



Northwestern Minnesota Synod

Dear BOLD leaders of the Women of the ELCA:

I am pleased to announce that our annual SWO Convention will be held Friday-Saturday, September 16-17, 2022, at Bethlehem Lutheran in Fergus Falls, MN. The convention is being cohosted by the churches in conferences 7 and 8. Our theme: Love One Another. Our convention verse is John 13:34 “...*I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*” I am thrilled to announce that our Keynote speaker will be award winning author, Dr. Jacqueline Bussie from Collegeville Institute. Dr. Bussie is the author of Love Without Limits and Outlaw Christian.

We ask each unit to send a voting member to the convention. This is YOUR organization, and we need the input of our members to make wise decisions for our organization.

We will be electing a president, treasurer, board members, nomination committee and triennial delegates. If you know of anyone interested in any of the positions, please make sure that you and your unit fill out a nominations form and send it to the name listed on the form.

Along with the above officers to elect, we do have some board positions that we need filled. We need a secretary, vice president, board member from conference 7 or 8. These appointed positions would be for 1 year. You would be eligible for re-election at our next convention. Please pray that we are able to fill these positions. Please contact me if you would be willing to fulfill any of these positions.

There is information about the Mary Magdalene award in the packet. Each unit is eligible to submit an application for a woman in their congregation who they feel exemplifies “*Go and Tell, Go and Serve.*” The deadline for submitting this application is July 1st. The form is available on our website.

Thank you for everything you do within your units, congregations and for the women of the ELCA!

Peace and Blessings!

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