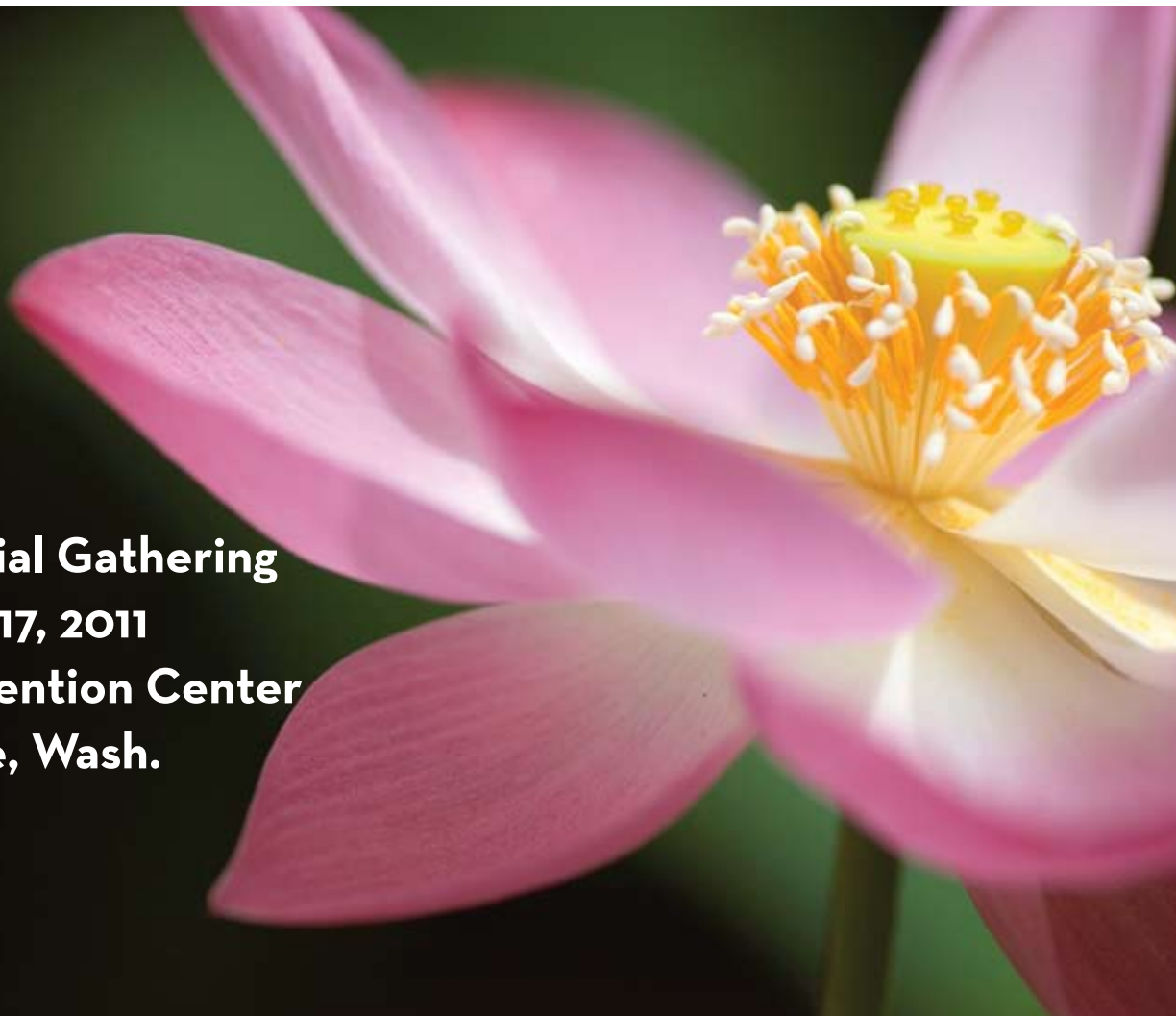




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**Eighth Triennial Gathering
July 14-17, 2011
Spokane Convention Center
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Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

Like a lot of women in the church, we love attending triennial gatherings. Why? Because the gatherings, through the work of the Holy Spirit no doubt, are inspiring and transformational. So when you say “yes” to this invitation to attend the 2011 Triennial Gathering in Spokane, Wash., be prepared for transformation!

Bible study, speakers, workshops, servant opportunities, worship ... we'll explore the gathering theme in all these venues. Cathy Malotky and David Engelstad will open up God's word in our gathering verses, Phillipians 4:4-9, through Bible study. Wyvetta Bullock and Megan Torgerson will help us discover the theme's meaning in our lives through their preaching.

We'll hear how being women of faith has guided our two featured speakers, peacemaker Leymah Gbowee and writer Nora Gallagher, each in her own way. Each afternoon we can learn and grow through workshops and servant opportunities, ensuring new ideas to take home. Read through these materials and feel the excitement grow!

You might dance and sing with abandon, praising God with hundreds of other women. You might get fired up about a social issue, going home to seek changes in your community. You might hear anew God's call, finding yourself considering a missionary assignment or looking at seminary admission brochures. You might be called to change careers or recommit to your existing work because of the words of a speaker. You might learn a new skill in a workshop or try a new project in the exhibit hall.

One thing is for sure. By attending a triennial gathering, you will join in community with other women, creating sustaining bonds of Christian love and experiencing the Holy Spirit in new and remarkable ways. And your life will be forever changed. Won't you join us in Spokane?

Beth Wrenn
Churchwide President

Linda Post Bushkofsky
Executive Director

Main Speakers



NORA GALLAGHER

The Dark Angel: Renewing My Relationship with the Present by Nearly Losing My Sight

Friday, July 15, morning plenary

“It was like a blur at the edge of my right eye, as if a ghost were disappearing around a corner. When I finally got to my eye doctor, he told me my optic nerve was inflamed. I could go blind.

When I asked my minister what to do, he said, ‘When I am in this kind of situation, I ask myself, “what is real now?”’

For the next several months, I learned that if I did not keep myself in the present, in what was real now, I would go into the ‘what-ifs’ of the future or the remorse of the past. I thought a lot about how Jesus comes to us in the present, and how, as a poet said, ‘Task: To be here now ... even in this solemn and absurd role, I am still the place creation does a little work on itself.’ And I also realized that the present holds information that makes it possible for us to make the next step.”

Writer, speaker, preacher and colorful storyteller: Nora Gallagher’s life inspires us because of her faith and the manner in which she embraces life’s challenges.

Renew, Respond, Rejoice! Are you looking for a life-changing experience that will inspire you to live out your faith? Witness the life experiences of two inspirational women as they talk about their faith, share their stories and open their hearts.

Nora Gallagher has turned rejection into renewal many times in her life. After numerous New York publishers turned down her book proposal on families in Prague and she was fired by her agent, she wrote *Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith*, an account of her spiritual life. An avid storyteller, she then wrote *The Changing Light*, a novel being adapted for film that she based on vivid imagery she documented while walking on her land in New Mexico.

Phyllis Tickle, founding editor of the religion department at “Publisher’s Weekly,” recently asked Gallagher to write a book about communion for a series on Christian practices. The idea intrigued her. The result is a memoir-like book about taking communion called *The Sacred Meal*.

Gallagher is editor of the award-winning *Notes from the Field* and contributed a sermon to *Sermons That Work* and a poem to the anthology *September 11, 2001: American Writers Respond*. Her essays, book reviews and writings have appeared in many publications, including “The New York Times Magazine” and “The Los Angeles Times.”

She is preacher-in-residence at Trinity Episcopal Church, Santa Barbara, Calif., and sits on the advisory board of Yale Divinity School. She lives with her husband, novelist and poet Vincent Stanley, in Santa Barbara and New York.

Main Speakers



LEYMAH GBOWEE

Reclaiming Our Space:
A Call to Action for Women
of Faith

Saturday, July 16, morning plenary

Imagine standing up for your rights amidst the tyrannical leadership of a civil war-torn country. Most of us are called to lead people on church committees, work teams or PTO groups. We don't usually find ourselves battling brutal warlords or demanding peace for a nation. But social worker and peacemaker Leymah Gbowee found herself called to lead Liberia on a mission for peace, and she responded.

Philippians 4:9, one of our theme verses, tells us, "the God of peace will be with you." Gbowee assembled an interfaith group of women to campaign for Liberian peace. Hear a first-hand account of her journey at a screening of the documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell" (see the Special Events section for viewing times), and learn about the transformation of a country from peril to peace.

Leymah Gbowee's response to life has kept her focused on peacebuilding and social work for more than 15 years. She brought peace to war-torn Liberia after more than a decade of civil war and is the central figure in the documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell," which chronicles the interfaith, female-led journey for Liberian peace.

She is a founding member and former coordinator of the Women in Peacebuilding Program/West African Network for Peacebuilding (WIPNET/WANEP). During her tenure as coordinator for WIPNET/WANEP, Gbowee organized collaborative peace-building initiatives for a network of women peacebuilders from nine of Liberia's 15 counties. In October 2007, the Women's Leadership Board at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government honored Gbowee with the Blue Ribbon Peace Award. This annual award is given to individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to peace-building through innovative strategies that promote women's leadership in peace processes on local, national or international levels.

Today, Gbowee is executive director of Women Peace and Security Network Africa (WIPSEN-Africa), based in Accra, Ghana. She holds an M.A. in conflict transformation from Eastern Mennonite University and is a mother of five.

Workshops

Revitalize and Grow in Faith! Attend these inspirational workshops and take advantage of a great opportunity to learn practical skills and be in fellowship. These 90-minute sessions are offered twice on both Friday and Saturday afternoons, from 1:00–2:30 p.m. and again from 3:00–4:30 p.m. *No advance registration is required.* Workshops are offered on a first-come, first-seated basis.

Understanding the Gospel of Mark: Introduction to the 2011-12 Lutheran Woman Today Bible Study

The Rev. Patricia Lull

Lull became interested in the Gospel of Mark in childhood. Upon first hearing its stories at St. John Lutheran Church in Fremont, Ohio, she began imagining life in that biblical world. Today, she's designed the 2011-12 *Lutheran Woman Today (LWT)* Bible study for both experienced and novice Bible readers, inviting all to become 21st-century disciples. Gain insight into Mark's Gospel and prepare to participate in *LWT's* upcoming Bible study.

Renew, Respond, Rejoice: 2011 Summer Bible Study

The Rev. Catherine Malotky and The Rev. David Engelstad

Philippians 4:4–9 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always ... and the God of peace will be with you." Catherine Malotky and David Engelstad will inspire you to live out your faith by taking a closer look at the Bible passages that inspired this year's gathering. This moving, three-session summer study explores how we can renew our faith lives, respond to God's call and rejoice in our many blessings.

Prayer in Daily Life

Dr. Jane Redmont

Open your mind to new methods of praying and you'll discover ways to renew your spirit. Redmont, an author, spiritual director and professor of religious studies at Guilford College, will teach you that prayer can be performed through touch, ritual, writing, meditation and music. It can take place while playing a piano or planting a garden. You will discuss resistance to prayer as well as receive suggestions for helping children find their natural voices of prayer.

Luther's New Appreciation of Sexuality, Marriage and Family

The Rev. Dr. Jane Strohl

Interested in Lutheran history? Here's a great opportunity to learn or reacquaint yourself with the teachings of Martin Luther. Join Jane Strohl, professor of Reformation history and theology at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, who will discuss Martin Luther's ethics in the realms of church and household. Plus, learn about his evangelical understanding of marriage and sexuality and its theological roots.

On Our Way: A Living Faith That's Good for the World

The Rev. Susan Briehl and Mary Emily Briehl Duba, mother and daughter

Experience the gathering's intergenerational connections as this mother-daughter team addresses coming generations' interest in living in a way that supports our endangered planet, is life-giving to others and is attentive to the presence of God. They'll also share findings from Briehl's newly published book on faithful living, *On Our Way: Christian Practices for Your Whole Life*, which focuses on young adults' faith lives.

Charitable Gift Planning: A Gift from the Church to the Church

Brenda Moore

Have you included charitable gifts in your estate planning? Express your faith by supporting the church and its ministries. Moore, a gift planner for the ELCA Foundation, will help you explore a variety of options for making a significant gift to the ministries you want to support and fulfilling your personal legacy goals. Discover different ways to plan and give gifts, answering your call to live as a faithful and generous steward.

Workshops

Intercultural Competence for Leadership in a Diverse World

Stacy Kitahata

As we move further into the 21st century, it's essential to value our diverse world and have the skills needed to successfully respond within this massive melting pot. Kitahata will help you learn those skills and provide practical tools for effectively communicating with diverse groups of people. Learn how to initiate and deepen relationships across cultural, ethnic and racial divides while developing your own cultural self-awareness. You'll appreciate this interactive presentation and gain a number of useful fundamentals.

Chemical Craze: Detoxifying Your Home

Danielle Welliever

With increasing frequency, we hear about studies linking chemicals in everyday household products to negative effects on our health. In fact, your children bear the greatest burden of these health hazards. Learn about today's top 10 chemicals of concern and how they can affect your health. Plus, understand the meaning behind the Toxic Substance Control Act and how it will impact the health of generations to come.

The Power of Language

The Rev. Ann Tiemeyer

Words, symbols and pictures define, motivate and inspire. Like a puzzle, when pieced together just right, these three communication elements hold the keys to an important message that can alter your thinking or greatly change your life. Tiemeyer will explore the power of language and its life-giving ways to extend the church's mission to your local church and community. Plus, explore how the power of language impacts your life, faith community and relationship with God.

Plus, look forward to these additional workshops

Women and Power, Dr. Mary Streufert, the ELCA's director for Justice for Women

Marks of Discipleship, Valora Starr, Women of the ELCA's director for discipleship

Building the Organization, Women of the ELCA leadership

Walking in Solidarity with Your Global Sisters

Meagan Manas

"A Walk to Beautiful," one of the feature film screenings, tells the devastating tale of five Ethiopian women with fistula, a medical condition resulting from severe or failed childbirth, and their walk to a far-away hospital for help (see the Special Events section for film viewing times). Meagan Manas, who works in women's ministries at the National Council of Churches, will lead this powerful workshop on raising awareness of obstetric fistula, commercial sexual exploitation and maternal health. Educate your community about women's health around the globe. Put faith into action by praying for the well-being of your global sisters.

Spirituality of Anti-Racism

Romi Pierce and The Rev. Violet Little

As God's people, we are called to unite and work together to achieve the world's goals. Yet we are all different, so how can we work together for the common good? Today's Dream: Tomorrow's Reality (TDTR) is a network of peer educators commissioned by Women of the ELCA to "claim and practice an anti-racist identity." How does anti-racism education connect you to the power of Christ's resurrection? Pierce and Little will help you understand the deep spirituality that emerges within a wounded healer as she seeks wisdom and applies it to everyday life and the world around her.

Sacred Space as Metaphor

Inez Torres Davis

Do you have a sacred space, a private place to renew your relationship with God? Such a space can aid you with spiritual growth and healing, and perhaps provide a place to meditate in private to become closer to God. Davis, Women of the ELCA's director for justice, will explore the ways in which God's sacred intentions for each of us become a model of the sacred spaces we create here on earth. Explore the ways God's indwelling spirit changes us, enhancing our compassion, understanding and forgiveness.

Worship Services

Raise a Joyful Noise to the Lord! Worship at the triennial gathering promises to be an uplifting, joy-filled experience. Previous gathering participants often cite worship as a highlight of the event. Singing and praying with so many sisters in Christ is an uplifting and moving experience, one you won't want to miss.

Morning Opening Worship

Friday, July 15, 9 a.m.

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Wyvetta Bullock

Presiding: The Rev. Susan Briehl

This is a Thankoffering Service with Holy Communion. The Thankofferings collected support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization.

Evening Service of Prayer

Friday, July 15, 5 p.m.

Presiding: Dr. Jane Redmont

Evening Closing Worship

Saturday, July 16, 7 p.m.

Preaching: The Rev. Megan Torgerson

Presiding: The Rev. Mary Louise Frenchman

The offering collected at this Service of Holy Communion will be shared among the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (25%), Women Peace and Security Network Africa (25%) and the ongoing ministries of Women of the ELCA (50%).



Gathering Choir—Sing Out Loud!

Are you a soprano, alto or tenor? No matter your vocal range, you are invited to participate in our gathering choir! This year, the choir will rehearse separately from workshop and other educational sessions. In order to participate, you need to attend at least one rehearsal plus the final dress rehearsal prior to Saturday evening's closing worship.

You must preregister for the choir as we will be mailing choir members the choral music approximately two months prior to the gathering.

"The highlight of the TG is the incredible power of the Holy Spirit present in all the women of various cultures, ages, shapes and sizes who attend. It is witnessed in fellowship, worship, workshops and song."

—MARY ELLEN KIESNER, 64, MENOMONEE FALLS, WISCONSIN

Worship Leaders



The Rev. Dr. Wyvetta Bullock

Opening Thankoffering Service

Friday, July 15, 9 a.m.

Bullock has served on the churchwide staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 1988. She currently serves as executive for administration in the Office of the Presiding Bishop. An ELCA pastor, she received her M.Div. and D.Min. in preaching from the

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). She is also a pastoral associate at Bethel Lutheran Church in Chicago and founder and CEO of Equipping Leaders Ministries, Inc.

Bullock is a contributing author to two books, *The Evangelizing Church: A Lutheran Contribution* and *The Missional Church and Denominations: Helping Congregations Develop a Missional Identity*. She and her husband, Neil, have two children, David and Karen Ann.

Worship Leaders



The Rev. Susan Briehl
Opening Thankoffering Service
Friday, July 15, 9 a.m.

Briehl, an ELCA pastor, has served as executive director of Holden Village, a Lutheran center for renewal in the North Cascade Mountains in Washington State. She began that ministry in August 1994 along with her husband, Martin Wells. Previously, they served as campus pastors at Pacific Lutheran University and as pastors of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Bellingham, Wash. Currently, she works with the Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People of Faith in Indiana and as the Distinguished Professor of the Art of Ministry at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

Briehl's work includes a devotional book for families with children, *Come Lord Jesus: Devotions for the Home*; two chapters co-authored with her daughters in *Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens*; *Turn My Heart: A Sacred Journey from Brokenness to Healing*, a resource for those who are suffering that she wrote with Marty Haugen; and *On Our Way: Christian Practices for Your Whole Life*, a book for young adults published in 2010.



Dr. Jane Redmont
Evening Prayer Service
Friday, July 15, 5 p.m.

Redmont is the author of *When in Doubt, Sing: Prayer in Daily Life*, a book about prayer and a whole lot more.

A professor of religious studies at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., she has worked in campus, parish, and urban ministries and is preparing for ordination in the Episcopal Church. She will also lead a workshop on prayer.



The Rev. Mary Louise Frenchman
Closing Worship
Saturday, July 16, 7 p.m.

Frenchman, an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, was born on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. She worked at St. Paulus Lutheran Church in San Francisco throughout the 1990s as an outreach coordinator and attended Pacific Lutheran Theological

Seminary in Berkeley, Calif. Frenchman retired in 2010 after 10 years of serving Living Waters Lutheran Church in Cherokee, N.C. She is the daughter of two World War II veterans—her father served in the Army and her mother served in the Navy. She is “64 years young” and currently serves as chaplain to the Madison Street Veterans Association in Phoenix, Ariz., which reaches out to help homeless veterans.



The Rev. Megan Torgerson
Closing Worship
Saturday, July 16, 7 p.m.

Torgerson is a 2002 graduate of Concordia College (Moorhead, Minn.) and 2006 graduate of Luther Seminary,

St. Paul, Minn. She spent 2007 living and traveling abroad, where she studied in Rome at the Angelicum, a Pontifical University, as the recipient of a graduate preaching fellowship. She is currently the associate pastor at Augustana Lutheran Church in West St. Paul, Minn. She also does frequent curriculum and theological writing and has contributed to books such as *Crazy Talk* and *The Lutheran Handbook for Pastors*. A former Miss Minnesota, she also spends time volunteering for various pageants.



Dr. Thomas Wade Jefferson
Choir Conductor

Jefferson recently received his DMA in piano performance and pedagogy from the Northwestern University School of Music in Evanston, Ill. A native of Galveston, Texas, Jefferson is regarded as an accomplished performer in both the classical and popular genres and has collaborated with numerous vocal artists. He participated in the Eleventh International Chopin Piano Competition in Poland and has performed as a recitalist across the country and within the Chicago area. His hymn arrangements are published by Augsburg Press. Currently, Jefferson serves on the piano faculty of the Sherwood Conservatory of Music and is music minister at the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows on Chicago's west side.

Special Events

Chocolate Lounge: A Young Women's Gathering

Thursday, July 14, 8:30–10 p.m.

Kick off the 2011 Triennial Gathering at a late-evening get-together especially for women in their 20s and 30s. Develop new friendships and catch up with friends from past gatherings! Network, socialize, relax and have fun. Plus, enjoy all the tasty treats the Chocolate Lounge offers! Why resist?

Dessert and cash bar

\$15 (pre-registration required)



Run, Walk and Roll

Saturday, July 16, 6:30–8 a.m.

Reaffirm your commitment to our ongoing health initiative by collecting pledges and joining hundreds of Lutheran women in a fundraising Run, Walk and Roll in support of Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls.

Start walking on Saturday, July 16 at 6:30 a.m. in Spokane's Riverfront Park, which covers a portion of the Centennial Trail that follows the contours of the Spokane River. Riverfront Park, beautiful in all seasons, includes 100 acres of land and water. Centennial Trail is ADA accessible.

Sign up for the Run, Walk and Roll when you register for the gathering. A pledge kit will be mailed to you after you register. More than 300 women participated in the 2008 Run, Walk and Roll. We need *you* to help us go over that number and have an even more successful event in 2011!

Film Screenings

All film screenings will take place in the Conference Theater (room 110) at the Spokane Convention Center.



Pray the Devil Back to Hell

Thursday, July 14, 1 p.m.

Friday, July 15, 7 p.m.

This documentary chronicles the remarkable story of the courageous Liberian women who came together to pray for peace and staged a silent protest outside the Presidential Palace in order to end a bloody civil war and bring

peace to their country. Saturday's speaker, Leymah Gbowee, is featured in the film. She was the leader who brought women into a group called the Christian Women's Initiative and began issuing a series of calls for peace. She then led a delegation of Liberian women to Ghana to continue to apply pressure during the peace negotiations. (72 minutes running time)

Hear Leymah Gbowee speak! Saturday, July 16 at 9 a.m. Details on page 5.

A Walk to Beautiful

Thursday, July 14, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, July 15, 8:30 p.m.

This 2009 Emmy-winning documentary tells the story of five Ethiopian women whose lives were devastated by fistula, a medical condition resulting from severe or failed childbirth, as they embark on a journey to reclaim their lost dignity. Filmed in Ethiopia's starkly beautiful landscape, the film juxtaposes the isolated lives of village women who are outcasts because of their medical condition with the faraway hospital that offers a miracle after a long and arduous trek—a "walk to beautiful." (85 minutes running time)



Artist in Residence

During the gathering, seminarian Mary Button will be interpreting our theme—Renew, Respond, Rejoice!—by creating a tapestry in the exhibit hall. You are invited to submit a photograph responding to the gathering theme and Philippians 4:4. Submit photos that show you and your congregation answering the call to renew, respond and rejoice. Using a historical photographic process called cyanotype printing, Button will print a cyanotype of your photo onto a white cotton panel. At the gathering you'll have the opportunity to embroider your print before it is added to the tapestry. For more information on this project, visit www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering or call 800-638-3522, ext. 2730.

Born among the swampy wilds of East Texas to a Lutheran minister and an American history teacher, Mary Button's art is a reflection of a childhood in which faith and history were in constant conversation. She is a graduate of the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University and is currently working on a master of theological studies at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Mary has created installations for the National Council of Churches and the 2009 Kenya Youth Peace Summit. She has also created The Hymnbook Project (www.thehymnbookproject.org).



Quilt Challenge

Quilters of all abilities are invited to create a quilt interpreting the gathering theme, Renew, Respond, Rejoice! The "challenge" comes not only in interpreting the gathering theme but also in working within certain rules. For complete instructions for the quilt challenge, visit www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering or call 800-638-3522. All quilts must be received in the churchwide office by May 1, 2011.

Not a quilter? Stop by the quilt challenge display in the convention center to view these works of art and to vote for your favorite quilt.

Eighth Triennial Gathering

Prayer Shawl Collection



Get out your knitting needles and crochet hooks and create a prayer shawl. The shawls will be given to ministries in our host synod, the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod. Let's see how many prayer shawls Lutheran women can amass at the gathering!

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify." Janet Bristow, co-founder of www.shawlministry.com, reminds us of this.

This is a great project for individuals or women working together in congregational units. Whether you've been making shawls for awhile or just now want to start a group, you can participate. Begin your shawls with a prayer of dedication and complete them with a prayer of blessing. These prayers and a special label to print and use are available at www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering or by calling 800-638-3522.

Women who cannot attend the gathering in person are welcome to create prayer shawls too. Shawls can be brought to the gathering and deposited in the Exhibit Hall, Camp Dianoigo. Shawls can also be mailed to the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod Office for arrival between June 1 and July 1, 2011. Mail to: TG11 Prayer Shawls, Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod, 314 S. Spruce Street, Suite A, Spokane, WA 99201-5823.

"Go with an open heart, open ears, and open mind. Be prepared to leave as a different woman, one who has grown in her faith walk and ready to share. Once you go, you're hooked!"

GWEN EDWARDS, 45, BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA

Triennial Gathering Schedule

Thursday, July 14, 2011

- 10 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Gathering registration & food court open
- 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Exhibit hall open
- 1 p.m. “Pray the Devil Back to Hell” film screening
- 2:30 p.m. “A Walk to Beautiful” film screening
- 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Opening reception/informal meet-and-greet with Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson
- 8:30 p.m.–10 p.m. Chocolate Lounge: A Young Women’s Gathering

Friday, July 15, 2011

- 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Food court open
- 7 a.m.–5 p.m. Gathering registration open
- 7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Gathering choir rehearsal
- 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Opening Thankoffering Service with The Rev. Dr. Wyvetta Bullock and The Rev. Susan Briebl, followed by plenary with Nora Gallagher
- 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Exhibit hall open
- 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Nora Gallagher book signing
- 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Workshops and servant opportunities
- 3 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Workshops and servant opportunities
- 5 p.m.–6 p.m. Evening prayer, led by Dr. Jane Redmont
- 7 p.m. “Pray the Devil Back to Hell” film screening
- 8:30 p.m. “A Walk to Beautiful” film screening

Saturday, July 16, 2011

- 6:30 a.m.–8 a.m. Run, Walk and Roll in Riverfront Park
- 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Food court open
- 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Bible study followed by plenary with Leymah Gbowee and response panel
- 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Pre-register for TG14
- 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Exhibit hall open
- 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Gathering choir rehearsal
- 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Workshops and servant opportunities
- 3 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Workshops and servant opportunities
- 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Presentation and Q&A session by Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson
- 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Gathering choir dress rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m.–7 p.m. Jane Redmont and Leymah Gbowee book signings
- 7 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Charlotte, N.C., presentation (host of TG14) followed by closing worship service with The Revs. Megan Torgerson and Mary Louise Frenchman

Sunday, July 17, 2011

- Worship at local congregations.
- Enjoy optional tours.
- Explore Spokane on your own.

“Send the kids to a Lutheran summer camp for the week. Pack light and come join a community of women in which you belong. Come as you are and experience true Christian community.”

KELLY FROHNER, 47, SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA

Discover Yourself Through Our Camp Theme

Many women attend camp for the first time as young girls. There they open their eyes to the world around them, discover a newfound interest or calling and strive to make a difference. Camp isn't usually a place for adults, but if it were, it would be a place to step out of our comfort zones into a positive, non-threatening place that sets an atmosphere for spiritual transformation and renewal, action and rejoicing.

Our gathering theme—Renew, Respond, Rejoice!—calls and commands disciples to be stirred and to see how each command works with the other to strengthen both the disciple's and the faith community's ability to boldly make a difference.

In support of the theme and of creating a positive atmosphere for spiritual transformation, we will welcome you to our Exhibit Hall, called Camp Dianoigo. *Dianoigo* (pronounced dee-an-o-y-go) is a Greek verb meaning "to open the mind of one, i.e. to cause to understand a thing, to rouse in one understanding or the desire of learning."

Most camps have funny names, and our camp will be a place to have fun, play, laugh, be one's self, build community, explore exhibits, learn, stretch, be stretched, think, pray, listen and hear. Take the opportunity to shop at the gathering bookstore and the many vendors and enjoy your visit or return to camp!

Participate in Servant Opportunities and In-Kind Gift-Giving

Camp Dianoigo will be the home for our servant opportunities. Experience seven areas, which will include activities such as:

- tracing your carbon foot print
- composting
- learning to write grants
- learning to garden in a variety of settings
- exploring water issues and the latest in recycling
- grief therapy art project
- quilt making

Plus, enjoy these additional offerings:

- participate in daily exercise
- meet international guests
- challenge yourself on a rock wall
- experience different forms of worship
- participate in a blood drive
- and much more!

In-kind gift opportunities will include gifts cards and quilt kits. To learn more about servant opportunities and in-kind gifts, keep an eye on the *Interchange* newsletter and www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering in the coming months.



"The most enjoyable part of the triennial gathering is sharing the energy and inspiration of the event with women across the breadth of the church and reconnecting with friends. It is having the luxury of a few days to explore and grow in my faith life through worship, service, study, prayer, and fellowship. It is all the hugs, smiles, and conversations."

DIANE BRAUER, 55, SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

Additional Information

Eighth Triennial Convention: July 12-14

The Eighth Triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA, the highest legislative authority for the organization, will be held Tuesday, July 12 through Thursday, July 14, preceding the triennial gathering, also at the Spokane Convention Center. Attend the free convention and witness the delegates conduct the business of the churchwide organization. Their agenda includes:

- proposed constitutional changes
- memorials from synodical women's organizations
- resolutions presented by delegates
- 2012 budget of the churchwide organization
- election of churchwide officers and executive board for the upcoming triennium

Continuing Education Units

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available for both church professionals and lay people. Learning opportunities eligible for CEUs include workshops and plenary sessions. Every five hours spent in one of these learning opportunities earns 0.5 CEU. For more information, contact Vanessa Davis at Vanessa.Davis@elca.org or 800-638-3522, ext. 2702.

Share Your Story

Women of the ELCA's constituting convention took place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 11-14, 1987, bringing into life this new women's organization. In 2012 we will kick off a year-long celebration of our 25th anniversary. As part of that anniversary, a history of this organization is being written. While at the gathering, you have a chance to share your story of involvement in Women of the ELCA or your congregational unit's story. Stop by our recording location in the convention center for more information and to sign up for a session.

Communionware

Potter Donna Kulibert is using ash collected following the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens in the process of creating the communionware. Every set of communionware will be accompanied by a small vial of Mount St. Helens' ash, making this a unique remembrance of our gathering. The communion sets, used during worship, will be available for purchase. Each set (a chalice and paten) is \$80, prepaid with your registration, and can be picked up after the closing Service of Holy Communion.

Pre-register for the 2014 Triennial Gathering

All those attending the gathering in Spokane will have the opportunity to pre-register for the 2014 Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, N.C., at the special reduced rate of \$225. Everyone who pre-registers will be entered into a drawing for a free round-trip ticket to the gathering from anywhere in the continental United States and a free hotel stay for the gathering. The first 100 people to register will also receive a free gift. Your pre-registration will be non-refundable, but it can be transferred to another person without penalty.

"It is so much more than an opportunity to grow spiritually and have fun with friends. It is a chance to recharge and expand your circle. Lutheran sisters, Christian fellowship and some coffee and chocolate... it's a perfect combination!"

SUSAN HUMPHREY, 55, TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Optional Tours

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Bing Was Here

See two tributes to the king crooner, Bing Crosby. Raised in Spokane, Bing found his love of music and began his journey to stardom here. This trip starts with a visit to the Crosbyana Room, located on the campus of Gonzaga University, home of the world's largest public collection of Crosby memorabilia. View his 1944 Oscar for *Going My Way*, gold and platinum records, awards, trophies, photos, records, newspaper clippings, letters and more. From here, head to the Bing Crosby Theater. Built in 1915 by local developer August Paulsen, this theater represented the turning point in mass entertainment between vaudeville and silent films. Bing often sang in this beautifully restored theater between vaudeville acts. Transportation is included.

This tour is being offered twice:

1 p.m.-4 p.m.

2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

\$45 (maximum 50 people per trip)

Browne's Addition and the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture (MAC)

Join a history expert for a quick drive from the hotel to Browne's Addition, a National Historic Neighborhood. Learn about some of the grand homes on the way to the MAC to tour their current and permanent exhibits. View the entire Manning American Indian Collection, acquired in 1916 as the founding collection of the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture. This exhibition explores the legacy of "Victorian" collecting and the period during which Native Americans saw their cultural objects institutionalized in glass cases while honoring indigenous Plateau life-ways. Transportation is included; this trip involves frequent walking.

This tour is being offered twice:

1 p.m.-4 p.m.

2 p.m.-5 p.m.

\$45 (maximum 50 people per trip)

City Sights

Want to see what the fuss is all about? This half-day outing is right up your alley! See the highlights of Spokane while a local expert shares facts about the history, heritage and growth of the region. Trip includes Cliff Drive, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Glover Mansion, Gonzaga University Campus, Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena, Spokane Flour Mill, Spokane County Courthouse, Browne's Addition and fun facts along the way.

This trip is being offered twice:

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

1 p.m.-4 p.m.

\$40 (maximum 50 people per trip)



Clark House Lunch and Wine Tasting

If you like history and wine, this is the trip for you! Delight in a three-course lunch served at the 100-year-old Clark House. Learn the history of the family that built it and its amazing passage through the ages. Along with lunch, sample the award-winning wines of Coeur d'Alene Cellars. Meet local vintners who love to create and share high-quality wines. Due to the nature of this trip, all participants must be 21 years of age. Transportation, lunch and wine tasting are included; limited walking is involved.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

\$100 (maximum 45 people)

Optional Tours

Thursday, July 14, 2011 *continued*

Gardens of Manito Park

Delight in the beauty and variety showcased at Spokane's treasured Gardens of Manito Park. A local expert will accompany you from the doors of your hotel through the conclusion of the tour, sharing the history, current programs and features of the park. After a short drive up the South Hill to the park, you'll have the opportunity to stroll through the Duncan Garden, the Nishinomiya Japanese Garden, Rose Hill, Gaiser Conservatory and Perennial Garden. A classic, freshly crafted picnic lunch will be provided to enjoy in the park. Transportation is included; this trip involves frequent walking.

This trip is being offered twice:

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

\$60 (maximum 50 people per trip)

Lunch at The Davenport Hotel with Historical Walking Tour

Start with lunch overlooking the grandeur of the hotel lobby at the Palm Court Grill with a lunch-sized Crab Louis Salad. Created by Louis Davenport himself, the Louis Salad features crisp butter lettuce topped with fresh crab, hard-cooked eggs and tomatoes, topped with rich Louis dressing. A little sweetness follows with a taste of the hotel's homemade soft peanut brittle. After lunch, stroll the hotel and learn about the dramatic history of The Davenport Hotel, some celebrity sightings and even a few ghost stories! Transportation is included; this trip involves some walking.

12 p.m.-3 p.m.

\$40 (maximum 25 people)

Not Without My Coffee (and Chocolate!)

Local coffee roasters and chocolate experts will be on hand to share their knowledge of their creations. Learn how fair trade coffee impacts the industry and environment and experience firsthand how different coffee roasts and chocolates complement each other. Transportation is included; trip includes limited walking.

1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

\$45 (maximum 50 people)

Share the Season

Want to get involved in nature and taste the fruits of your labors? Join us on a trip to the Greenbluff area to pick strawberries, cherries and raspberries as well as early season tomatoes. Keep the produce you pick, or if you prefer, we will donate your produce locally to those in need of food assistance. Transportation is included; trip includes walking on uneven terrain.

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$55 (maximum 50 people)

Spokane to the Silver Valley

This trip through the historic mining region of Northern Idaho offers something for everyone! Venture down into one of the area's silver mines, visit a turn-of-the-century rail depot museum and finish up with lunch at The Jameson Hotel. While strolling through this town where the movie "Dante's Peak" was filmed, you can also look for that little something special at the town's unique antique stores. Includes admission to mine and railroad museum, lunch and transportation. This trip involves some walking; mine is not wheelchair accessible.

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

\$70 (maximum 36 people)

Wine and Water

Do we have some great sights for you on this trip? You bet! Start the outing with a stop at Arbor Crest Winery, on a peak overlooking the Spokane Valley. Created by a local inventor, this estate features some very creative additions to the property and some award-winning wines to sample! After the visit to the winery, you'll be whisked off to beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene for a cruise on a tour boat that escorts guests along the shores of this stunning lake city. Transportation is included; this trip involves limited walking.

1 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

\$80 (maximum 50 people)

Optional Tours

Sunday, July 17, 2011

City Sights

Want to see what the fuss is all about? This half-day outing is right up your alley! See the highlights of Spokane while a local expert shares facts about the history, heritage and growth of the region. Trip includes Cliff Drive, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Glover Mansion, Gonzaga University Campus, Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena, Spokane Flour Mill, Spokane County Courthouse, Brown's Addition and fun facts along the way.

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$40 (maximum 50 people)

Not Without My Coffee (and Chocolate!)

Local coffee roasters and chocolate experts will be on hand to share their knowledge of their creations. Learn how fair trade coffee impacts the industry and environment and experience firsthand how different coffee roasts and chocolates complement each other. Transportation is included; trip includes limited walking.

1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

\$45 (maximum 50 people)

Sail, Shop and Savor

Your day starts with a trip to beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene for a delicious lunch served onboard your tour boat as you cruise past the shoreline and sights of this lake city. After a relaxing lake cruise, enjoy an art walk to visit some of the local art galleries in the quaint downtown. Meet the artists and learn about their work firsthand or just stroll Sherman Avenue and enjoy the sights and sounds of Coeur d'Alene. Then, head back toward Spokane for a bit of music and wine at the stunning Arbor Crest Winery. Perched on a peak overlooking the Spokane Valley, this estate was created by a local inventor and features some very creative additions to the property. Sample some award-winning wines while you enjoy the evening's live musical talents! Transportation is included; this trip involves moderate walking.

12 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

\$145 (maximum 50 people)

Savor the Secret Garden

Enjoy a formal tea service hidden away in the walled gardens of one of Spokane's historic mansions. Enjoy a variety of teas, coffee, elegant finger sandwiches and scones while learning the history of the family who built their legacy here at the turn of the century. Transportation is included; trip includes limited walking.

1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

\$65 (maximum 40 people)

Share the Season

Want to get involved in nature and taste the fruits of your labors? Join us on a trip to the Greenbluff area to pick strawberries, cherries and raspberries as well as early season tomatoes. Keep the produce you pick, or if you prefer, we will donate your produce locally to those in need of food assistance. Transportation is included; trip includes walking on uneven terrain.

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$55 (maximum 50 people)



"Wear comfortable shoes! Use your time wisely: Pick and choose from the many things and do what you want to do. Bring a friend!"

JANEAN MORIARITY, 41, POULSBO, WASHINGTON

Optional Tours

Sunday, July 17, 2011 *continued*

Sisterhood of the Traveling Crafts

Feel the need to show your creative side? This is the activity for you! Learn the latest in handmade crafts from Rene Groom, sisterhood coordinator for MaryJane's Farm, headquartered in nearby Moscow, Idaho. MaryJane Butters has been an organic farmer for more than 20 years and has grown her own FarmGirl movement to return to the skills and lessons that the high-speed world seems to have forgotten. She and her team also oversee their U-Pick Country Club, Pay Dirt Farm School, Project F.A.R.M. (First-class American Rural Made) and the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute as well as online and retail sales of organic bed linens, instant and convenience foods for camping and more. Transportation is included; trip involves limited walking.

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

\$50 (maximum 40 people)

Stewardship in Spokane

Looking for a way to give back to the Spokane community? This outing includes a shift at Second Harvest followed by lunch at the Mission Bistro, Spokane's oldest Italian grocery and delicatessen. Second Harvest, founded in 1971, leads a network of more than 300 neighborhood food banks and meal centers throughout Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Second Harvest provides more than 1 million pounds of donated food each month to help feed hungry people. Transportation is included; trip includes standing and walking.

9 a.m.–12 p.m.

\$60 (maximum 40 people)

Sunday Brunch with Private Chef Presentation at The Davenport Hotel and Tower

Dine to your heart's delight in the historic, elegant Isabella Ballroom with an optional historic tour of the hotel's restored grandeur for those who wish to participate. This expansive show of delights has made The Davenport Hotel the top spot in Spokane for Sunday Brunch! Enjoy house made selections for brunch: pastries and other house specialties, seafood, hand-carved meats, made-to-

order omelets, crepes and waffles and a delicious spread of desserts! Following brunch, treat yourself to a private demonstration by Chef Bryan Franz as he creates from his favorite recipes. Transportation is included.

12 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

\$90 (maximum 25 people)

Preliminary Post-Gathering Optional Trips

These trips will be finalized based on current regional offerings as the gathering date nears. For more information on these two options, contact Gabriela Contreras at 800-638-3522, ext. 2747 or Gabriela.Contreras@elca.org.

Two-Day Glacier National Park

Just a five- to six-hour drive to the northeast, you can delight in Glacier National Park's pristine forests, alpine meadows, rugged mountains and spectacular lakes. The park offers over 700 miles of trails—truly a hiker's paradise—in addition to beautiful mountain drive routes. See scenic historic chalets and lodges, as well as learn about the history of the Native Americans. Price includes lodging, round-trip transportation and two nights' accommodations. Also includes Glacier National Park entrance fee, choice of sightseeing tours on the Famous Glacier National Park Red Bus, daily breakfasts and dinners in Whitefish, Mont. and historic Wallace, Idaho.

\$555, based on double occupancy (minimum 10 guests)

Four-Day Holden Village

Join in fellowship and celebration in this stunning setting! Experience a community of worship, learning, hospitality and service in this natural getaway on the shores of Lake Chelan. Price includes round-trip transportation, boat transfer to the village, four nights' accommodations and meals at the village.

\$655, based on double occupancy (minimum 10 guests)

REGISTER IN THREE EASY WAYS

Early-bird Registration ends January 7, 2011!

1. ONLINE

www.womenoftheelca.org (credit card only)

2. MAIL

Registration Office
Outreach Services
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb IL 60115

Payment for Gathering Registration

Check: Made payable to **NIU** in U.S. dollars and drawn on a U.S. bank.

Credit Card: MasterCard, VISA, Discover and American Express accepted. (Please Note: The charge to your credit card will appear on your statement as NIU Outreach DeKalb, IL.)

Payment for Housing

Provide credit card information on housing form. Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card. Your card will not be charged prior to arrival, and an alternative form of payment may be presented at check-in.

Send both your gathering and housing registration forms to the address above. Send separate payments for each form.

3. FAX

Fax completed forms to 815-753-6900 (credit card only)

Registrations will not be accepted by phone.

Completed registration and housing forms must be received **no later than June 10, 2011**. After June 10, 2011, you will only be able to register online or on-site. This form may be copied for others to use. We recommend making a copy of your completed form for your records.

AMTRAK

Individual Convention Discount

Amtrak is offering triennial gathering attendees a 10% discount off the lowest available fare to Spokane, Wash. Includes travel up to three days prior to the gathering start date and three days following the last day of the event.

To book your reservation call Amtrak at **800-872-7245** or contact your local travel agent. Please mention the **Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering** and refer to convention fare code **X85D-910**.

Group Travel Requests

Group travel requests for parties of 20 or more traveling together can be made by using Amtrak's online group travel form at <http://tickets.amtrak.com/itd/amtrak/grouptravel>. You can also call 1-800-USA-1GRP (1-800-872-1477).

AIR TRAVEL RESERVATIONS

Spokane International Airport is served by 10 airlines with non-stop access to 9 major hubs. You can make your travel arrangements, if you wish, through the ELCA travel agency, Best Travel. Best might be able to find you more discounted fares on United, American and Delta. Call Best Travel at 800-543-8016, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central time. Best Travel accepts most credit cards.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION IN SPOKANE

Shuttle Information

The Red Lion, Doubletree Hotel Spokane City Center, Oxford Suites Downtown and Holiday Inn Express Spokane-Downtown offer free ground transportation to and from the Spokane airport. After collecting your luggage, simply use the courtesy phone, which is located in the baggage claim area.

The Davenport Hotel and Tower \$50 plus tax/round trip per guest for town car service

The Fairfield Inn, Travelodge, and the Courtyard Spokane Downtown at the Convention Center do not offer shuttle service.

Transportation time to and from the Spokane airport is about 10-15 minutes. Taxi service is available outside the baggage claim area for approximately \$20-\$30 each way.

PARKING

Complimentary Parking

Courtyard Spokane Downtown at the Convention Center
Fairfield Inn Spokane Downtown
Holiday Inn Express Spokane-Downtown
Oxford Suites Downtown
Travelodge at the Convention Center
Doubletree Hotel Spokane-City Center (overnight/self-park)

Paid Parking

Doubletree Hotel Spokane-City Center \$22/valet
Red Lion at the Park \$14/night
The Davenport Hotel and Tower
\$17/night \$24/valet

Prices subject to tax. All rates are current as of August 2010 and are subject to change.

Registration

Confirmation

You will receive a confirmation of your registration by postal mail or e-mail.

Cancellations and Refunds

A \$50 cancellation fee will apply if the cancellation request is received by May 1, 2011. From May 1 through June 10, a cancellation fee of \$150 will apply. **No refunds will be given after June 10.** Requests must be submitted in writing to:

Registration Office
Outreach Services
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL 60115

By fax: 815-753-6900

By e-mail: OutreachRegistration@niu.edu

Materials

You will receive gathering materials and program details when you sign in at the registration desk in Spokane.

For additional assistance with registration or housing, please call 815-753-7922.

Pre-paid, Transferrable Triennial Gathering Registrations

Pre-paid registrations, which were purchased at a special discounted rate during the gathering in 2008, are not refundable but are transferable. Women of the ELCA has several pre-paid registrations available for transfer to individuals interested in applying them to the 2011 Triennial Gathering. If you or someone you know would like to transfer a pre-paid registration, please contact Deborah Powell at 800-638-3522 ext. 2739 or Deborah.Powell@elca.org.

QUESTIONS?

Questions about gathering programs and events can be directed to Gabriela Contreras, director for meeting planning at Women of the ELCA.

800-638-3522, ext. 2747

Gabriela.Contreras@elca.org

Special Needs

The following services are available:

- wheelchair-accessible rooms at the Spokane Convention Center and gathering hotels
- wheelchairs and scooters for rent
- wheelchair accessible shuttle service

Please check the appropriate boxes on the registration form. Information and fees will be provided for rentals and shuttle services.

All plenary sessions will be open captioned. We will make every attempt to seat people with hearing impairments near the front of workshop sessions.

If you need translation services, please check the appropriate box on the registration form. We will attempt to make arrangements but cannot guarantee them at this time.

Pictures and Videotaping

Women of the ELCA will be taking pictures and videotaping at the gathering. By registering for this event, you give Women of the ELCA permission to use your image and comments in educational, informational and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.

"I love meeting other women of faith from all over the United States! The workshops are always informative, but the fellowship cannot be beat! It is truly a moving and unforgettable experience!"

DEANA FUCHS, 37, WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS

Triennial Gathering 2011 Registration Form

1. YOUR INFORMATION

MRS MS MR REV SISTER OTHER (specify)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	PREFERRED BADGE NAME	
MAILING ADDRESS				
PHONE NUMBER (DAY)		PHONE NUMBER (EVENING)		
E-MAIL ADDRESS				
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME		PHONE NUMBER (DAY)	PHONE NUMBER (EVENING)	
SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION	NUMBER	LETTER (for example: Western Iowa, 5E)		
CONGREGATION	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY	

I am a first-time Triennial Convention/Gathering participant.

2. REGISTRATION FEES AND OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

All registration categories listed below include all gathering activities scheduled for July 14-17, except where additional fees are indicated.

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES	September 15, 2010 through January 7, 2011	After January 7, 2011
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	\$299	\$325
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/partner <i>Please list spouse or partner's name:</i>	\$100	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Girls 13-18 <i>Please list name(s):</i>	\$50 each	\$50 each
<input type="checkbox"/> Children under 13 <i>Please list name(s):</i>	Free	Free

Please Note: A \$5 processing fee will be added per registration. Number of registrations: _____ x \$5 = \$_____

Additional Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/> Run, Walk and Roll , July 16	# people: _____	\$20/person
<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Lounge: A Young Women's Gathering , July 14	# people: _____	\$15/person
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education Units	# people: _____	\$10/person
<input type="checkbox"/> Commemorative Communionware	# of sets: _____	\$80 each set

Post-Gathering Trip Options

- Yes, I am interested in the following trips. (Please check all that apply)
- Glacier National Park (2-day trip)
 - Holden Village (4-day trip)

Trips will be finalized based on current regional offerings and participation.

Please Note: A 10 person minimum is required on each trip.

Triennial Convention

Will you also be attending the Triennial Convention July 12-14?

yes no

Registration Form

Optional Tours (Please circle date and/or time where applicable.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bing Was Here	# people: _____	\$45/person	July 14 1 p.m.	July 14 2:30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> Browne's Addition and the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture	# people: _____	\$45/person	July 14 1 p.m.	July 14 2 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> City Sights	# people: _____	\$40/person	July 14 9 a.m. July 17 9 a.m.	July 14 1 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> Clark House Lunch and Wine Tasting	# people: _____	\$100/person	July 14 11 a.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gardens of Manito Park	# people: _____	\$60/person	July 14 9 a.m.	July 14 11 a.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch at The Davenport Hotel with Historical walking tour	# people: _____	\$40/person	July 14 12 p.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Without My Coffee (and Chocolate!)	# people: _____	\$45/person	July 14 1 p.m.	July 17 1 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sail, Shop and Savor	# people: _____	\$145/person	July 17 12 p.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savor the Secret Garden	# people: _____	\$65/person	July 17 1 p.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Share the Season	# people: _____	\$55/person	July 14 9 a.m.	July 17 9 a.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sisterhood of the Traveling Crafts	# people: _____	\$50/person	July 17 9 a.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spokane to the Silver Valley	# people: _____	\$70/person	July 14 9 a.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship in Spokane	# people: _____	\$60/person	July 17 9 a.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Brunch with Private Chef Presentation at The Davenport Hotel and Tower	# people: _____	\$90/person	July 17 12 p.m.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wine and Water	# people: _____	\$80/person	July 14 1 p.m.	

3. OTHER INFORMATION Check the box if you need ...

- To rent a wheelchair
- To rent a scooter
- To arrange wheelchair accessible shuttle service
- To have the Gathering Guide in Braille
- To have translation services. Specify language (including ASL): _____

Note: If you have indicated here that you need to rent a wheelchair or scooter, or if you need accessible shuttle service, we will forward you information on providers and pricing. All plenary sessions will be open captioned. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

4. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check any boxes that apply. You will be contacted regarding specific assignments.

- Translator? Specify language (including ASL): _____
- Bilingual greeter? (Specify language:) _____
- Gathering Volunteer
- Convention Volunteer
- Gathering Choir:
 - soprano #__
 - tenor #__
 - alto #__
 - bass #__

REGISTRATION FEES TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT

Total fees from Part 2 above: \$ _____

Form of payment

- Check (made payable to NIU)
- VISA
- American Express
- MasterCard
- Discover

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD (Please print)

ACCOUNT #

EXPIRATION DATE

SIGNATURE

I agree to pay the total amount of fees.

Hotel Reservation Form

This completed form must be received by June 10, 2011. Please rank your choices, 1 through 8. Complete this form only if you are not able to make your reservation online following completion of online registration. Please mail to: Registration Office, Outreach Services, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115 or fax to 815-753-6900. Telephone requests will not be accepted.

RANK 1-8	HOTEL NAME	RATE*	Distance to Convention Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	Doubletree Hotel Spokane City Center 322 North Spokane Falls Court	\$138.00	connected
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courtyard by Marriott 401 North Riverpoint Blvd.	\$133.50	one block
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fairfield Inn by Marriott 311 N Riverpoint Boulevard	\$131.00	one block
<input type="checkbox"/>	Holiday Inn Express Downtown 801 N. Division Street	\$134.76	three blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oxford Suites 115 W. North River Drive	\$134.00	two blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Lion Hotel at the Park 303 W. North River Drive	\$140.00	two blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Davenport Hotel and Tower 10 S. Post Street	\$155.00	six blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Travelodge at the Convention Center 33 West Spokane Falls Blvd	\$122.95	across the street

***Rates are per room, per night, for 1-4 persons per room**
 Room rates subject to the sales and occupancy taxes in effect at time of check-in. These fees are currently 8.7% and 2% (10.7% total) plus \$2 per night Tourism Promotion Area fee (TPA).

- 1. Only one person per room** should submit a hotel reservation form. Please list all room occupants. (If all occupants are unknown at the time of request, their names must be provided by June 10, 2011 to the Spokane Housing Bureau).
- 2. Reservations will be placed** in the order they are received.
- 3. If the hotel requested is not available**, your next choice will be assigned based on availability. Please make at least 5 choices.
- 4. Allow two weeks for processing.** You will receive hotel confirmation via email. (If no email address is provided, confirmation will be mailed.) Please review carefully and notify the Spokane Housing Bureau if you have any questions: 800-662-0084. If you do not receive hotel confirmation, please call the Spokane Housing Bureau.
- 5. Reservations must be guaranteed** with a credit card. Your card will not be charged in advance of arrival and an alternative form of payment may be presented at check-in. (If you are paying with a credit card other than your own, the credit card holder must be present or a completed "Credit Card Authorization" form must be submitted to the hotel in advance of arrival. You must contact your hotel to receive this form.)
- 6. All changes and cancellations may be made** by following the instructions in your e-mail confirmation or by calling the Spokane Housing Bureau at 800-662-0084. Changes or cancellations after June 17, 2011 may be made by calling the hotel directly.
- 7. Reservations must be canceled** a minimum of 72 hours in advance of arrival to avoid a one night room and tax penalty charge. An early departure fee may be charged unless the hotel is notified at check-in or before of a change in planned length of stay.

Type of Room

- One bed Two beds
 Handicapped accessible

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

Special Requests: _____

Additional Room Occupants:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Reservation

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE _____

Please indicate what synod you are from

 (For example, Western Iowa, 5E. Also note: Your SWO may have a block of rooms set aside at one of the hotels; check with your synodical president or gathering promoter.)

Room Reservation Guarantee

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____

CREDIT CARD TYPE EXP DATE _____

NAME PRINTED ON CARD _____

SIGNATURE _____

Fax or Mail to:

Registration Office
 Outreach Services
 Northern Illinois University
 DeKalb, IL 60115
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