



I greet you as President of Central States Synod Women of the ELCA. I invite you to attend this organization's 33st annual convention.

The theme is: "My Story, Your Story, Our Story" based on Psalm 51:15: "Oh Lord, open my lips...and my mouth will declare your praise".

Vice-President Beth Rockelman, convention chair, and a team of ladies are planning this convention to be held at Best Western Premiere Kansas City Sports Complex on August 7-9, 2020.

Besides the many things to do and see in Kansas City and the area, you will have an opportunity to visit with Bishop Candea and the church wide representative. I encourage you to bid on our silent auction, quilt and little raffle. Remember to bring your baskets and individual raffle items.

We will continue with our traditional prayer partner exchange. You just need to know your address and birthday. The exchange item will be provided.

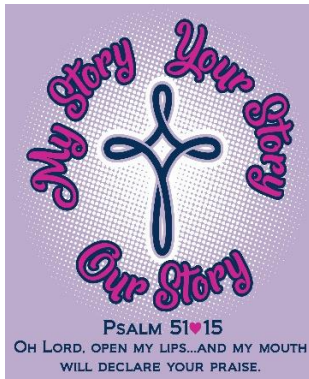
Bring the names and addresses of your congregation's college students, wherever they attend, so that they can be shared with Campus Ministries. A form for you to complete will be provided at the convention.

Central States Synodical Women of the ELCA have many ideas and passions. What a good way to address and share them by submitting a resolution to be considered at the convention? Central States women are gifted with leadership. I urge you to prayerfully consider sharing your gifts by serving on the board. Forms for nominations and resolutions are included in this mailing.

I look forward to seeing and visiting with you in Kansas City, MO.

Your sister in Christ,

Alice Burnett, President of CSS Women of the ELCA



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.

Anna Prockish, 2430 Village Lane, Salina, KS 67401 785.212.0685

aprock7778@gmail.com

Registrar

CENTRAL STATES SYNODICAL WOMEN OF THE ELCA CONVENTION REGISTRATION

August 7, 8 and 9, 2020

Best Western Premier Hotel (Kansas City Sports Complex), 4011 Blue Ridge Cut Off,
Kansas City, MO 64133 Telephone: 800-528-1234

Theme: My Story, Your Story, Our Story

Bible Verse: Psalm 51:15 Oh Lord, open my lips...and my mouth will declare your praise

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone Number_____E-Mail_____

Church Name and City_____

Cluster_____

_____ Voting Member registration due by June 1 _____ Participant/guest registration due by June 15

Voting Members are to be e-mailed by July 1 any resolutions and biographies of nominations for board members. They will also be asked to assist on committees during convention such as nominating, resolutions, etc. by President Alice Burnett prior to convention.

Convention Hotel Lodging is \$98.15 per night, includes breakfast and is tax exempt. **Make reservations directly with hotel by July 3rd.** Telephone: 800-528-1234. May have 4 persons per room.

Full Convention Registration	\$ 70	Meals: Friday Evening	_____ \$ 24
Saturday only Registration	40	Saturday Lunch on your own	
Cluster Coordinators \$10 discount		Saturday Banquet	_____ \$ 27
Late Registration after June 15	80		

Special dietary needs _____

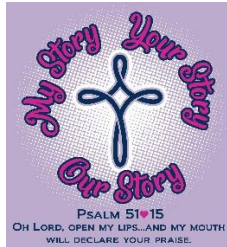
Registration Costs	\$_____	
Total Meals	\$_____	
T-Shirt Order	\$_____	(pick up at convention) include order form with registration
Grand Total	\$_____	Make check payable to CSS Women of the ELCA

No refunds for registration, meals, or t-shirts will be given after **July 10th**

Send registration and T-shirt forms to Anna Prockish, Registrar, 2430 Village Lane, Salina, KS 67401
Anna will contact you by email or phone to let you know your registration/check have been received.

_____I am interested in singing in the choir.

The Central States Synodical Women of the ELCA will be taking pictures and videotaping at the Convention. By registering for this event, you give the Synodical and Churchwide organizations permission to use your image and comments in educational, information, and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.



T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Convention
August 7-9, 2020
Kansas City, Missouri

DEADLINE TO ORDER: June 15, 2020

\$10.00 – S – M – L – XL

\$13.00 – 2XL

\$14.00 – 3XL

Include this form with Convention Registration

*--Registrar Anna Prockish, 2430 Village Lane,
Salina, KS 67401*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



33rd Central States Synodical Convention, August 7-9, 2020
Best Western Premier Hotel, 4011 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City Missouri

Tentative Agenda (February 2020)

Friday- August 7th

9:00 A.M. **SWO BOARD MEETING**

Union Station 90 min. narrated Trolley Tours are available (816-500-5417 or www.kcfuntours.com)

11:00 A.M. **Registration Open:** Convention Information Booklet, Name Tag/M meal Tickets, T-Shirt(s),

Nomination, Resolution, Lutheran Campus Ministries and Evaluation Forms available.

- In-Kind Gifts - for "The Gathering Table" - Ballroom

- Barbara Nelson Scholarship Silent Action Baskets, Quilt/Little Raffle Items-Ballroom

Quilt = Seminary Education, Little Raffle = CSS W-ELCA Ed Scholarship

- Meet CWO Representative

- Visit Display Booths -- Shop at "**The Bridge**"

1 - 4:00 P.M. - Weave/Knit/Crochet palm of your hand size comfort prayer crosses, squares, pockets

1 - 5:00 P.M. - Share Your Stories

4:30 P.M. - Choir Practice -- Ballroom

- **Turn in Resolutions by 8:00 p.m. at Registrar's Table**

5:45 P.M. Sing - a - Long -- Ballroom

6:00 P.M. Table Grace * Prayer Partner Exchange-Gift Provided * Dinner – KC Bar-B-Q - Ballroom

7:15 P.M. Announcements * Convention Opening * Welcome From Kansas City, Missouri

Introductions: Churchwide Representative, Central States Synod Bishop

Education Scholarships, Barbara Nelson Scholarships and Grant Recipients

Greetings & Report by CWO Representative

Greetings and Report From Central States Synod Bishop Susan Candea

Triennial Attendees Share Stories / Sister Synod Stories

Opening Worship - LOVE OFFERING Received

Small Groups Bedtime Devotions

Saturday, August 8th

Breakfast

8:15 A.M. Devotions – Bishop Susan Candea - Ballroom

8:30 A.M. Vendors Moments – Ballroom

9:15 A.M. **PARTICIPANTS –Bible Spices and Oils orThe Gathering Table Activity**

9:15 A.M. **VOTING MEMBERS -BUSINESS SESSION** - Opening Prayer (Ballroom)

Call to Order and Review Standing Rules

Report of Credentials Committee – Registrar – Anna Prockish

Introduce Parliamentarian, Changes to Committees or Convention Agenda

Dawn Lessiack/Carolyn Olson- Report of the Nominating Committee

for Central States Synod Officers and Board Members.

Election of Vice President

Report of the Offerings Committee

Treasurer's Report

Presentation of Proposed Budget

Report of Elections Committee

Report of Nominating Committee – Election of Secretary

President's Report

Committee on President's Report

Report of Elections Committee

(Business Meeting Continued)

Approval of Proposed Budget
Report of Nominations Committee for CSS Board Members
Reference and Council Committee Report
Report of Elections Committee
Report of Nominating Committee (if needed)
Music
Report of Election Committee (if needed)
Announcements / Prayer

11:00 P.M. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Focus Groups #1 CWO Bible Study - _____ Room
#2 Bible Spices & Oils - _____ Room
#3 Quilt Histories - _____ Room
#4 Italy (Via Dolorosa) - _____ Room
#5 Sharing Faith Stories/Preparing your Elevator Speech - _____ Room
#6 Pet Therapy - _____ Room
#7 Western Heritage-Apparel-Docent-Travel - _____ Room
#8 Cluster Leaders - _____ Room

(names of all meeting rooms for groups unavailable at this time)

12:30-1:50 P.M. #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 & 7; **2:00-3:15 P.M.** #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 & #6;
3:30-4:50P.M. #1, #3, #5, # 7 & 8

5:00 P.M. Choir Practice, Shop “The Bridge”, Visit Displays, Silent Auction
Open Bidding, Quilt Raffle & Little Raffle

6:30 P.M. Table Grace * Banquet
2021 Convention Invitation
Entertainment – Music
Announce Silent Auction Basket and Raffle Winners
Small Groups Bedtime Devotions

Sunday, August 9th

Breakfast

8:15 A.M. Recap / Finish Convention Business

9:00 A.M. Sharing our Worship Service -- Installation of Officers

10:30 A.M. Post Convention Board Meeting—Both incoming and outgoing Officers/Board Members

REGISTRATION FEE GRANTS

OFFERED FOR THE 2020 CONVENTION OF THE CENTRAL STATES SYNOD WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Grants will be offered for the **Convention Registration Fee**. Each Cluster is being encouraged to take a special offering at its Spring meeting in order to help bring someone to convention. The number of grants available will depend upon the offerings received. The grant **does not include food and lodging**. If you have any questions, please call Beth Rockelman or contact a CSS Women of the ELCA Board Member. **Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2020.**

Return grant applications to: **Loretta Holmes**
568 Turkle
Haysville, KS 67060

Phone: 316.524.0965
e-mail: lholmes8@sbcglobal.net

- Only one name from each Unit may be submitted.
- First time applicants get preference. No applicant will be considered after having received a grant **twice**.

APPLICANTS MUST BE:

1. A woman of any age.
2. A member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

APPLICANTS MUST QUALIFY IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- _____ I am providing care for an elderly relative in a home setting.
_____ I am a student.
_____ My children are under 18 years of age and are living at home.
_____ I have never attended a Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Convention.

I am attending as a Voting Member _____ or Participant _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cluster _____

E-mail _____

Church Name and Address _____

What do you hope to gain from the experience of attending the Women of the ELCA Convention?

2020 WOMEN OF THE ELCA SYNODICAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION FORM

Resolution Number_____ (Assigned by committee)

Voting Member's Name_____

Congregational Unit_____

RESOLUTION (additional sheets may be used):

WHEREAS:

RESOLVED:

Voting Member's Signatures

Copies to President_____ Secretary_____ Chairperson_____

CONSIDERATION FOR NOMINATION FORM
CENTRAL STATES SYNODICAL ORGANIZATION
WOMEN OF THE ELCA

*** Positions those nominations are needed for 2020 are:**

_____ **Vice-President**

_____ **Secretary**

_____ **Board Member**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone _____ **Work phone** _____

Email address _____

Name of congregation _____

Address _____

Please complete both pages of this form and return by May 1, 2020 to:

Dawn Lessiack
3611 W Hilltop Drive
Columbia, MO 65203

If you have any questions, contact Dawn at: Home 573 442 0141 Cell 573 268 9768
Email: dr.lessiack@gmail.com

***Check those positions in which the nominee is willing to serve.**
Individuals nominated must consent to serve if elected.

CONSIDERATION FOR NOMINATION continued:

Please list your experience (beginning with the most recent first, list significant experience in each area over the last ten years.)

Occupational History _____

Leadership or participation in church women's organization _____

Leadership or participation in congregation _____

Leadership or participation in church wide ELCA _____

Other organizations _____

Community _____

Rationale for believing nominee can serve effectively in position(s) for which selected:

Signature of President/Coordinator/Leader

Of nominee's Congregational Unit

(Must have this signature to be viable)

2020 Convention - Raffles, Auctions, and Scholarships, Oh My!

Convention participants will have the opportunity to participate in not 1, not 2, but 3 raffles/auctions!!

1. “Little Raffle” - Any new, never used, or not opened item or items can be donated; they may be displayed individually or in a group. Tickets are \$1/each or 6 for \$5.00 and placed in a paper bag in front of the items of choice. Examples of prizes have been hand-made greeting cards, a subscription to Gather Magazine, hand lotion, perfume, jewelry, coffee mug, etc. The proceeds go to the Central States WELCA Educational Scholarship Fund.
2. “Silent Auction” – Bids are written down on various containers of items donated by individuals, units, or clusters. Some ideas are food, wine, journaling materials, books, baby sets, quilts, cooking kits, gift cards, note cards, etc. Need inspiration? Try Pinterest! The proceeds go to the Barbara Nelson Scholarship Fund (scholarships for Triennial Convention). Be prepared with cash or check for – no credit cards – when winners are announced on Saturday night after banquet.
3. “Quilt Raffle” –The quilt is donated by Carolyn Olson. Proceeds will go to the Central States Synod Seminary Education Fund specifically to female candidates in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Ordination of Women. Tickets are \$1/each or 6/\$5.00.

What better way to support the education of our women, while having a little (or a lot) of fun doing it!



Directions Information from Google Maps

From Topeka: I-70E to KCMO. Take the Blue Ridge Cutoff Exit 63B to destination (approximately 70 miles) OR I-70East to KS-10E (Lawrence bypass south end of town) turns into I-435E to Blue Ridge Cutoff (approximately 77 miles)

From Emporia: I-35North to I-435E exit 222A then Blue Ridge Cutoff exit 63B from I-435N (approximately 1 hour 42 minutes)

From Springfield: MO-13N to I-49N/US71 to Blue Ridge Cutoff Exit 63B enter from I-435N (approximately 2 hours 35 minutes)

From Columbia: I-70W to Blue Ridge Cutoff exit 9 from I-70W. (approximately 1 hour 44 minutes)

Things To Do From Trip Advisor – A plethora of things within 6 miles! And I didn't get them all!

Missouri Welcome Center 0.4 miles – 4010 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Missouri City, MO

Bingham Waggoner Mansion & Estate 4.3 miles – 313 W. Pacific Ave., Independence

Pioneer Trails Adventures 4.7 miles – 217 N. Main St., Independence (covered wagon tours)

Harry S. Truman Library & Museum 5 miles – 500 W. US Hwy 24, Delaware St., Independence

Harry S. Truman National Historic Site 4.8 miles – 223 N. Main St., Independence

National Frontier Trails Museum 4.3 miles – 318 W. Pacific Ave., Independence

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art – 4525 Oak St., KCMO

National WWI Museum & Memorial 5.9 miles – 2 Memorial Drive, KCMO

Negro Leagues Baseball Museum 5.2 miles – 1616 E. 18th St., KCMO

The Ewing & Marion Kauffman Memorial Garden 5.2 miles – 4800 Rockhill Rd., KCMO

Hallmark Visitors Center 5.7 miles – Crown Center 2500 McGee St., KCMO

Kaleidoscope – a creative space for kids and families provided by Hallmark FREE -2500 Grand Blvd. Crown Center, KCMO

J.C. Nichols Memorial Fountain 5.7 miles – 47th & J.C. Nichols Pkwy Country Club Plaza, KCMO