



President's Report

It has been with God's guidance and help that I have served as President of the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA. Little did I know of the challenges that would occur this past year. I have been encouraged by members of individual units, pastors, past presidents, Region 4 women, and the board members of the CSS Women of the ELCA.

Your board has met virtually for meetings to conduct the business of CSS Women of the ELCA. Due to the pandemic we made difficult decisions regarding board member terms, meetings, the Triennial, and the synod convention. I give thanks for your understanding and patience through these unprecedented times.

In February, five board members participated in "Pivot Don't Panic", a virtual leadership event, presented by Churchwide WELCA. The event featured greetings from Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; a bible study by the Rev. Dr. Wyvetta Bullock, Assistant to the Bishop; worship led by Deacon Patricia Caley; and reports from Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director, and Lisa Plorin, President of the Women of the ELCA. Region 4 presidents and interested board members met via ZOOM for conversation and fellowship before the event.

It was with sadness that we accepted the resignations of two board members, Wendy Hoops and Ann Hoover. They resigned their positions due to change of memberships to other denominations. Our current board members are President, Alice Burnett; Vice-President, Beth Rockelman; Secretary, Annalee Crotinger; Treasurer, Vickie Donnell; board members: Loretta Holmes, Kara Jecha, and Kathy Steinke. The newsletter, *Walking in the Word*, is published quarterly. Mary Liby acts as editor of news and articles submitted from board members.

This position has afforded me the opportunity to gain lifetime friends and grow closer to my BFF's. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as a leader in this wonderful organization. Your prayers, notes, and phone calls have lifted me up in times of anxiety and joy. I am blessed to have gone on this journey with you. Thank you.

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

Alice Burnett, President