

Delaware Maryland Synodical Women's Organization
23rd Annual Convention
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, MD
April 30-May 2, 2010

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Convention Theme: **You CAN make a difference!**

Bible Verse: Philippians 4: 13. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Date: **Friday April 30-Sunday May 2, 2010**

Place: Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel 10100 Coastal Hwy. Ocean City, MD 21842

Registration: Convention Registration Fee: **\$30/person** non-refundable **plus:**

Room rates:

Single Occupancy: \$397 per person
Double Occupancy: \$259 per person
Triple Occupancy: \$213 per person
Quad Occupancy: \$190 per person

This special package includes the following:

- Two nights accommodations in a standard hotel room (Double/Double)
 - Two breakfast buffets (Saturday and Sunday) (BB1)
 - Two lunch buffets (Saturday and Sunday)
#1: Garden Salad, Grilled Breast of Chicken, Sliced Roast Beef/Gravy, Starch & Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee & Tea
#2: Cold Deli Buffet w/Soup, Dessert, Coffee & Tea
 - One plated dinner (Saturday)
Salad, Chicken Piccata over Angel Hair Pasta, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee & Tea
 - Luggage handling
 - Meeting room rental
 - All gratuities on planned meals (no taxes)
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- For guests staying overnight, there is no breaking of the package. All attendees must opt for the full package as is.
 - For "local" guests not staying overnight, the package price will be \$114. This includes two breakfast buffets, two lunch buffets, one dinner, meeting room rental, all gratuities on planned meals.

DEADLINES: Delegate and Alternate Appointment Form –March 15, 2010
Nominations for SWO Board and Triennial Delegates –March 15, 2010
All Registrations --Delegates, Alternates and Participants –March 25, 2010

IN-KIND GIFTS: Penny Offerings; Quilts and Kits for Lutheran World Relief; personal hygiene items and non-perishable food items for Dove Project and The Open Kettle..

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Call to Convention

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy and anticipation that I issue the call for you to attend the **23rd Annual Convention** of the Delaware—Maryland Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This inspirational gathering will be a three day event to be held at the **Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel**, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842-2698. (410) 524-3535.

- ❖ You are called to experience the **Boldness of Women of Faith**, especially as we study God's word to discern how we can make a difference by following God's call.
- ❖ You are called to celebrate being a **woman who CAN make a difference** with the love of God flowing from your heart and by reaching out to others.
- ❖ You are called to be uplifted and inspired to service through worship, study and song.
- ❖ You are called to boldly express love and kindness by gathering together **in-kind gifts and offerings** to benefit local, national and worldwide needs, serving as the hands of Jesus to help and comfort those in need and distress.
- ❖ You are called to joyfully welcome our **Churchwide Representative** and her message of challenge and support.
- ❖ You are called to **study God's Word** and grow in knowledge and understanding.
- ❖ You are called to meet to **conduct the business** of the Synodical Women's Organization, make Spirit-led decisions, and elect Bold Women to serve as **president, treasurer and board members and delegates and alternates to the Triennial Convention in Spokane in July of 2011.**
- ❖ You are called to **encourage and support** with your prayers the six Bold Women of Faith who will serve as our **delegates** to the Eighth Triennial Convention and Gathering in Spokane, Washington in July of 2011.
- ❖ You are called to **celebrate word and sacrament as** we worship together, boldly proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ and increasing our joy in the Lord..
- ❖ You are called to **share ideas and experiences** from your own unit which have made a difference in your church, your community, and beyond. We will have a time of sharing and inspiring others with fresh ideas and time honored service projects which has been a blessing in your environment.. Please be prepared to **SHOW AND TELL!**
- ❖ And throughout the entire convention, **you are called to thank God** for all things!
- ❖ You are called to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE in your family, your church, your community, and the world.**
- ❖ .

With God's love,

Marilyn Hembroch

Marilyn Hembroch,
SWO President

PS: Anyone needing transportation or able to provide transportation to participants who need it, please contact Anne Marie Fontz, transportation coordinator, at 410-315-8878

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CONVENTION INFORMATION SHEET

THEME: You CAN make a difference.

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The Executive Board, the convention planning committee, and the women of the DelMarVa Cluster welcome the Delaware-Maryland Synodical Women's Organization, Women of the ELCA, to the 23rd annual convention at the **Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel**, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842-2698. (410) 524-3535. The theme expands on the **Mission of Women of the ELCA**: to Act Boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ as we spend the weekend together looking at our varied lives and how we **can** and **do** make a difference in the living of our daily lives by service and love.

Our Convention Hymn is **We All Are One in Mission** WOV #755

Our 23rd Annual convention has been planned as an opportunity for everyone to learn, celebrate and worship through sharing, listening and serving others.

Registration begins at 4 PM on Friday, April 30, 2010 in the Entrance way. The official opening of the convention will be Friday at 7 PM with devotions and Bible Study. High school youth are invited to full participation in the convention program, but must complete the registration form. Registration is free, but the cost of the meals and room must be paid by any high school participant.

Seven scholarships covering the \$30.00 registration fee are available. See the application for details.

Need Transportation? Anyone needing transportation or able to provide transportation to participants who need it, please contact Anne Marie Fontz, transportation coordinator, at 410-315-8878 or ms.amf@verizon.net.

Offerings are designated as follows: 50% to Churchwide
25% to Dove Project
25% to St. Peter's Lutheran Outreach Program
The Open Kettle

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DELEGATE & ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT FORM

Due March 15, 2010

Delegates/Alternates MUST ALSO Register on a REGISTRATION FORM

Congregational Unit _____

Address of Church _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cluster _____ Phone (_____) _____

EACH CONGREGATIONAL UNIT SHOULD SEND ONE DELEGATE

Name of Delegate _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

EACH CONGREGATIONAL UNIT SHOULD SEND ONE ALTERNATE ALSO

Name of Alternate _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Signed _____

Congregational Unit President/Representative

Please return by March 15, 2010 to:

Marilyn Hembrook, SWO President

17821 Bakersville Road

Boonsboro, MD 21713

Phone: 301-432-4376

Email: HEMBROCM@myactv.net

Also available on website: DEMDSWO.COM

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Business meeting is to be held at 1:15 pm Saturday, May 1, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

(including all Delegates and Alternates)

DUE March 25, 2010

NOTE: This form is for ONE person attending. Please make copies as needed.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Congregation _____

Address of Church _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cluster _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Delegate _____ Alternate _____ Participant _____ Other _____

Registration: Includes room for 2 nights, \$30 registration, and 5 meals, all gratuities included
Quad \$220 _____ Triple \$243 _____ Double \$289 _____ Single \$427 _____ Local \$144 _____ (no room)

Name(s) of roommate(s) _____

SEND this **FULLY COMPLETED FORM** and **PAYMENT** to:

Margaret Green, Registrar
71 Carroll View Avenue
Westminster MD 21157
410-857-5670

Make check payable to **DE-MD SWO**

(Your reservation cannot be processed without this completed form.)
For special arrangements, please call. Checks will be deposited promptly.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

DUE MARCH 15, 2010

NOTE: This form is for ONE person. Please make copies as needed.

The DE-MD SWO Executive Board will make seven (7) registration scholarships (\$30) available for FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS.

I hereby apply for a scholarship to the DE-MD SWO Convention:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Congregation _____

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Activity in Congregation _____

Signature _____

You MUST also fill out a Registration Form and send to the Registrar listed on the form. Mark – "Other" (write: Scholarship Applicant).

Send Scholarship Application **NO LATER THAN March 15, 2010** to:

Marilyn Hembrook, SWO President
17821 Bakersville Road
Boonsboro, MD 21713
Phone: 301-432-4376
Email: HEMBROCM@myactv.net

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SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION NOMINATION FORM

DUE MARCH 15, 2010

Nominations for President, Treasurer, and 5 Board Members 2010-12 Term

WE, the Women of _____ Congregation/Intercongregational

Unit hereby NOMINATE _____

for the office of PRESIDENT or TREASURER (please circle office).

WE, the Women of _____ Congregational/Intercongregational

Unit hereby NOMINATE _____

for the office of BOARD MEMBER.

Signature of President or Representative _____

Information about nominee:

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-mail address _____

Women of the ELCA experience (Congregational unit, Synodical organization, churchwide)

Congregational activities –

Ecumenical experience –

(Please see next page)

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Community activities –

Vocational/occupational experience –

Other skills, gifts, hobbies –

I am willing to accept nomination. If elected, I will assume the responsibilities of the position of _____.

Signature of nominee _____

Nomination submitted by (name) _____

Congregation of nominee _____

- PLEASE NOTE:** DE-MD SWO Constitution, Article VI, Section 4, Item 3, a-c states:
- a. As nearly as possible, at least 10 percent of officers shall be comprised of persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.
 - b. No more than one person from a congregational/intercongregational unit.
 - c. Consideration shall be given to geographic location, variety of ages, and diversity of experience.

DEADLINE – March 15, 2010

Mail to:
Susan Wakefield, Nominating Committee Chair
203 Woodland Green Way
Aberdeen MD 21001
410-272-4114

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Nomination Form

Delegates to the Eighth Triennial Gathering of Women of the ELCA

July, 2011 Spokane, WA

Name of Nominee _____

Home Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____ Evening Phone (____) _____

Name of Congregation _____

Address of Congregation _____

Nominee's Age Category - _____ 35 or under _____ 36-55 _____ over 55

Ethnic/Racial Heritage - _____ African American _____ American Indian

_____ Arab/Middle Eastern _____ Asian _____ Caucasian _____ Hispanic

Primary language other than English? - _____ Yes _____ No Language _____

Differently Abled? - _____ Yes _____ No Disability _____

Served as Triennial Delegate before? _____ Yes _____ No How often? _____

Delegate Responsibilities

Delegates to a Triennial Gathering are elected by their synodical women's organization for their ability to understand issues and organizational matters. In addition to the delegate's responsibility to vote her conscience, represent her SWO and all Women of the ELCA, she shall:

1. Prepare for the Triennial Gathering by reading and studying all delegate mailings and the *Convention Program and Reports*.
2. Register at the delegate registration desk at the appointed time.
3. Attend a delegate orientation session at the appointed time, as well as any meetings (pre-convention and/or during the gathering) of any committee to which she is assigned.
4. Attend **all** business meetings of the Triennial Gathering.
5. Vote on all ballots and issues that come to the floor of the business meetings.
6. Participate in convention worship services, programs and other functions.
7. Submit her expense report to the church-wide women's organization within the allotted time.
8. Report on Gathering's actions and activities to her SWO, including the Clusters and Units.
9. **For Alternates:** Keep these dates available until the time of the Gathering and expect that she may be called upon to serve with only a few days of notification.

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Congregational activities –

Ecumenical experience –

Community activities –

Vocational/occupational experience –

Other skills, gifts, hobbies –

I am willing to accept nomination. If elected, I will attend the Triennial Gathering and assume the responsibilities printed on nomination form.

(Signature of nominee)_____

Nomination submitted by_____

For (name of congregation)_____

Please return form to: Susan Wakefield, Nominating Committee Chair
203 Woodland Green Way
Aberdeen MD 21001 Phone: 410-272-4114

The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2010.

We will elect 5 delegates (and 5 alternates). At least one delegate MUST be a first time delegate. At least one delegate MUST be of varied ethnic heritage and/or primary language other than English. The President elected at the 2010 convention will lead delegation.

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RESOLUTION FORM

Due April 10, 2010

The following resolution is related to _____
(Indicate topic)

Introductory Statement (Optional)

Whereas _____

Motion

Resolved, that _____

Submitted by: Name: _____
 Congregation _____
 Cluster _____

(If more than one resolution is presented, please use the form outlined above on another sheet of paper or photocopy this form.)

*Resolutions to be brought before the convention must be delivered to the Executive Board at their meeting prior to the SWO Convention scheduled for 2 pm, Friday, April 30, 2010 at **or** mailed before April 10, 2010 to:*

Andrea Fuller, SWO Secretary
6 Cartwright Court
Rosedale, MD 21237