

VSWO 2021 Call to Convention

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

- Convention Theme:** Planted in Love, Pivotal in Purpose
- Convention Scripture:** "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." *Colossians 3: 17*
- Convention Hymn:** Now thank we all our God (ELW 840)
- Convention Chaplain:** Pastor Jeniffer Tillman, Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, VA
- Special Guest:** Pastor Colleen Montgomery, Virginia Synod, Director for Digital Ministries
- Offering:** Offering will be split between Women of the ELCA, Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and Minnick Schools feeding program (encircle, formerly Lutheran Family Services)
- Business:** 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

or

901 Brattle Lane
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Church/City _____

Conference _____ Email _____

Group Registration Form

Congregation/City _____

Conference _____ Email _____

Names of participants _____

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 Castele
jlcasteele@comcast.net or
726 W. 4th 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 _____