

**11th Annual Carolinas Lutheran Women
Convocation Minutes
April 2, 2022**

The Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Carolinas Lutheran Women was held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Faith Lutheran Church, Faith, NC. The date coincided with the anniversary of the establishment of CLW on April 2, 2011. This was the 2021 Convocation that had been postponed from Fall of 2021 due to a rise locally of Covid 19 cases. No convocation was held for the tenth anniversary in 2020.

Kay Weaver, CLW Council Chair opened the meeting with greetings and prayer. Pr. Ken Reed, Dean of the Piedmont-East Mission District of the Carolinas Mission Region which covers from 1-85 east to the coast, also brought greetings. He reported that this was the largest gathering of any kind in the Carolinas Mission Region.

Robin McKnight, President of the Women of Faith welcomed us to Faith Lutheran and gave instructions for the day – and for lunch.

Kim Isiminger (Christ the King Lutheran Church), Evans, GA is our liaison from the Women of the NALC and brought greetings from the WNALC and gave us some updates. The last convocation was held in Corpus Christi, TX. She urged us to consider being on the ballot for a position on the council of the WNALC. When WNALC was started there were less than 100 churches in the NALC and that is now over 450. The next convocation, which will be on August 2 will be virtual. She encouraged us to join their Facebook Group ([WNALC-Women of the NALC](#)). They have been having a challenge to double their Facebook Followers, from 442 and are now over their goal of 884.

The opening hymn “Change My Heart, O God” was sung, with Daisy Bost (Faith, Faith) on the piano.

Janet Rash, CLW Council Secretary had the roll call of affiliated churches. There were a total of 110 members attending (which included 5 pastors), 1 guest representing WNALC and 2 visitors from other denominations, plus 4 men from Faith in the kitchen. We had 19 of the 47 affiliated churches represented. It was reported that Reformation Lutheran Church in New Bern had to close their doors. We pray for the congregation and hope that they will be able to find a place to worship and praise God. That makes a new total now of 46 affiliated churches. A Bible Study book, “Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply” by Deb Burma was presented to one person from each congregation attending.

Janet Rash also presented the minutes from the 9th Annual Convocation held on September 28, 2019 for approval. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes as presented. This passed unanimously. Janet then presented minutes for the 10th Annual Convocation that was *not* held. These were written up just as a matter of information and record for the future.

There was a motion and second to approve these as presented, and the vote was also unanimous.

Genelia Kluttz, CLW Council Treasurer presented the treasurers report and budget for 2022. There were 2 new items added to the budget. One was the addition of a \$500 scholarship available to 5 people (\$100 each) to assist in expenses incurred to attend the convocation. The other newly budgeted item was a \$1000 donation to the Carolinas Mission Region.

The ballot for the 3 new council member was presented. There were 2 names on the ballot; Ginger Klock, Holy Trinity, Troutman, NC and LaVaughn Beaver, Christiana, Salisbury, NC. Their biographical information was in the packets. Three more nominations were received from the floor: Gail Brackett, Advent, Kings Mountain, NC, Cindy Miller, Organ, Salisbury, NC, and Robin McLaughlin, Concordia, China Grove, NC. A brief bio for those nominated from the floor was presented. Elected to a two year term were Ginger Klock, Robin McLaughlin and Cindy Miller.

Kay Weaver asked for a show of hands of anyone that would be interested in a possible weekend retreat at some point. There was enough interest that this will be something that the council will consider for a future event. Information will be available on the website/Facebook and at the fall convocation on this as plans evolve. Stay tuned!

The offering of \$1958 was collected and designated to the NALC Disaster Response. An additional \$200 was received designated to the Crisis Council of Rowan County. In-Kind gifts of feminine care products, soap/body wash, household cleaning products, toilet paper, diapers, baby wipes and school supplies were received for the Crisis Council as well, and were estimated at several thousand dollars in value. Pam Cansler had prayer for these gifts, reading the words to the song "Taste and See."

Genelia Kluttz presented the Bible Study entitled "Coffee Break – Time with God" based on the book "Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply."

Following the Bible Study, the hymn "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" was sung.

Kim Isiminger installed the newly elected council members.

Kay Weaver thanked all those that participated in planning and executing the convocation, then closed the convocation with prayer and the blessing for the meal. The women (and men) of Faith served a delicious meal of baked potato, salad and cupcakes.

We will be holding the 2022 Convocation in the fall but the location has not been determined at this time.

Respectfully Submitted
Janet Rash, CLW Secretary