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The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of Carolinas Lutheran Women was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Statesville, NC on September 29, 2018. The theme for the day was "ROAD TRIP: NAVIGATING YOUR FAITH JOURNEY"

Lynn Coughenour, CLW Council Chair, opened the meeting, along with Brenda Dunn, St. John's Lutheran Church Women's President, who brought greetings from the host congregation.

An opening skit entitled "Are We There Yet?" was presented by the ladies of Concordia Lutheran Church, China Grove, NC.

Rev. Ernie Sheldon, St. John's Lutheran Church, Statesville, NC had the opening prayer, and then gave an update on the NALC disaster response, as St. John's is a collection point. All that has been collected has been sent to the east coast, and the storage building is about ½ full again. That will also be going out soon. We fill the gaps after the government stops – or isn't present. Dean Nathan Yoder will be sending a letter to challenge each congregation to complete 25 flood buckets and 25 health kits. There is a CRITICAL need for N95 respirator mask and trash bags. Money can also be sent to NALC disaster relief.

The opening hymn: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" was sung.

#### **MISSION CHURCHES UPDATE :**

Rev. Paulette McHugh reported on Joy Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC which began nearly a year ago when she felt the need to do more with her gifts . She had been working as a supply pastor and there was no congregation in the Columbia area at the time. The congregation is doing a mission of the month with September being the first one . The supported an ALS walk in honor of a member and had 33 people participating. They also held a paper towel drive. The October project came early because of Hurricane Florence, and members helped with that. In November they will be holding an Alzheimer's walk. Members are going to nursing homes and reading to the residents. God has certainly been with them as they just opened their own bank account so money can now be sent directly to them. (Use Holy Trinity, Little Mountain, SC address). They are hoping to reach the unchurched. Currently they are worshiping at a funeral home so they have use of a piano & organ – FREE of charge. They are forming a leadership team and will officially receive new members/missionary disciples on Reformation Sunday.

Rev. David Brooks was absent and in Raleigh today, so Pastor Ernie Sheldon presented letter prepared by Pr. Brooks for Triangle Mission Congregation, which is supported by St. John's Statesville as the fiscal agent. Donations for Triangle Mission should be sent to St. John's and memo to Triangle. The reason for this is that this allows the pastor of the mission congregation to minister and someone else handles the finances. The pastor there has a full time job to support himself – as the congregation is not large enough yet to pay a salary.

**The Business Session** began with the Roll Call of the CLW affiliated congregations with Janet Rash, CLW Council Secretary. There were 73 present plus 3 visitors from Virginia and one male visitor. This included 3 pastors present.

**A copy of the 2017 Convocation Minutes** are available on the website: [www.CarolinasLutheranWomen.org](http://www.CarolinasLutheranWomen.org), and a copy was provided for each table. After review and one correction of the name of Karen Pawluk, a motion to accept was made by Thelma Horres, Advent, N. Charleston, and seconded by Gloria Ziemer. The motion passed.

**The Treasurer's Report was presented** by Jennie Cannon, CLW Council Treasurer. The total in our treasure is \$5037.51. Jennie then presented the 2019 proposed expenditure budget, and it was approved as presented.

**2019 CLW COUNCIL ELECTION** : Kay Weaver, CLW Council presented the nominees for council. There was only one name on the ballot, Janet Rash (currently on the council, and eligible for re-election), but 3 are needed to fill the vacant seats. Nominations were accepted from the floor and were: Thelma Horres, Advent, N. Charleston and Ginger Klock, Holy Trinity, Troutman. The nominations were closed. Rev. Paulette McHugh had the prayer before the voting. A motion was made by Jayne Lingle and seconded by Susanne Bebbler to accept the nominations by acclamation. The motion passed.

**The offering was received** and will be divided between the 2 mission congregations: Joy Lutheran Church and Triangle Lutheran Mission. **In-Kind Gifts** were brought for Iredell Christian Ministries. Gloria Ziemer, CLW council had the prayer for the offering and in-kind gifts. The offering received for Iredell Christian Ministries included non-perishable items and also \$200 in checks. The offering for the 2 mission congregations received totaled \$1826.00.

**Bible Study: Road Trip – Navigating Your Faith Journey** was presented by Brenda Dunn, CLW council and was based on Proverbs 3:6 – “In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” A book given out (1 to each church in attendance) entitled Knowing God’s Word – Women of Faith Study Guide Series.

**HYMN: “THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET”** was sung, followed by the installation service of the newly elected council members.

**The Benediction** by Rev. Ernie Sheldon, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Statesville, NC was followed by the closing hymn: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again.”

The ladies of St. John’s served a delicious lunch.

**UPCOMING CONVOCATIONS:**

**2019 CLW Convocation – September 28 - Concordia Lutheran Church, China Grove, NC**

**2020 CLW Convocation – September 26 – St. Jacob’s Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC**

**2021 CLW Convocation – (Date TBA) - Faith Lutheran Church, Faith, NC**

Lynn Coughenour, CLW Council Chair  
Janet Rash, Secretary

CLW Council Meeting  
February 24, 2018

The first CLW Council Meeting of the year was held on February 24, 2018 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Statesville, NC. Members present were: Lynn Coughenour, (chair), Janet Rash, (secretary), Brenda Dunn, Nelsie Lawing, Gloria Ziemer. Members Jennie Cannon and Kay Weaver were absent.

Chairman Lynn opened the meeting and Gloria had our devotions.

Janet presented the minutes from the Convocation and the council meeting that followed on the same day. They were approved as written.

Jennie had sent the treasurer's report current to December 31, 2017. There is a current balance of \$4272.80. Expenses for 2017 were less than budgeted. It was reported that in 2017, 17 of our 41 affiliated churches made contributions to CLW. They are as follows:

Advent, Charleston, SC  
Concordia, China Grove, NC  
Holy Trinity, Troutman, NC  
St. Martins, Maiden, NC (2 separate contributions)  
St. Peter, Chapin, SC  
St. Timothy, Goose Creek, SC  
Holy Trinity, Augusta, SC  
Faith, Faith, NC  
New Jerusalem, Hickory, NC  
St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC  
Union, Salisbury, NC  
Our Savior, Dallas, NC  
St. John's, Statesville, NC  
St. Matthew's, Salisbury, NC  
Immanuel, Rockwell, NC  
St. Martins, Maiden, NC

Contributions may be sent to: Jennie Cannon – CLW Treasurer, 501 Twin Pine Dr., Chapin, SC 29036. The books were audited as of 1/22/18. The report was approved as presented.

The comment cards received at the 2017 Convocation were reviewed and suggestions noted for changes to our 2018 Convocation.

The 2018 Convocation was discussed and plans were made for scriptures, Bible study, etc. The key verse will be Psalm 25:4 – “Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.” Appropriate hymns were suggested to emphasize the program theme which will be “Road Trip: Navigating Your Faith Journey.” In-kind gifts will be designated to Iredell Christian Ministries (food staples) and the offering will go to 2 mission congregations: Triangle Lutheran Mission which worships in Morrisville, NC (Rev. David Brooks) and is supported by St. John's, Statesville and a new mission church being formed in W. Columbia, SC with Rev. Paulette McHugh.

The website was reviewed and will be updated with more/current information. Anyone having suggestions for the website should contact Janet Rash, Secretary.

The date for the 2018 convocation (Host, St. John's/Statesville, NC) will be 9/29/18.

The date for the 2019 convocation (Host, Concordia/China Grove, NC) will be 9/28/19.

St. Jacob's/Chapin, SC will be the host for the 2020 convocation with the date to be set at a later time.

Other upcoming dates are: NALC Convocation – August 13-17, 2018 at Crowne Plaza Denver Convention Center, Denver, CO and the WNALC Annual Gathering on August 14, 2018 (Same location).

The Council's next meeting will be at Gordon-Conwell in Charlotte on June 2, 2018.

A delicious lunch was served by hostess Brenda Dunn.

Janet Rash, CLW Secretary

## CLW Council Minutes

June 2, 2018

The second council meeting of the year was held on June 2, 2018 at Gordon Conwell Seminary. Members present were: Lynn Coughenour (chair), Janet Rash, Jennie Cannon, Brenda Dunn, Gloria Zeimer, and Kay Weaver. Nelsie Lawing was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Lynn opened the meeting and Brenda had devotions from a book entitled: "For God So Loved The World That He Created Chocolate."

Jennie had the treasurer's report. Spending is going well and is below the budget – but contributions from congregations are down from last year. There are only 8 congregations that have contributed this year, compared to 17 of our 41 affiliated congregations from last year. Congregations that have contributed this year are:

- St. Peter, Chapin, SC
- St. Timothy, Goose Creek, SC
- Holy Trinity, Troutman, NC
- Christiana, Salisbury, NC
- St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (2 donations)
- Salem, Salisbury, NC
- Holy Trinity, Gastonia, NC
- Advent, Charleston, SC

Jennie made a motion that we keep the budget for 2019 the same as this year. Brenda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The registration form for the upcoming convocation was reviewed and changes made. We will be electing 3 new Council members. Terms expiring this year (and not eligible for re-election) are Jennie Cannon and Gloria Zeimer. Also term expiring this year (but eligible for re-election) is Janet Rash.

The website was reviewed and several changes were made to that. Janet will pass the information on to our webmaster for posting.

Lynn has been working with Lane Magera (WNALC Council member) to update our logo. We looked at several options for color and also a black and white version that can be used for publishing/copying.

The majority of the meeting was spent going over the program/bulletin for the convocation. In-kind gifts will be for the Iredell Christian Ministries. Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items. The convocation offering will be split between 2 Mission congregations: Joy Lutheran Church in W. Columbia, SC and Triangle Lutheran Mission, in Morrisville, NC. Convocation offering checks should be made payable to Carolinas Lutheran Women with "Mission Churches" on the memo line.

The date/location for the 2019 convocation is: September 28, 2019 at Concordia, China Grove, NC and the 2020 location will be St. Jacob's in Chapin, SC.

The next meeting date will be September 26<sup>th</sup> at St. John's/Statesville. Kay, Janet, Brenda and Lynn will meet to assemble the packets for the convocation.

Janet Rash, CLW Secretary

The CLW Council met immediately following the convocation on September 29, 2018 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Statesville, NC.

New members Ginger Klock from Holy Trinity Troutman, NC, and Thelma Horres from Advent, N. Charleston, SC were welcomed.

Janet Rash, Salem, Salisbury, NC was re-elected for a second term.

Jennie Cannon reported that the total in treasure is \$4887.61 with all of the convocation bills paid, and there is still some money to yet be deposited.

The checkbook will be audited by the end of the year.

Checks received at the convocation to the Iredell Christian Ministries for the In kind gifts totaled \$200. The council agreed to round up to \$500. The total offering received at the convocation designated to the mission congregations was \$1826, but this was rounded up to \$2400, giving each church \$1200.

Officers for 2019 were elected as follows:

Chair: Nelsie Lawing

Secretary: Janet Rash

Treasurer: Kay Weaver

Historian: Ginger Klock

The first meeting of 2019 will be at Gordon Conwell on Saturday, Jan. 26, with an alternate date of Feb. 2.

Lynn Coughenour, CLW Council Chair

Janet Rash, Secretary