



Welcome to the 33rd Annual Synodical Convention of the Central States Women of the ELCA

Greetings! Enclosed is information for our convention being held August 7, 8 and 9, 2020 at the Best Western Premier Hotel (Kansas City Sports Complex), 4011 Blue Ridge Cut Off, Kansas City, Missouri. Please note this is a different hotel and area than announced at last year's convention. Our theme this year is a powerful one, "My Story, Your Story, Our Story" with the verse Psalm 51:15 "Oh, Lord, open my lips...and my mouth will declare your praise."

If you have never been to convention, we hope you will prayerfully consider attending this gathering of Central States women. You will have opportunities to share your faith stories, make new friends, and leave with a smile on your face from the joy of fellowship, worship, and a renewed spirit. We hope you plan to participate in our fundraising efforts of the little raffle/silent auction/quilt raffle that help support our CSS Women of the ELCA.

Check with your Cluster Coordinator to see if a van or carpool is being considered, or offer to organize this yourself for the cluster, your church, or nearby churches. This is also a wonderful time to talk and get to know others.

Please note these important dates:

May 1 – Enclosed board nomination form deadline to Dawn Lessiack

May 1 – Enclosed Grant Application form for convention registration fee (\$70 waived) deadline to Loretta Holmes

June 1 –Voting Member registration form and T-shirt order form deadline to Anna Prockish

June 15 – Participant/guest registration form and T-shirt order form deadline to Anna Prockish without late fee

July 3 – Hotel reservations deadline

July 10 – Refund requests deadline to the President, Alice Burnett

Separate pages in this packet:

- Welcome letter from President Alice Burnett
- Registration form for attendees
- Grant Application for convention registration fee waiver
- Officer/board member nomination form
- Raffle/silent auction/quilt raffle information
- Resolution form
- Voting member card (small paper)
- T-shirt order form
- Tentative Agenda
- Directions to the hotel/things to do

Cluster Assignments (with Coordinators listed) are as follows:

Logo (Developed by Your Board)

SE Kansas City Metro (Paula Simonich) – Program, Worship, and Music

Post Rock (Rhonda Templing) – Banner

Smoky Valley/Revelation (Marty Ryan/Gloria Martin) – Distribute T-Shirts

Disciples of the Plains (Carolyn Mott) – Table Grace Friday Evening

Revelation/Smoky Valley (Gloria Martin/Marty Ryan) - Table Grace Saturday Noon

Northern Lights (Lynda Tobald) – Table Grace Saturday Night Banquet

Amazing Women (Wilma Prifti) – Barbara Nelson Scholarship Auction

Heartland (Sarah Dunning) – Mini Raffle

Ozark Mountain (Mick Friberg) – Quilt Raffle

Mid-Missouri (Janice Gerken) – Prayer Partner Exchange

God's Sonflowers (Cindy Wadlington) – Banquet Table Favors

Clusters in charge of the t-shirt distribution and auction/raffles should plan to arrive around 1 pm on Friday to assist with setup and receiving items. Thank you!

Odds & Ends:

- Prayer Partner information: At the sign-up table, you will be given an index card for your name, address, and date of birth and will exchange it with another person on Friday evening. This is an opportunity to communicate and pray with a new friend during the year.
- Alice Burnett will lead the Friday night Bedtime Story group in devotions and prayer. Kathy Steinke will lead Saturday night.
- Special group activities are planned on Friday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. Bring your needles, hooks, and yarn/thread for either knitting or crocheting; patterns and some yarn will be provided for Pocket Prayer Squares. Any kind of fabric or yarn, 2 inches wide by at least 12 inches long, will be used for the Weaving Wonders led by Kathy Steinke.
- In-kind gifts to bring are large size (not travel size) body lotion, body wash, shampoo, and conditioner, and pill bottles (any size). These items are then put in the pill bottles and distributed by The Gathering Table ministry at the former Children's Memorial Church in Kansas City, MO. This will be a Saturday morning activity for those not attending the business meeting.
- If you plan to sing in choir, please be sure to check the box at the bottom of registration form so worship leader can plan for music. Late comers will also be welcomed to sing.

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