago will be reviewed at the next scheduled Council meeting.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** LaVaughn Beaver presented a treasurer's report. Balance on Hand: \$3,500.59. The report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

- LaVaughn announced that the Carolinas Lutheran Women opened a new checking account at SunTrust Bank. We must maintain a balance of \$1,500 to avoid fees. We had to obtain a tax identification number to establish the account. Checks should be made payable to Carolinas Lutheran Women and mailed to our Treasurer, LaVaughn Beaver, 1040 Asa Lane, Salisbury, NC 28146. *Action: Pam was asked to send a Thank you card to Christiana, Salisbury for maintaining the women's account in years past. Pam will have the website updated with this information as well as send out a notification of the change.*
- The question was brought up that due to being tax exempt, would the constitutional guidelines need to be changed? Research would need to be completed to know how to make the necessary changes.

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The women of St. Peter gave a tour of their Fellowship Hall and the meeting adjourned with all the ladies sharing a meal together at a local restaurant.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Sat., June 28, 2014 @ 9:00 AM

Location: LaVaughn Beaver Residence

1040 Asa Lane

Salisbury, NC 28146

Important 2014 dates:

- **Carolinas Mission Convocation for 2014:**

Fri., May 30 and Sat., May 31

Union Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC

- **Lutheran Core & Theological Conference
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Citadel in Charleston, SC

July 22-25, 2014

- **Carolinas Lutheran Women's Convocation**

St. Peter Lutheran Church

900 Dreher Island Road

Chapin, SC 29036

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Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting June 28, 2014

Council Members:

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

- Pam Cansler- St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (Secretary)
- Thelma Horres - Advent, North Charleston, SC
- LaVaughn Beaver - Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Susanne Bebber – Concordia, China Grove, NC
- Brenda Dunn - St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Ann Tucker – Union, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org

Saturday, June 28, 2014

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The CLW Council held its fourth 2014 meeting on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at LaVaughn Beaver's house, Salisbury, NC. All Council members were present.

The meeting was conducted by Lisa Overcash. She called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Thelma Horres provided devotions from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 5:13-16 and Luke 11:1-4 about the power of prayer and to pray without ceasing for we have a wonderful model prayer from our Lord. Thelma gave each council member a strand of Prayer Beads that she had made and explained the significance of each bead in our daily prayer life. Refreshments were provided by LaVaughn Beaver. Pam Cansler volunteered to provide the devotions for the next meeting.

The following business was addressed:

1. **MINUTES:** Susanne Bebber made a motion to approve the minutes from April 5th and April 26th. LaVaughn Beaver seconded and the motion carried.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** LaVaughn Beaver distributed the treasurer's report. Balance on Hand: \$4,046.86. Twelve congregations have sent contributions during the first half of the year which is down from this time last year. LaVaughn asked anyone contributing items to Carolinas Lutheran Women should send her the information in order to properly document the donation. Pam Cansler made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ann Tucker seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
3. **AFFILIATIONS:** According to an email from Pastor Carl Haynes, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in North Augusta, SC is our 40th congregation to join the Carolinas Mission District. However, Carolinas Lutheran Women have 34 affiliated congregations. *Action: Efforts are being made to compare lists and reach out to the six congregations that may not be affiliated with CLW.*
4. **LUTHERAN CORE & THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL NALC CONVOCATION, JULY 22-25, 2014:** Ann Tucker, Susanne Bebber and Pam Cansler will be representing the Carolinas Lutheran Women at the conference in Charleston, SC on Wednesday, July 23, 2014.
5. **2014 CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN'S CONVOCATION PREPARATION:**
 - LaVaughn and Thelma agreed to work the registration table. LaVaughn and Susanne will count the offering. LaVaughn is also finalizing the Ice Breaker.

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- Brenda is presenting our devotional on the Proverbs 31 Woman. She also agreed to set up the table with the scrapbook and affiliation chart, and make the labels for the table favors. Brenda presented several hymn choices and the Council decided upon, "Lord of All Hopefulness" and "Far Above Riches."
 - Ann suggested using the 87 bags that were left over from the Carolinas Mission Convocation instead of purchasing new bags. She is also providing bookmarks.
 - Lisa will be responsible for the program and name tags.
 - Pam has the Thrivent folders, note pads and pens, attendance record, comment cards and Affiliation forms.
 - Susanne said that her husband would video the Convocation if Council thought it would be beneficial.
 - Thelma is to keep in touch with the representative from Water Missions International to confirm that he will be on site to make a short presentation and provide demonstrations during registration, at lunch and upon departure.
 - Council will prepare the bags at our next meeting.
6. **EVANGELISM DISCUSSION:** Brenda Dunn found a devotional study guide on the Proverbs 31 Woman that could be used as Bible studies or at Circle Meetings. The guides are divided into 9 sessions that include an introduction, scripture and questions. Council thought this could be used as a follow up to the Convocation devotional and a good way to provide useful material to our congregations. *Action: All Council members agreed that CLW would purchase 25 guides, one for each congregation to take back with them to use throughout the year.*
 7. **CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN GUIDELINES:** Council discussed amending our guidelines to state what would happen to CLW funds in the event of dissolution. By majority vote of the membership, the funds should be disbursed to another Christian organization. Susanne Bebbler made a motion to amend our guidelines. Thelma Horres seconded, and the vote was unanimous. *Action: Council would like to present the amendment for review and approval at the Convocation.*
 8. **NOMINATIONS:** Three Council terms will expire in 2014, Lisa Overcash, Brenda Dunn and Thelma Horres. *Action: Lisa asked the Council to prayerfully consider and recruit candidates willing and able to participate in elections at the Convocation.*
 9. **EMPATHY CONCERNS:** *Action: Continued prayers for Genevieve Lambert.*

The meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

Next Meeting:

Sat., Sept. 6, 2014 @ 9:00 AM
Location: LaVaughn Beaver Residence
1040 Asa Lane
Salisbury, NC 28146

Important 2014 dates:

**Lutheran Core & Theological Conference
and National NALC Convocation**

Citadel in Charleston, SC

July 22-25, 2014

Carolinas Lutheran Women's Convocation

St. Peter Lutheran Church

900 Dreher Island Road

Chapin, SC 29036

September 27, 2014

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting September 6, 2014

Council Members:

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

- Pam Cansler- St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (Secretary)
- Thelma Horres - Advent, North Charleston, SC
- LaVaughn Beaver - Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Susanne Bebbler – Concordia, China Grove, NC
- Brenda Dunn - St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Ann Tucker – Union, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org

Saturday, September 6, 2014

(Actions – *Italicized*)

The CLW Council held its fifth 2014 meeting on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at LaVaughn Beaver's house, Salisbury, NC. All Council members were present except Ann Tucker and Thelma Horres.

The meeting was conducted by Lisa Overcash. She called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Pam Cansler provided devotions on the Golden Rule, fact or fiction? Turn to Matthew 7:12 for the answer. LaVaughn Beaver provided delicious refreshments for the Council to enjoy.

The following business was addressed:

1. **MINUTES:** All Council members had not had an opportunity to review the minutes from June 28, 2014, so the minutes will be approved at the next Council Meeting.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** LaVaughn Beaver distributed the treasurer's report. Balance on Hand: \$3,875.64. LaVaughn plans to present a comprehensive financial report at the Convocation. All congregations who wish to contribute to Carolinas Lutheran Women should mail their checks by year end to be reported in 2014. Council approved the report as presented.
3. **AFFILIATIONS:** The suggestion was made for Pam to sit at a Registration Table and have congregations verify that their Affiliation forms were up-to date and accurate. *Action: Pam will have blank Affiliation Forms on hand for congregations needing to update their information.*
4. **2014 CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN'S CONVOCATION PREPARATION:**
 - LaVaughn gave the Council a summary that 15 churches and 78 participants had registered for the CLW Convocation, thus far.
 - Pam will contact Wanda Harrill at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC to plan on about 85. We will keep her posted if the number of registrations exceed that number.
 - Lisa went over the program, in detail, for Council approval before having the programs printed.
 - Pam will send out reminders to (1) bring in-kind gifts of Walmart Gift Cards, toiletry items, school supplies and canned goods to benefit Sister Care, a center for abused and battered women and children, (2) bring an offering for Water Missions International and (3) bring or wear your favorite hat.
5. **EVANGELISM DISCUSSION:** The devotional study guides on the Proverbs 31 Woman were purchased, and Council decided that the guides would be given out at the registration table, one per congregation.

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6. **CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN GUIDELINES:** LaVaughn Beaver reviewed the proposed CLW Guideline addition of the non-profit tax exempt status to be voted on at our Convocational Meeting. *Action: Lisa asked Pam to send out a copy of the proposed Guideline changes so everyone would have time to review the changes prior to our meeting on September 27th.*
7. **NOMINATIONS:** Three Council terms will expire in 2014, Lisa Overcash, Brenda Dunn and Thelma Horres. Lisa announced that she had received one nomination form. If we do not receive another nomination, we will have to actively recruit the day of Convocation. Lisa agreed to run for a second term.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Important 2014 dates:

Carolinas Lutheran Women's Convocation

St. Peter Lutheran Church
900 Dreher Island Road
Chapin, SC 29036
September 27, 2014

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting November 1, 2014

Council Members:

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

- Pam Cansler- St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (Secretary)
- Thelma Horres - Advent, North Charleston, SC
- LaVaughn Beaver - Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Susanne Bebbler – Concordia, China Grove, NC
- Brenda Dunn - St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Ann Tucker – Union, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org

The CLW Council held its sixth and final 2014 meeting on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. All council members were present except Thelma Horres. Also in attendance were 2015 Council-elect members Gloria Ziemer (St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC) and Jennie Cannon (St. Peter, Chapin, SC).

The meeting was conducted by Lisa Overcash. She called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. LaVaughn Beaver opened with prayer. Lisa extended a warm welcome to Gloria and Jennie. Each council member was asked to share a little about themselves as an introduction. After council contact information had been updated the following business was addressed:

1. **MINUTES:** Brenda Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes from September 6, 2014. LaVaughn Beaver seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** LaVaughn Beaver distributed the Treasurer's Report. Balance on Hand: \$3,530.04. LaVaughn reminded council that we must keep \$1,500 in our checking account to avoid service charges. Seventeen churches had made contributions for 2014, but we may receive more before the end of the year. LaVaughn disclosed that out of 99 paid registrations for convocation, we had 87 attendees. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
3. **CONVOCATION REVIEW:** Everyone felt that the 2014 Convocation held at St. Peter in Chapin, SC was extremely well organized, fun-filled and friendly. There were 87 attendees and 22 congregations represented.

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- Comment Cards: Lisa Overcash read all seven comments to the Council, reflecting positive statements of "wonderfully planned, welcoming, rewarding, fantastic entertainment, Christian focus on scripture, loved the food, willing to host 2015 Convocation." One comment stated: "Involve some women pastors in our next Convocation."
- Project Ideas: (1) Make dresses from pillowcases and give to a mission group to distribute while on mission trip. (2) Make boys shorts out of T-shirts. (3) Cook your favorite dish for someone in your church. (4) Happy's Farm, Salisbury, NC for church or youth outings.
- Host church for 2015: Several churches were willing to host our Convocation for 2015. Christ United, Granite Falls, NC, Holy Trinity, Troutman, NC, St. Johns, Statesville, NC and St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC. LaVaughn Beaver made a motion to have dual churches host the Convocation in 2015 since Christ United and Holy Trinity are relatively close. Jennie Cannon seconded and the vote was unanimous. Pam Cansler volunteered to contact Christ United prior to the next meeting to get possible dates for the

Convocation. Council would tentatively plan to have St. Johns, Statesville host for 2016 and St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC for 2017. We will strive to hold Convocations in South Carolina every third year.

- In-Kind gifts for Convocation: Lisa reported at the Convocation that \$180 in gift cards, \$60 in cash, 55 school supplies, 50 canned goods, 50 toiletry items, 11 fully stocked backpacks, 5 nonperishable items and 4 paper products were collected for Sister Care. Sister Care is a center for abused and battered women and children in Chapin, SC.
 - Convocation Offering: LaVaughn reported that \$1,399.65 was collected for Water Missions International located in Charleston, SC and \$200.35 was supplemented from the CLW treasury for a grand total of \$1600.
4. **AFFILIATIONS:** Pam reported that we have 35 affiliated churches. The most recent was received on August 12, 2014 from St. Peter's Lutheran Church (NALC) in Lexington, SC.
 5. **ELECTION OF 2015 CLW COUNCIL OFFICERS:** The following were elected to serve January 1 – December 31, 2015: CHAIR: Lisa Overcash, SECRETARY: Pam Cansler, TREASURER: LaVaughn Beaver, HISTORIAN: Susanne Bebbler. Appreciation was expressed to those serving this past year.
 6. **EMPATHY CONCERNS:** Thelma Horres, CLW Council Member had recently had surgery.
 7. **AGENDA TOPIC FOR FEBRUARY MEETING:** Lisa Overcash asked all council members to be thinking of program or theme ideas for the 2015 Convocation as we prepare to start planning. Ann Tucker volunteered to provide the devotions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Next CLW Council Meeting
Saturday, February 7, 2015 @ 10:00 AM
Location: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
14542 Choate Circle
Charlotte, NC 28273