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**6th Annual Convocation
Carolinas Lutheran Women
September 17, 2016**

The 6th Annual Convocation for the Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW), entitled "Reformation 500," was held at Faith Lutheran Church, Faith, North Carolina, on September 17, 2016. Seventy-two women and guests represented nineteen congregations from North and South Carolina. Refreshments were provided prior to the meeting. Daisy Bost, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, provided prelude music as women gathered and greeted one another. Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith), CLW Chair, welcomed those in attendance and recognized other Council members by asking them to stand. Faith Lutheran Church Women's President, Jayne Lingle brought warm greetings. Lynn Coughenour (Union, Salisbury), CLW Council, opened the assembly with prayer.

The opening hymn, "A Mighty Fortress" was sung followed by a breakout session for discussion on our devotional passage from Psalm 46, led by Treasurer, Jennie Cannon, (St. Peter, Chapin, SC). Participants were asked to change tables to discuss this passage with women from other churches as well as share programs and meetings that have been successful in their own churches. Each participant was asked think of one aspiration to pass on to future generations and write it on a sticky note that was provided in each folder. As everyone made their way back to their own tables, they were asked to post their thought on the Red Door to the right of the stage. In addition, a wooden door keepsake ornament was provided for every participant in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Rev. Dr. Mary B. Havens from Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary and Rev. Carl Haynes from Christiana Lutheran Church, Salisbury spoke on behalf of the Advisory Board for The Department of Lutheran Studies Seminary Auxiliary. Gordon-Conwell wanted to start an auxiliary for students to help pay for gas, meal cards, books and other items not provided in the budget. Information was shared and pamphlets passed out to participants to take back to their churches for support and information. Currently, there are 14 students in their fourth year of theological study.

The business session began with the roll call by Secretary, Pam Cansler (St. Martins Maiden). Bethel, Lincolnton – 6; Christiana, Salisbury – 2 and 1 guest; Concordia, China Grove – 9; Faith, Faith – 13; Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary – 1 guest; Holy Trinity, Troutman – 4; Immanuel, Rockwell – 3; New Jerusalem, Hickory – 1; Our Savior, Dallas – 2; Salem, Salisbury – 3; Shiloh, Hickory - 2; St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC – 1 and 1 guest; St. James, Newton – 4; St. John's, Statesville – 3; St. Martin's, Maiden – 3; St. Matthew, Salisbury – 1; St. Peter, Chapin, SC – 3 and 1 guest; St. Peter, Lexington, SC – 2; Trinity, Landis – 2; Union, Salisbury – 3 and 1 guest. **Total Present: 72; Churches represented: 19.**

CLW Chair, Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith) stated that minutes from the last convocation were on the tables. A motion to approve the 2015 Convocation Minutes was made by Carolyn Wilfong (St. Martins, Maiden) and seconded by Phyllis Honey (Holy Trinity, Troutman). The motion passed unanimously.

Jennie Cannon, Treasurer (St Peter, Chapin, SC) provided the Treasurer's report located in each folder. The balance as of August 31, 2016 was \$4,104.24. She noted that 10 congregations had made contributions thus far in 2016.

Jennie also presented the 2017 Proposed Expenditure Budget, located below the Financial Report. Jennie explained that the Convocation's Love Offering was designated for St. Jude Children's Affiliate at Novant Health Hemby Children's Hospital. Sandra Bollinger (New Jerusalem, Hickory) made a motion to approve the 2017 Budget and Georgia Adams (Concordia, China Grove) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CLW Chair, Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith) and Council Member Lynn Coughenour (Union, Salisbury) displayed the new CLW website and Facebook page that was a suggestion from last year's Convocation. Many thanks to Lynn for starting the Facebook Page for Carolinas Lutheran Women.

Jayne Lingle, Women's President (Faith, Faith) suggested listing all affiliated churches with their email addresses on the website. The Council will work toward that goal.

Council Member, Lynn Coughenour (Union, Salisbury), presented the slate of nominees for CLW Council for 2017: Jennifer Cannon (St. Peter, Chapin, SC), Janet Rash (Salem, Salisbury), and Gloria Ziemer (St. Jacob's, Chapin, SC). No nominations were made from the floor. Ann Tucker (Union, Salisbury) made a motion to accept the three nominees by acclamation. LaVaughn Beaver (Christiana, Salisbury) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CLW Chair, Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith) highlighted the Council's activities since the last Convocation. The Council met four times since October, 2015. Carolinas Lutheran Women brought greetings at the Carolinas Mission District Convocation at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, SC in May.

Ms. Clyde Sanders from St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lexington, SC introduced herself to the assembly as the National Board Mission District Representative for both North and South Carolina.

Several churches were serving as drop-off sites for Lutheran World Relief items. The suggestion was made to list those churches and their drop off times on the CLW website.

The Convocation Offering will be given to St. Jude Children's Affiliate at Novant Health Hemby Children's Hospital in Charlotte, NC. A video on St. Jude was presented.

In-Kind Gifts of paper products, gift cards and checks will go to Family Crisis Council in Rowan County.

Council Member, Susanne Bebber (Concordia, China Grove), offered prayer for both St Jude and Family Crisis Council. The total amount collected for St. Jude was \$1,175. In-kind gifts for Family Crisis Council of Rowan County totaled \$335 and was increased to \$500 by Council.

A second hymn, "Built on a Rock" was sung.

Council Members, Lynn Coughenour as Narrator (Union, Salisbury), Gloria Ziemer portraying Katherine von Bora (St. Jacob's, Chapin, SC) and her husband, Bob Ziemer as Martin Luther, led the reenactment of "Reformation's Rib" by Rev. James G. Cobb. The drama was filled with interesting tidbits from the lives of Martin Luther and his beloved wife, Katie. Next year on October 31st, we celebrate 500 years since Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany which was the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

Rev. David Nuottila, Assistant Dean of Carolinas Mission District (Union, Salisbury) offered prayer for the newly elected Council members prior to leading the installation service.

CLW Chair, Lisa Overcash (Faith, Faith) reminded everyone that there were comment cards in each folder. The Council reads and tries to improve each Convocation based on the feedback received from the comments.

Rev. David Nuottila, Assistant Dean of Carolinas Mission District (Union, Salisbury) then gave the benediction followed by everyone singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Following the benediction, lunch was provided by the women of Faith Lutheran Church, Faith.

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

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting May 7, 2016

Council Members:

Lisa Overcash – Faith, Faith, NC (Chair)

Pam Cansler – St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (Secretary)

Jennie Cannon – St. Peter, Chapin, SC (Treasurer)

Susanne Bebber – Concordia, China Grove, NC (Historian)

Lynn Coughenour – Union, Salisbury, NC

Brenda Dunn – St. John's, Statesville, NC

Gloria Ziemer – St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC

CLW Website: carolinaslutheranwomen.org

The CLW Council held its third 2016 meeting on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC. Council members in attendance were Lisa Overcash, Jennie Cannon, Susanne Bebber, Lynn Coughenour, Brenda Dunn, Gloria Ziemer and Pam Cansler.

Chair, Lisa Overcash called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Devotions were shared by Brenda Dunn on how friends are like sisters and therefore like family. We are all part of God's family. The Bible passage came from Hebrews 2:11-12.

Minutes from the March 5, 2016 meeting were reviewed. One wording amendment was noted. A motion was made by Pam Cansler and seconded by Jennie Cannon to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Jennie Cannon gave the following Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning Balance = \$3,499.84
- Advent, North Charleston, SC contributed \$100
- Christiana, Salisbury, NC contributed \$60
- Holy Trinity, North Augusta, SC contributed \$50
- Holy Trinity, Troutman, NC contributed \$60
- Salem Salisbury, NC contributed \$100
- St. Martin's, Maiden, NC contributed \$50
- Postage Stamps were purchased for \$19.60
- Ending Balance = \$3,900.24

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501 Twin Pine Drive
Chapin, SC 29036

Brenda Dunn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Susanne Bebber seconded and the motion carried.

The following Business was discussed:

1. Carolinas Mission Convocation - May 20-21 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Little Mountain, SC
 - Jennie Cannon agreed to bring greetings from Carolinas Lutheran Women.
 - Pam Cansler will find out from Dean, Nathan Yoder the time Jennie is to be there.
 - Brenda Dunn agreed to provide enough CLW Convocation Flyers to place in folders.
2. CLW Convocation – September 17 at Faith, Faith, NC
 - Discussed the order of events:
 - Devotions
 - Breakout session for participants to complete a Reformation thought, idea or reflection
 - Posting to the door (on their way back to their original seats)
 - Bible Study – Psalm 46

- View the CLW Facebook Page and Website on screen.
 - Inform the group of the new checking account at Wells Fargo.
 - Include a Treasurer's Report in each folder.
 - Provide a copy of the minutes from last year's convocation on each table.
 - Gloria Ziemer volunteered to be Katherine Von Bora and will see if her husband will agree to be Martin Luther. Lynn Coughenour volunteered to be the Narrator. Lisa Overcash will ask Pastor Floyd Bost to play Martin Luther if Gloria's husband cannot.
 - Lynn Coughenour agreed to oversee the CLW Board election process. Three CLW Board terms will need to be filled: Lisa Overcash, Faith, Faith, NC, Jennie Cannon, St. Paul, Chapin, SC and Gloria Ziemer, St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC.
 - Hymns for the day include "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word" and "A Mighty Fortress."
 - Lisa Overcash will check to see how many folders were left over from last year to see if we need to get more from Thrivent. Pam Cansler has pens and other items left over from last year.
 - Lisa Overcash agreed to revise and print the program for the Convocation after a line-by-line review.
 - Mission Church updates at the Convocation: Christ United, Granite Falls, NC and a suggestion to invite the new Mission Church in Winston-Salem, NC.
 - Brenda Dunn will try to get brochures and a video from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
 - In-Kind Gifts will benefit Family Crisis Council in Salisbury, NC and suggested donation items are paper towels, toilet paper, gift cards and checks.
 - Susanne Bebbler will have prayer before the Offering.
 - Pam Cansler is checking on having a "door ornament" made of wood to give to participants to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.
 - Discussed ways to reach out to new member churches. One suggestion was to establish a contact on the NALC Executive Council, possibly the Dean or Secretary, who can give us information on new churches.
 - Send Registration information and Flyers out in June.
3. Future Program Idea: Women of the Bible that St. Jacob's in Chapin, SC performed. Twelve women from the Old and New Testament were represented. Gloria Ziemer participated in the presentation and recommended it highly.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Gordon-Conwell.

Brenda Dunn volunteered to have devotions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Pam Cansler
 CLW Secretary
 Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council

National NALC Convocation
August 10-12, 2016
Anaheim, CA

6th Annual CLW Convocation
September 17, 2016
Faith Lutheran Church
Faith, NC

Minutes from Carolinas Lutheran Women's Council Meeting August 6, 2016

Council Members:

Lisa Overcash – Faith, Faith, NC (Chair)

Pam Cansler – St. Martin's, Maiden, NC (Secretary)

Jennie Cannon – St. Peter, Chapin, SC (Treasurer)

Susanne Bebbler – Concordia, China Grove, NC (Historian)

Lynn Coughenour – Union, Salisbury, NC

Brenda Dunn – St. John's, Statesville, NC

Gloria Ziemer – St. Jacobs, Chapin, SC

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The CLW Council held its fourth 2016 meeting on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC. Council members in attendance were Lisa Overcash, Jennie Cannon, Susanne Bebbler, Lynn Coughenour, Brenda Dunn, Gloria Ziemer and Pam Cansler.

Lisa Overcash called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Devotions were shared by Brenda Dunn on the abundant life that comes from knowing, trusting and following Jesus. We graciously receive this gift and, in faith and by God's direction, we share this abundant life with others. The Bible passage came from John 10:10. Brenda Dunn gave each Council member a copy of "9 Steps to Spiritual Conversation."

Minutes from the May 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jennie Cannon and seconded by Lisa Overcash to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Jennie Cannon gave the following Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning Balance = \$3,439.84
- 10 Congregations mailed contributions totaling \$660
- Expenses for stamps and copy paper came to \$35.60
- Ending Balance = \$4,064.24

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Brenda Dunn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Susanne Bebbler seconded and the motion carried.

The following business was discussed:

1. Lutheran World Relief Kits - Faith Lutheran Church, Faith, NC is currently a designated drop off site for the kits. CLW may want to post this information on the website and Facebook.
2. Carolinas Mission District Convocation - Jennie Cannon reported that the Carolinas Lutheran Women were left off the program agenda. Jason Sigmon, NALC Secretary needs to be notified to make the correction for next year. Jennie also noted that Carolinas Lutheran Women gave an offering of \$300 to the Carolinas Mission District. The check was given to NALC Treasurer, Debbie Rinehart.
3. CLW Convocation – September 17th at Faith Lutheran Church, Faith, NC
 - Discussed designating the Convocation Offering to a St. Jude Affiliate Clinic, Novant Health Hemby Children's Hospital, located at 301 Hawthorne Lane, Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28204. Council was excited that an affiliate of St. Jude was as close as Charlotte, NC. Brenda Dunn will arrange to have some visuals at the Convocation.

- Door Ornament - Pam Cansler brought 2 designs for the Council to view. Council decided to use the rounded wooden door instead of the rectangular wooden door. Brenda Dunn is checking with a printer to see if we will be able to place a decal with the dates 1517-2017 on the door to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.
 - Discussed
 - Bible Study – Psalm 46
 - Breakout session (at different tables) for participants to complete a Share Sheet listing programs or projects their congregations have found successful to share with the group. CLW will post this to the website and Facebook.
 - Reformation thought, idea or reflection to post on the large door (on their way back to their original seats). Lisa Overcash will provide the index cards and the large red door.
 - View the CLW Facebook Page and Website on screen - Lisa Overcash will see if her daughter will navigate both at the Convocation.
 - Mission Church updates - Christ United, Granite Falls, NC and a suggestion to invite the newly formed Mission Church, Grace Lutheran Church in Advance, NC.
 - Include a Treasurer's Report in each folder
 - Provide a copy of the Convocation Minutes from last year on each table
 - Discussed asking Dawn Rister, Vicar and former Seminarian at Gordon-Conwell Lutheran Theological Seminary to have prayer
 - Program - Reformation's Rib, written by James G. Cobb will be enacted by Gloria Ziemer, as Katherine Von Bora and her husband Bob Ziemer as the infamous Martin Luther. Lynn Coughenour will narrate.
 - Lisa Overcash reported that there were 13 Thrivent folders left over from last year, so we will need to get more. Pam Cansler volunteered to purchase 100 folders since many retailers had school supplies on sale. Pam has pens and other items left over from last year.
 - Susanne Bebbler will provide the Comment Cards.
4. CLW Convocation Registration Cost for Host Church Attendees - The idea was mentioned of reducing the registration cost for the host church attendees. After much discussion, Jennie Cannon made a motion to leave the registration cost the same for all attendees, host church workers and Board. Pam Cansler seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

The next gathering will be the 6th Annual CLW Convocation on September 17, 2016 at Faith Lutheran Church, Faith, NC. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the Convocation begins at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Share Sheet ideas from 2016 CLW Convocation

Congregation	Idea	Contact
Bethel Lutheran	Weekend Retreat and Bible Study School supplies for local schools Christmas Angel Tree Food and blankets for local crisis ministry Baby Bottle Blessings(they fill baby bottles with money for local crisis center)	Susan Lutz Lutzsusan74@gmail.com
Holy Trinity Troutman	They often meet for dinner as well as devotions and discussions Projects include—Help ministries with food, My Sisters House with toilet articles, Samaritan’s Purse, Baruim Springs donations, Lutheran World Relief	None given
St. John’s Statesville	Have a Thankoffering Service Projects—collect mfg coupons for Troops, collect pennies to give to charities each year, collect pop tops for Ronald McDonald House, support Pregnancy Resource Center, My Sisters House, Fifth Street ministry Shelter	Ann Bejeck Abejeck43@gmail.com
New Jerusalem Hickory	They sometimes meet in restaurants as well as homes and church, they have used Sola Publishing Women’s Bible Studies. Projects—LWR school kits, meals for Non-offending parent and child when they meet for training and parent in jail, Heifer projects, Shower for pregnancy center, food for ECCCM	Sandra Bollinger Sdbollinger73@gmail.com
Salem Salisbury	Meetings include Bible studies ans Missionary Reports Projects-Heifer Project, Angel Tree, Golden Age Banquet, Meals for school children, Mother/Daughter Banquet, Retreats, Suitcases for Social Services, Yard Sale, Health Kits, Bake Sale, Trinity Oaks adoptee	None given
Immanuel	Projects-Talent Show, Silent Auction for Scholarship Fund	Kim Weeks Hatwomancharlotte.twcbc.com

St. Peter's Lexington, SC	Project-Coffee, Coke, Crafts, Cooking where members come together and a volunteer shares talents. Sometimes fee of \$5 going to mission projects, Mission Market (vendors come and present wares), Bake Shop, Cookie Bar, Frozen Casseroles, Café, Photography Studio, garage sale, Country store, Craft shop are offered	Clyde Sanders Jcsanders11@windstream.net
Christiana	Programs-Covered dish followed by Pool Party, meet at restaurants, Health and Ministry Fair for community Projects-Soul Hope (shoe making project solehope.org), Mother/Daughter Banquet, Bake Sale (suggest the Sunday before Thanksgiving), Duffle bags for local children's home	LaVaughn Beaver Ldbeaver@bellsouth.net
St Peter's Lexington, SC	Programs-Womens Bible study, Retreats Projects-Missions Market where all proceeds go to local and worldwide missions	Donna Shealy Donnamaria58@gmail.com
Concordia	They have supper at every meeting Projects-Blessing Bags with personal items, snack and water	Sherri Foster Slffoster002@yahoo.com
Trinity Landis	Programs-Bible Study, Project Planning, Devotions Projects-Service projects supported by meals after church: Souper Bowl, Main Street Mission and Scholarship Funds	Judy Davis Judy.davis014@gmail.com