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3rd Annual Convocation Carolinas Lutheran Women September 14, 2013

The 3rd Annual Convocation for the Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW) was held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Maiden, North Carolina, on September 14, 2013. One hundred one women attending represented 25 congregations from North and South Carolina North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and Lutheran Congregations for Mission in Christ (LCMC). CLW Council member and Historian Brenda Dunn (St. John's, Statesville) provided prelude music as women gathered. Genevieve Lambert (St. Paul, Salisbury), CLW Council Chair, welcomed those in attendance and introduced other Council members. Greetings and welcome were brought by Reba Reinhardt, St. Martin's Lutheran Church Women's President. St. Martin's Pastor Nathan Yoder opened the assembly with prayer.

Lambert highlighted the Council's activities since the last convocation. The Council met six times since October 2012. They have continued to revise the map created two years ago to show North and South Carolina LCMC/NALC congregations and marked those affiliated with the women's organization. Lambert has maintained our website (www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org). An informational meeting was held in Charleston, SC in April. Greetings and a display were shared at the Carolinas Mission District Convocation in the spring. The project ideas continue to be expanded on the website. Mailings or emailings provide updates from all meetings to the individual contact list, as well as North and South Carolina LCMC/NALC congregations.

Pastor Nathan H. memorialized all those sisters who joined the church triumphant this past year. Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith) read the scripture from Romans 12:1-2, and the women joined in the opening hymn, "Take My Life, That I May Be."

Brenda Dunn (St. John's, Statesville) led us in a Bible Study titled "Signs of a Classic Woman" (heritage, value, recognizable, timeless, quality).

The business session began with the roll call by Sandra Bollinger (New Jerusalem, Hickory), Secretary. She called attention to the list of affiliated congregations on page 7 of the program: Advent, Kings Mountain – 8; Advent, North Charleston – 2; Christ United, Granite Falls – 6, Christiana, Salisbury – 1; Concordia, China Grove – 2; Faith, Faith – 3; Holy Trinity, Gastonia - 2; Holy Trinity, Troutman – 5; Immanuel, Rockwell – 2; Immanuel, Sumter – 6; Miller's, Hickory – 3; Mt. Calvary, Claremont – 6; New Jerusalem, Hickory – 3; Our Saviour, Dallas – 4; Salem, Salisbury – 2; Shiloh, Hickory – 3; St. James, Newton – 5; St. John's, Statesville – 6; St. Martin's, Maiden – 20; St. Matthew's, Salisbury – 1; St. Paul's, Salisbury – 1; St. Peter, Chapin – 2; St. Timothy, Goose Creek – 3; Trinity, Landis – 3; Union, Salisbury – 2

2 Total Women Present: 101, Churches represented – 25

CLW President Lambert stated that minutes from the last Convocation were on the tables and had also been posted on the website. She asked if anyone had any questions/comments about them. A motion to approve the 2012 Convocation Minutes was made by Jayne Lingle (Faith, Faith) and seconded by Reba Reinhardt (St. Martin's, Maiden). The motion passed unanimously.

LaVaughn Beaver (Christiana, Salisbury) provided the Treasurer's report on pages 7-9. The balance as of October 12, 2013 is \$1568.16. She explained about contributions and offerings for the day. The Treasurer's records are audited with Christiana's books, and checks are made to Christiana Lutheran Church for the CLW. Georgia Adams (Concordia, China Grove) made a motion to approve the report, and Deena Lanning (Union, Salisbury) seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Equity of voting for CLW was our next topic of discussion. Recommendations will be given to the CLW Council. We were not voting on this issue at this convocation. One representative from each church was permitted to speak for a total of five minutes. The CLW Guidelines were available on pages 8-9 for reference. Suggestions were to offer vote by proxy and to cap how many can vote from each church. Concerns and comments were that it may encourage more people to attend if they each have a vote, and if someone attends she should have a right to vote. There was also the concern that fewer people would attend if they could not vote. These suggestions, comments, and concerns will be addressed by the Council for further action.

A short break was held followed by an Icebreaker led by Dunn (St. John's, Statesville).

Ann Tucker (Union, Salisbury) presented the following nominees for Council: LaVaughn Beaver (Christiana, Salisbury), Susanne Bebbler (Concordia, China Grove), and Genevieve Lambert (St. Paul's, Salisbury). Pam Cansler (St. Martin's, Maiden) was nominated from the floor by Tucker. Reba Reinhardt (St. Martin's, Maiden) made a motion that we accept the four nominees by acclamation. Darbie Crouch (St. James, Newton) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Pastor Nathan Yoder had a prayer before the voting.

Thelma Horres (Advent, North Charleston), CLW Council member, had a prayer for our love offering for the Department of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte. The total amount collected was \$1,100. In-kind gifts for ECCCM (Eastern Catawba County Cooperative Ministry) totaled 232 pounds of canned goods and _____.

Our program was "A Classic Fashion Show" taken from the internet and adapted for today by Beaver and Dunn. The theme was that God is not interested in our wardrobe selections. He loves us just as we are, but sees our potential for more. Through his sacraments, He can transform us into "Classic Christian Women." Our signature look will be a trust in His goodness and we will be able to "laugh with joy at the days to come."

Pastor Yoder installed the newly elected Council members. He 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. Martin's, Maiden. Desserts were provided by the women of New Jerusalem, Hickory.

Lisa Overcash
Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Member
Faith Lutheran Church, Faith, NC

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council
January 20, 2013
(Actions – *Italicized*)

Council Members:

- **Genevieve Lambert—St. Paul's, Salisbury (Chair)**
- Sandra Bollinger—New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC (Secretary)
- LaVaughn Beaver—Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Brenda Dunn—St. John's, Statesville, NC(Historian)
- Thelma Horres—Advent, North Charleston, SC
- Lisa Overcash—Faith, Faith, NC
- Ann Tucker—Union, Salisbury, NC

The CLW Council held its first 2013 meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2013, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Statesville. The meeting began at 2:00 PM. Genevieve Lambert was absent from the meeting, but was in phone contact. All other CLW Council members were present. Guest Barbara Greer was also in attendance. In the absence of the Chair, Sandra Bollinger conducted the meeting and opened with prayer.

Business:

1. **Reviewed the minutes from the 10/21/2012 CLW Council Meeting:**
 - All requested actions have been completed from the October meeting.
 - Reba Reinhart had received her Council's approval to allow the **Third Annual CLW Convocation to be held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Maiden, NC on September 14, 2013.** *Action: Post Convocation date immediately on our website and when sending out registration forms, to make sure the church address is included. Also need to send registration forms out much earlier.*
2. **Treasurer's Report:** LaVaughn Beaver presented a printed report covering 11/3/2011 through 12/20/2012. **Balance \$2,424.01.** Correction: Advent Lutheran Church's address is 3347 Rivers Ave., North Charleston. Received treasurer's report as information.
3. **Election of 2013 Officers:** Reviewed each of the offices currently being held. *Action: Approved keeping the same slate of officers for 2013. Chair: Genevieve Lambert, Secretary: Sandra Bollinger, Treasurer: LaVaughn Beaver, and Historian: Brenda Dunn.*
4. **Additional Office:** Discussed the pros and cons of having an Assistant Chair (Vice President) and having her automatically move up as Chair. *Action: Keep slate of offices as elected and in the absence of the Chair, to consider having the Secretary conduct the meeting.*
5. **CLW Council Contact Information:** Updated Council Members personal data.
6. **Affiliations:** There are currently **29 CLW Affiliated Congregations**, the list is attached. *Action: Bollinger has the NALC/LCMC map (prepared by Reba Rinehart) and stand. She will keep it updated with new affiliations and churches.*
7. **New Congregation(s):** Posted January 7 on Mission District website: St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Goose Creek, SC (NALC). Two other churches, St. Mark's in Salisbury, NC and St. Peters Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC, are both taking their second vote today.
8. **Important dates:**
 - **Carolinas Mission Convocation, Fri., May 17 and Sat., May 18 at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC. (near Columbia, SC)**
 - **National NALC Convocation at Sheraton Station Square Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA.—Thurs., Aug. 8 through Fri., Aug. 9.**

9. **Special Request:** CLW has been invited to report at the Convocation Business Session (during Carolinas Mission Convocation). *Actions: CLW is willing to report. Bollinger will request additional information and request we be allowed to have a display.*
10. **South Carolina Presentation:** *Actions: Will have our April CLW Council meeting at Advent, North Charleston, SC on Friday, April 12 through Saturday, April 13.*
 - Meet at St. John's in Statesville on Friday/12th at 1:00pm to carpool. Plan on being at the church by 6:00pm for supper and meeting. *Action: Horres volunteered to plan for our supper meal and make hotel arrangements.*
 - *Actions: (1) On Saturday, April 13 at 10:00am we will have a "presentation" for any interested SC churches. (2) Dunn will prepare a flier to send to the invited congregations. (3) At our February meeting, Council members are to bring some ideas for possible program—beyond the Question/Answer Session.*
11. **Meeting their Needs:** Concern was expressed that some of our affiliated churches, as well as those considering affiliation, might need more interaction and direction from the CLW Council. Discussed having more personal contact, whether by phone or mini-CLW Presentations, and possibly dividing churches into groups so we can make the personal contact. *Action: Keep on the agenda for additional input and decisions.*
12. **Appreciation:** *Action: Expressed appreciation to Brenda Dunn for hosting our first meeting and providing refreshments.*
13. **Devotions for February Meeting:** Brenda Dunn.

**Next meeting of the CLW Executive Council:
Sat., Feb. 23, 2013 @ 10:00 AM at St. John's, Statesville.**

Genevieve Lambert (Chair) – St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC
Sandra Bollinger (Secretary) – New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council

February 23, 2013

(Actions – *Italicized*)

Council Members:

- **Genevieve Lambert—St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC (Chair)**
- Sandra Bollinger—New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC (Secretary)
- LaVaughn Beaver—Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Brenda Dunn—St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Thelma Horres—Advent, North Charleston, SC
- Lisa Overcash—Faith, Faith, NC
- Ann Tucker—Union, Salisbury, NC

The CLW Council held its second 2013 meeting on Saturday, February 23, 2013, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Statesville. The meeting began at 10:00 AM. Those absent from the meeting included LaVaughn Beaver and Thelma Horres, who was available by phone contact to answer key questions regarding our upcoming meeting in April at Advent, SC. All other CLW Council members were present. Chair Genevieve Lambert conducted the meeting and opened with prayer. Brenda Dunn provided the devotions.

Business:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** LaVaughn Beaver provided a printed report covering 11/3/2011 through 2/15/2013. **Balance \$2,584.01.** Received treasurer's report as information.
- 2. Contact Information:** Revised basic information sheet for individuals desiring to be placed on CLW Contact List. *Action: Bollinger will provide final draft and copies will be available at both Mission District Convocation (May 17 & 18) and at SC presentation (Sat., April 13).*
- 3. Logo labels:** Discussed CLW having printed envelopes and/or labels bearing logo. Noted officers could change every year, so return labels needed updated address for CLW. *Action: Bollinger to purchase duplicating paper, grip-seal envelopes and blank labels. Labels will include black and white copy of logo and the mailing address. Print labels as needed.*
- 4. Mailings:** Discussed combining all mailings (e-mail and hard copies) to be done by same person in order to eliminate possible duplicates. *Action: Bollinger will be doing all of the mailings and this time all mailed copies will include a questionnaire inquiring about duplicates and if possible, doing e-mails only.*
- 5. Affiliations:** There are currently **30 CLW Affiliated Congregations.** Welcomed newest affiliated member, Advent Lutheran in Kings Mountain, NC (NALC). Also received notice that Faith Lutheran in Faith, NC no longer has a dual membership status but is NALC.
- 6. Updating Affiliation:** Discussed whether to submit new Affiliation forms as Pastors and/or Women's Presidents change. *Action: As of March 1, 2013: If an Interim or Full Time Pastor had signed the original Affiliation Form, churches **are not required** to submit a new Affiliation Form. CLW Council would appreciate being notified of any Women's President changes, but only for the purpose of making sure the new president is included on the CLW mailing list. **SPECIAL NOTE:** If the original Affiliation form was signed by a Supply Pastor, a new affiliation form will be needed when the congregation is assigned an Interim Pastor or extends a call and installs a full-time pastor. (CLW still keeps your original affiliation date.) (Contact **sdbollinger73@gmail.com**, if there are any questions.)*

7. **Meeting their Needs:** Again discussed having more personal contact with our affiliated churches as well as any new NALC and LCMC congregations. Need to welcome the new churches and let them know about CLW. *Action: Keep on the agenda for additional input and decisions.*
8. **Carolinas Mission District Convocation:** *Actions: At the Mission District Convocation, Bollinger will extend greetings from CLW and we will have a display.*
9. **Master List of Congregations:** *Action: Bollinger will compile an updated listing of all NALC congregations in NC and SC. Lambert will update for the LCMC. Information to include Church Name, mailing address, phone number, e-mail & web site address, and current pastor.*
10. **South Carolina Presentation:** CLW Council reviewed theme for meeting, planned activities, handouts, etc. *Actions: (1) On Saturday, April 13 from 10:00am-12:00 noon we will have a "presentation" for any interested SC churches. No pre-registration will be done, but will register on site. (2) Lambert is working on handouts and program/bulletin. (3) Dunn will prepare an updated flier to send to the invited congregations. (4) Bollinger is to prepare Comment Cards, Business cards with web sites, and bring CLW map & stand. (5) Tucker is checking on name tags and Thrivent folders. (6) Tucker and Overcash are handling registration. (7) In-Kind Gifts will be collected: canned goods. (8) No lunch will be served, but light refreshments will be provided by Advent.*
11. **Fall Convocation:** Discussed overall theme, theme-related "gifts" and decorations for September meeting, and entertainment. *Actions: 1) CLW Convocation theme is set. 2) Bollinger to contact Reba Reinhardt regarding theme and meals. 3) Dunn is getting price estimates for some specific items. 4) Tucker is checking on Thrivent materials.*
12. **Appreciation:** *Action: Expressed appreciation to Brenda Dunn for again hosting our meeting and providing refreshments.*

Important dates:

- CLW Presentation to SC Churches, Sat., April 13 at Advent Lutheran Church in North Charleston, SC
- Carolinas Mission Convocation, Fri., May 17 and Sat., May 18 at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC. (near Columbia, SC)
- National NALC Convocation at Sheraton Station Square Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA.—Thurs., Aug. 8 through Fri., Aug. 9.

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to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at
St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Maiden, NC

Next meeting of the CLW Executive Council:

Fri., Apr. 12, 2013 @ 6:00 PM at Advent, North Charleston, SC

Meet at St. John's in Statesville on Friday/April 12th at 1:00pm to carpool.

Plan on being at Advent Church by 6:00pm for supper and meeting.

Genevieve Lambert (Chair) – St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC

Sandra Bollinger (Secretary) – New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council

April 12-13, 2013

(Actions – *Italicized*)

Council Members:

- **Genevieve Lambert—St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC (Chair)**
- Sandra Bollinger—New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC (Secretary)
- LaVaughn Beaver—Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Brenda Dunn—St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Thelma Horres—Advent, North Charleston, SC
- Lisa Overcash—Faith, Faith, NC
- Ann Tucker—Union, Salisbury, NC

The CLW Council held its third 2013 meeting on Friday, April 12, 2013 and Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Advent Lutheran Church, North Charleston, SC. Prior to the meeting, several members from Advent provided a delicious supper for the CLW Council members. Chair Genevieve Lambert was absent from the meeting because of a death in her family.

The following actions took place on Friday night and when the CLW Council reconvened on Saturday and included:

- *Invitations/Posters mailed.* Sixteen NALC and LCMC congregations in South Carolina were mailed invitations by Bollinger. Dunn had prepared the multi-colored posters. The three-fold purpose of the meeting was to provide the opportunity for the congregations to meet each other, learn more about the Carolinas Lutheran Women and its resources, and extend an invitation to affiliate with the CLW.
- *Council members reviewed responsibilities for Saturday's meeting.* Registration began at 9:30 with program running from 10:00AM until noon.
- *Assembled canvas bags for Saturday's Meeting.* Bags included donated folders from Thrivent (as well as pencil and notepad), purse "bag" mirror, Icebreaker worksheet "What's in Your Bag?" and program. The program included agenda, hymns, and CLW budget with proposed distributions for October 2012 through October 2013, Current itemized budget for October 12, 2012 - April 13, 2013, Current CLW Guidelines, Affiliated Congregations, and Appreciation page.
- *Prepared table handouts.* Contact Information forms, comment cards, business cards with significant website addresses, minutes from February CLW Council meeting and Affiliation Application forms were made available.
- *Displays were set up.* NC/SC map with all current NALC and LCMC congregations shown and affiliated churches specifically highlighted. CLW Scrapbook available for perusing. Collection table for In-Kind Gifts for Tri-County Family Ministries.
- *Approved CLW paying for council members' hotel rooms* for Friday night, April 12. Motion made by Lisa Overcash and seconded by LaVaughn Beaver. It was noted if any person desired to make a donation to the treasury to help defray the cost of her room, it would be gratefully accepted, but not required. Travel costs and meals would be paid by the Council members.
- *Thank you notes.* Bollinger is to send thank you notes to Advent and Thrivent.
- *Proposed meeting dates.* Bollinger is to check with Reba Reinhardt about CLW Council meeting to be held at St. Martin's in Maiden on Saturday, June 8 @ 9:30 and with Genevieve about possible CLW Council meeting for May 23 @ 5:30 to review forms for upcoming convocation. Verification/cancellation to be sent as soon as Bollinger receives feedback.

- *Approved registration cost for 2013 CLW Convocation.* Brenda Dunn made the motion to set 2013 Convocation Registration costs at \$7.00. Seconded by Lisa Overcash, the motion carried.
- *2013 Mission District Convocation.* Dunn agreed to work on posters for CLW 2013 Convocation. Would like to distribute some information at Mission District Convocation, May 17 & 18. Bollinger will present greetings and info- from CLW Council at this meeting.
- *Treasurer's Report received as information.* Balance \$2,809.01.
- *Affiliated Churches:* Still have 30 churches—same as those listed at our Feb. 23 meeting.
- *Agenda considerations for next CLW Council:*
 1. Workdays for making table gifts for CLW Convocation
 2. Wish List/Trading Post on Website
 3. Cards for New Project Ideas
 - a. On front: Project Name, Church Name, Contact person info-
 - b. On back: Summary of project
- *Shared April 13th Women's Meeting highlights.* Including the CLW Council members, there were 20 women present with three South Carolina NALC congregations being represented: Immanuel in Sumter, St. Timothy in Goose Creek, and Advent in North Charleston. Comment Cards received stated: 1) Excellent devotion lesson about what you need to carry w/ you. 2) Enjoyed the "What's in Your Bag" devotional & appreciate the info and sharing of ideas. 3) By e-mail: Enjoyed having an opportunity to get to know everyone on Saturday. 4) Immanuel Lutheran of Sumter would like to host a convocation (or any get-together). *Contact info- was given.* The CLW Council felt that the joint meeting was very successful and many workable project ideas and suggestions were circulated throughout the room.

After expressing our appreciation to Advent Lutheran Church for hosting our event, providing the delicious supper meal, and refreshments for the meeting, the CLW Council Meeting adjourned.

Sandra Bollinger (Secretary) – New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC

Third Annual Carolinas Lutheran Women Convocation
 to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at
 St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Maiden, NC

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meetings (May 7, 2013 and June 8, 2013)

Council Members:

- **Genevieve Lambert—St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC (Chair)**
- Sandra Bollinger—New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC (Secretary)
- LaVaughn Beaver—Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Brenda Dunn—St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Thelma Horres—Advent, North Charleston, SC
- Lisa Overcash—Faith, Faith, NC
- Ann Tucker—Union, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

(Actions – *Italicized*)

The CLW Council held its fourth 2013 meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at Boxcar Grille in Statesville, NC. Those present for the meeting included Chair Genevieve Lambert, Sandra Bollinger, Brenda Dunn, and Ann Tucker. Purpose of the meeting was to begin preparation for registration mailings and program outline for Convocation meeting.

- *Set Wednesday, September 4: Deadline for Registration*
- *Set Wednesday, September 4: Nominations (e-mail or mail) due to Lambert in order to be printed in Program Booklet. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.*
- *Bollinger to contact Reba Reinhardt—St. Martin's, Maiden—to verify recipient of In-Kind Gifts and to ask for recommendations for local hotel accommodations to share on registration letter. RR's Response: In-Kind Gifts go to Eastern Catawba County Cooperative Ministry (ECCCM). Closest and best hotels are in Lincolnton close to Hwy 321: Hampton Inn and Comfort Inn. Other recommended hotels in Hickory: Hampton Inn and Courtyard by Marriott; in Conover: La Quinta and Holiday Inn Express*
- *Reviewed Ice Breaker and placement in the Program*
- *Roll Call (by Bollinger) will include calling of all Affiliated Congregations and listing of non-affiliated congregations in attendance.*
- *Reviewed theme-related "entertainment" portion of the program.*
- *Dunn is to order 100 red convention bags and use other colored bags if needed to fill in.*
- *Table favors—will begin to work on those over the summer.*
- *Reviewed three available Handouts for registration.*

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 8 @ 9:30 at *St. Martin's, Maiden, NC*

Genevieve Lambert (Chair) – St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC
Sandra Bollinger (Secretary) – New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC

Saturday, June 8, 2013

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The CLW Council held its fifth 2013 meeting on Saturday, June 8, at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Maiden, NC. Those present for the meeting included Sandra Bollinger, LaVaughn Beaver, Brenda Dunn, Lisa Overcash, and Ann Tucker. Rev. Nathan Yoder and Reba Reinhardt, Vice-President of St. Martin's Lutheran Women, were also present. Primary purpose of the meeting: view convocation site and outline expectations/responsibilities.

- Devotions were given by Sandra Bollinger and came from Sharla Fritz's book Divine Design.

- Refreshments were provided by Reba Reinhardt.
- Tour of the Church and Fellowship Hall was led by Reinhardt. The Convocation will take place in the Fellowship Hall.
- Convention Checklist was then reviewed and responsibilities delegated.
 - *CLW Council Arrival Time: Requested no later than 8:30 AM*
 - *Registration: 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM; Convention begins at 10:00 AM*
 - *Registration Table: LaVaughn Beaver and Lisa Overcash*
 - *Affiliation Table: Sandra Bollinger and Thelma Horres*
 - *Name Tags, Registration, Nominations : Genevieve Lambert*
 - *Music: Brenda Dunn*
 - *Invocation and Installation of Council: Rev. Nathan Yoder*
 - *Convocation Program Booklet: Genevieve Lambert*
 - *Greeters/Ushers: St. Martin's Lutheran Women*
 - *Collection of In-Kind Gifts for ECCCM: St. Martin's Lutheran Women*
 - *Display Stands/Map/Comment Cards: Sandra Bollinger*
 - *Scrapbook: Brenda Dunn*
 - *Folders: Ann Tucker, assisted by Lisa Overcash and LaVaughn Beaver—need all inserts by August meeting*
 - *Devotional, Skit Narrative: Brenda Dunn, assisted by LaVaughn Beaver*
 - *Skit: Council members will seek 1-2 volunteers each. Props to be provided by Council members.*
 - *Photographers: Brenda Dunn and Back-up provided by Reba Reinhardt*
 - *Table Favors: CLW Council*
 - *Room Set-up, Morning Refreshments, and Luncheon: St. Martin's Lutheran Women*
 - *Desserts: New Jerusalem Lutheran Women*

Council business included:

- Mt. Calvary in Claremont, NC, is our newest affiliation. CLW now has 32 affiliated churches.
- Bollinger had a CLW display at the Mission District Convocation in Lexington, SC, on May 17-18 and brought Greetings from CLW during the second business session on May 18.
- Dean Carl Haynes extended regrets he would not be able to attend our CLW Convocation. Pastor N. Yoder will represent the Mission District and serve as the host convocation pastor.
- *2012 Convocation minutes will be distributed, one per table, for final review and approval at the 2013 Convocation.*
- *Approved designating the Convocation offering to the Department of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC.*
- Discussed necessity of getting registration information out in June. Will follow-up with Genevieve Lambert for scheduling and final review before mailing.
- Convocation favors: Reviewed favors and set meeting schedules for small groups.
- Discussed possible meeting with Dean Haynes. *Lambert is to set a meeting schedule.*
- *Lisa Overcash volunteered to host next CLW Council meeting at Faith, Faith. Tentative date is Saturday, August 24 @ 9:30 AM.*

Genevieve Lambert (Chair) – St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC

Sandra Bollinger (Secretary) – New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC

Third Annual Carolinas Lutheran Women Convocation

to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at

St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Maiden, NC

SPECIAL NOTE: Convocation Registration and Nominations for Council were originally due by **September 4th**! Council agreed to *extend the date* because as of this printing, **WE HAVE RECEIVED NO COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**. Affiliated churches, please discuss this with your church ladies and reconsider the God-given talents of your ladies and encourage someone to step forward as a nominee. We have four positions that will need to be filled at our Saturday, September 14th Convocation at St. Martin's in Maiden, NC. Nominations will be taken from the floor on Saturday, but if we receive the biographical information by Thursday, September 12th we'll be able to have it printed before the election takes place. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meetings August 24, 2013

Council Members:

- **Genevieve Lambert—St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC (Chair)**
- Sandra Bollinger—New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC (Secretary)
- LaVaughn Beaver—Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Brenda Dunn—St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Thelma Horres—Advent, North Charleston, SC
- Lisa Overcash—Faith, Faith, NC
- Ann Tucker—Union, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org

Saturday, August 24, 2013

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The CLW Council held its sixth 2013 meeting on Saturday, August 24, at Faith Lutheran Church in Faith, NC. All Council members were present except Thelma Horres who sent her regrets. Purpose of the meeting was to finalize Convocation plans and edit the 2013 Convocation Program Booklet.

Devotions were given by Ann Tucker and came from Patsy Claimont's book God Uses Cracked Pots. Refreshments were provided by Lisa Overcash.

Discussion included:

- *Requested CLW Council Arrival Time @ St. Martin's: 8:00 AM*
- *Registration: 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM; Convention begins at **9:30 AM** (Time was incorrectly listed on July 8 minutes, but was correct on the posters.) Lunch to immediately follow.*
- *Registration Table: LaVaughn Beaver and Lisa Overcash*
- *Affiliation Table: Sandra Bollinger and Thelma Horres*
- *Collection of In-Kind Gifts for ECCCM: St. Martin's Lutheran Women*
- *Wednesday, September 4, is the deadline for Registration and Council Nominations: Will extend the deadline for Council Nominations because no nominations have been received for the four open positions. Bollinger directed to make extra plea when minutes are distributed. (Note: Nominations received by Thursday, Sept. 12 will be in a printed format for voting members to review.)*
- *Council Nominations will be accepted from the floor, but their bio- information will be read aloud, not printed.*
- *Ballots to be counted by retiring members. Dunn to conduct business during Lambert's absence.*
- *Bollinger to contact Reba Reinhardt regarding name(s) to be included in the Program.*
- *Opening Scripture to be led by Overcash.*
- *Bible Study to be led by Dunn, with five Council members assisting with placards.*
- *Because of possible length of discussion on Equity Voting, speakers will be limited on time to 3 minutes and LaVaughn Beaver will serve as timekeeper.*

- *Love Offering designated for Department of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. Bollinger provided a Seminarian Prayer. Horres to be asked to be responsible for this part of the program and to give the prayer following offering collection. (St. Martin's ladies to pass the plates/baskets. Money to be counted by Council members: Beaver, Horres, and Tucker and then reported to the assembly. All checks to be made out to Christiana Lutheran Church.)*
- *Beaver to read skit, Dunn to direct participants. Props prepared by Council members.*
- *Reviewed Ice Breaker and placement in the Program. Because of concern for copyright rules, even though it was modified from several different sources, Council will not place it on our CLW website, but will be distributed by request with sources being credited. Bollinger is to prepare a sign-up sheet for those interested in obtaining the skit.*
- *Proposed budget to cover 2013 Convocation to 2014 Convocation. Added new line item, CLW Council expenses. Consolidated Office Supplies into a single line item. Beaver to present Treasurer's report.*
- *Name badges to be prepared by Overcash.*
- *Overcash volunteered to take the Convocation minutes.*
- *Bollinger to prepare/distribute project suggestion cards—two per table.*
- *Bollinger to prepare 2012 Convocation minutes—one per table.*
- *Reviewed Comments from 2012 Convocation.*
- *Matter of Information: 194 mailings (Postal and E-mail) were made on June 29 to distribute Registration and Nomination forms.*
- *Next meeting of CLW to be set after the Convocation. Meeting will include current CLW Council as well as newly elected council members.*

Genevieve Lambert (Chair) –St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC

Sandra Bollinger (Secretary) – New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC

Third Annual Carolinas Lutheran Women Convocation

to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at

St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Maiden, NC

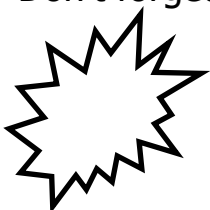
Registration: 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM; Convention begins at 9:30 AM

Will collect canned goods for ECCCM and Love Offering for Seminary!

Don't forget that we need at least four nominations for our

CLW Council election. This is your opportunity to support our

Mission Statement as stated in our CLW Guidelines:



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.

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting November 2, 2013

Council Members:

- **Genevieve Lambert—St. Paul's, Salisbury, NC (Chair)**
- Sandra Bollinger—New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC (Secretary)
- LaVaughn Beaver—Christiana, Salisbury, NC (Treasurer)
- Brenda Dunn—St. John's, Statesville, NC (Historian)
- Thelma Horres—Advent, North Charleston, SC
- Lisa Overcash—Faith, Faith, NC
- Ann Tucker—Union, Salisbury, NC

CLW Website: www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org

Saturday, November 2, 2013

(Actions – *Italicized*)

The CLW Council held its seventh and final 2013 meeting on Saturday, November 2, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Statesville, NC. All Council members were present except Thelma Horres and Genevieve Lambert, who sent her regrets. Also in attendance were 2014 Council-elect members Susanne Bebbber (Concordia in China Grove, NC) and Pam Cansler (St. Martin's in Maiden, NC).

The meeting was conducted by Sandra Bollinger. She called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and welcomed Bebbber and Cansler. Devotions were given by LaVaughn Beaver and came from the "Portals of Prayer" Devotional Book and focused on Reformation. Refreshments were provided by Brenda Dunn. Dunn volunteered to provide the devotions for the next meeting.

Following a brief "Getting to Know You" session and updating of Council Contact Information, the following business was addressed:

1. **COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:** *Action: Bollinger will contact Horres and Lambert to update their contact information then distribute finalized copy to all Council members ASAP.*
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** LaVaughn Beaver distributed her report, covering transactions from September 14 Convocation through October 27. Balance on Hand: \$2,801.59.
 - Lambert (via email) requested that St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Organization would like to cover the expense of the website as part of their offering to the organization and paying St. Paul's directly for their donation. *Action: Approved St. Paul's request. Bollinger directed to send thank you for their gracious gift.*
 - Council discussed current giving patterns and 2013 budget status. *Action: Bollinger to convey in the minutes: "Any congregation considering making a contribution to the CLW and desiring it to reflect for the 2013 fiscal year, is asked to send it in as soon as possible. All contributions are gratefully accepted."* [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 (or email address) so you may be sent an acknowledgement.]
 - 2014 Council Focus: Personal checking account for CLW.
3. **CONVOCATION REVIEW:** Overall felt that the 2013 Convocation held at St. Martin's in Maiden, NC was very successful, well-paced and smooth running. There were 101 women present and 25 congregations represented. The 2012 Convocation had 91 women present and 22 congregations represented.

Christiana Lutheran Church Attn: LaVaughn Beaver, CLW Treasurer 6190 US Highway 52 Salisbury, NC 28146

- Comment Cards: Council members received a copy of all the comments. Total of 5 were received, with 4 reflecting positive statements—great meeting, hospitality, fun, food, and gracious host. 5th card: "I believe 25% of our total receipts should go to mission outreach." *Action: Place comment cards on each table at next convocation (versus keeping them in the folders) and emphasize them more in the closing remarks. Consideration: Use colored index cards for Comment Cards. Action: CLW will continue to look at mission outreach giving, but also need to emphasize for individual congregations to focus on their own mission support, which is advocated by the NALC.*
 - Project Ideas: Received 4 cards (RE: School supplies for needy schools, Making quilts for LWR, Spa Day, and "Spirituali-Tea") *Action: Beaver has added these to our CLW website under "Resources" for CLW Project Ideas.*
 - Host church for 2014 Convocation: Discussed several locations. *Action: Investigate possible site(s) and hopefully be able to announce at our first 2014 CLW meeting.*
 - Convocation thank you cards: *Action: Bollinger has sent thank you cards to designated recipients.*
 - In-Kind gifts for Convocation: *Action: Cansler reported that 232 pounds of canned goods and _____ monetary contributions were collected for ECCCM (Eastern Catawba County Cooperative Ministry).*
 - Convocation Offering: *Action: Beaver reported that \$1,100 was collected and sent to the Dept. of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC.*
 - Fashion Show requests: *Action: Bollinger has distributed 25 copies of the fashion show skit as requested.*
 - Convocation devotions: *Action: Bollinger has responded to the eight individuals requesting copies of the opening devotions.*
 - Convocation Minutes: *Action: Expressed gratitude to Overcash for taking the minutes and will send them out with the minutes from the November 2nd meeting.*
 - Thrivent folders: *Action: Collected all unused folders and emphasized need to request these folders from Thrivent again as soon as possible (January).*
4. **AFFILIATIONS**: Bollinger reported that we still have 34 affiliated churches. Last one received on September 5th was Trinity Lutheran Church (NALC) in Fletcher, NC. *Action: Bollinger had added their 24 ladies' Contact Information to the CLW data file and when she receives all Convocation Registration forms, they will also be added to the file.*
 5. **CLW LOCATION MAP**: Bollinger reported that the map is up-to-date, and she had received a request to share the map with a couple involved with the World Mission Prayer League. *Action: Bollinger had mailed an 8x10 picture of the map as well as emailed a jpeg image of the map and a listing of the LCMC & NALC congregations in both NC & SC.*
 6. **REFORMATION SERVICE**: Dr. Nathan Yoder had requested CLW women possibly help provide additional desserts at the BBQ Supper that was served prior to the Reformation Service, Thursday, October 31 at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC. *Action: Following CLW Council email approval, Bollinger sent out approximately 200 email requests for dessert donations. It was noted by those attending the BBQ that several individuals had provided additional desserts. Our appreciation to those able to respond.*
 7. **ELECTION OF 2014 CLW COUNCIL OFFICERS**: *Action: The following were elected to serve Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2014: CHAIR: Lisa Overcash, SECRETARY: Pam Cansler, TREASURER: LaVaughn Beaver, HISTORIAN: Brenda Dunn. Appreciation was expressed to those serving this past year.*

8. **EMPATHY CONCERNS:** *Action: Shared empathy concerns including Dr. Larry Yoder (possibly a light stroke), Marjorie McDaniel (recovering from a fall, widow of late Bishop McDaniel), and our own Genevieve Lambert.*
9. **PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR MISSION DISTRICT 2014 CONVOCATION:** Discussed possibility of CLW being represented on this committee. *Action: Several individuals agreeable to serve if asked. Will keep CLW Council informed.*
10. **AGENDA TOPIC FOR JANUARY MEETING:** Upcoming Chair Lisa Overcash requested all Council members bring ideas to the January meeting for our 2014 Convocation Theme/Program.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM following the closing prayer given by Ann Tucker.

Next CLW Council Meeting:
Sat., Jan. 25, 2014 @ 9:00 AM
(Snow Back-Up Date: Sat., Feb. 1)
Location: Concordia Lutheran Church
185 Concordia Church Rd
China Grove, NC 28023

Important 2014 dates:

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