

# VSWO 2021 Call to Convention

Official notice is given that the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual convention of the Virginia Synodical Women's Organization - Women of the ELCA will be held on September 25, 2021 via Zoom.

<b>Convention Theme:</b>	Planted in Love, Pivotal in Purpose
<b>Convention Scripture:</b>	"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God our Father, through him." <i>Colossians 3: 17</i>
<b>Convention Hymn:</b>	Now thank we all our God (ELW 840)
<b>Convention Chaplain:</b>	Pastor Jeniffer Tillman, Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, VA
<b>Special Guest:</b>	Pastor Colleen Montgomery, Virginia Synod, Director for Digital Ministries
<b>Offering:</b>	Offering will be split between Women of the ELCA, Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and Minnick Schools feeding program (encircle, formerly Lutheran Family Services)
<b>Business:</b>	All convention business will be conducted via Zoom. Voting members must be able to connect to the internet. Business will include the adoption of the 2022-2023 budget and election of the following for 2 year terms: President, Treasurer and 3 board members. The following elections will be held for 1-year terms: Vice President, Secretary and 3 board members.

## Schedule

The 2021 VSWO convention will open with worship followed by a keynote address by the Rev Colleen Montgomery. The first session will be from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. We will break from 12-1p.m. for lunch and the business session will be held from 1-3 p.m.

## VOTING MEMBERS

The constitution of the VSWO includes the following provisions for representation at convention:

*Article VI, Section 2: Representation Item 1:* Voting members of a convention shall be the elected officers and board members of the synodical women's organization and one voting member from each unit on the roll of this synodical women's organization. *Item 2:* Those congregations not represented by a unit shall be invited to send to the regular convention, one representative who shall have seat and voice. Voting members *must* register for convention using the enclosed Registration Form. The Bulletin of Reports will be available on-line by September 20, 2021.

## Registration

Congregations/units are encouraged to gather as a group to participate, especially if the lack of internet access would prohibit participation for some.

# Individual Registration Form

VSWO – Thirty-third Annual Convention ~ September 25, 2021

**MAIL COMPLETED Individual or Group REGISTRATION FORM BY September 17, 2021**

[Jdsmiley29@comcast.net](mailto:Jdsmiley29@comcast.net)

or

901 Brattle Lane  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Church/City \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## Group Registration Form

Congregation/City \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of participants \_\_\_\_\_

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Unit Voting Member \_\_\_\_\_

# NOMINATION FORM – OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER

Virginia Synodical Women's Organization ~ Women of the ELCA

MAIL/EMAIL COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM BY September 1, 2021 to:

Judy Castelee  
[jlcastelee@comcast.net](mailto:jlcastelee@comcast.net) or  
726 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Buena Vista, VA 24416

Individual must consent to serve if elected. This nomination is for:

- ☐ President (2 year term)      ☐ Secretary (1 year term)      ☐ Board member (3 to be elected for 2 year terms)
- ☐ Vice-President (1 year term)      ☐ Treasurer (2 year term)      ☐ Board member (3 to be elected for 1 year terms)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age range      ☐ 34 and under      ☐ 35-49      ☐ 50-64      ☐ 65 or older

Ethnic/racial heritage      ☐ Caucasian      ☐ Black or African American      ☐ Hispanic      ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native  
☐ Middle Eastern or Arab      ☐ Asian

Church/City \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Vocation \_\_\_\_\_

## Women of the ELCA Experience (Check all that apply.)

Local unit:    ☐ current participant    ☐ officer

Conference:    ☐ participant    ☐ conference team    ☐ conference coordinator

Synodical:    ☐ attended convention    ☐ convention voting member    ☐ VSWO board member    ☐ VSWO officer

Churchwide:    ☐ attended Triennial    ☐ Triennial voting member    ☐ Churchwide board member    ☐ Churchwide officer

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Form submitted by      Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Unit and conference \_\_\_\_\_