

SWO Convention

The annual SWO Convention is normally held the fourth Friday and Saturday in June in a church within our synod, trying to rotate locations to reach all parts of the synod. The main purpose of the convention is to conduct the business of the organization including elections, receiving



reports, and voting on any resolutions that come before the body.

The churchwide organization sends a representative from their Board to report to us and answer any questions we may have of them. Our synodical Bishop usually spends time in dialog with us and preaches at the Eucharist. We also use this time together to worship, fellowship, and grow in faith. We offer workshops, speakers, and displays to help us learn more about the ministries of the Women of the ELCA and the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

Each congregational unit should send a delegate, but all women are encouraged to attend. There is a registration fee as well as costs for the meals.

Purpose Statement

As a community of women
created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in
Jesus Christ and
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
We commit ourselves to
grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings,
engage in ministry and action, and
promote healing and wholeness
in the church,
the society,
and the world.



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Susquehanna
Synodical
Women's
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**Yearly Events
of the
Women of the ELCA
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Leadership Training

A Leadership Training Event is held at St. Mark's, Harrisburg on a Saturday in March. This event is intended for congregational unit leaders and cluster coordinators, but anyone is welcome to attend. The purpose of this event is to be the main opportunity to provide training to enhance the growth and leadership of all leaders and potential leaders in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. It is also a time to educate about procedural issues, share ideas and plan for the future. There is no registration fee for this event and we bring a brown bag lunch.



Day of Renewal

Day of Renewal is generally held the fourth Saturday in April, but is subject to change. It is an all day event open to everyone. The day is intended to provide spiritual renewal for all attending. The format is different depending on the leader's style or purpose. Usually we have lecture as well as time for discussion and questions. A service of Holy Communion is usually part of the day also. Most often we gather from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided and a small registration fee is charged. The event is held in a church within our synod, trying to rotate locations to reach all parts of the synod.



Camp Hebron Retreat

The Fall Retreat is held at Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA, usually the last weekend in October. The event begins Friday evening and goes through Sunday lunch. The purpose of this event is to offer a time to get away from your normal routine and join with others in a time of spiritual growth, relaxation, fellowship, and rest. The accommodations are "hotel like", meals are provided and there is opportunity for hay rides, walks in the woods, and horseback riding. Typical format is to have one leader for the weekend with a rostered clergy invited to preside over the Eucharist. This event has registration fees which cover the lodging, meals, and speaker fees. Space is limited but the event is open to everyone. Postmarked registration deadline is essential.



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