



# Swatch

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Newsletter of Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization—Region 1-C  
Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## 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.



Mission Statement of  
Women of the ELCA

**TO MOBILIZE WOMEN  
TO ACT BOLDLY  
ON THEIR FAITH  
IN JESUS CHRIST!**

Purpose Statement  
of the  
**Southwestern  
Washington Synodical  
Women's Organization**

The purpose of this synodical women's organization shall be to assist congregational and inter-congregational units within its territory to fulfill the purpose of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

A message from the SWO Vice President

## How will you answer the call?

On October 9-10, 2015 Southwestern Washington Synod Women will convene the annual convention at Peninsula Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor, WA.

An essential part of our convention is election of officers. As your Vice-President, I am responsible for convening the nominating committee. During our convention some of officers and board members will be ending their term and new officers and board members will need to be elected.

Webster's dictionary defines the word "nominating" as: To choose a candidate for election, appoint or honor. I like the word "designate" which means to appoint and set apart for a special purpose. This shows the importance of the nominating committee's work.

The committee works together to select and "designate" candidates to run for the synodical board positions. This is necessary so our organization can continue to operate and carry out the business of the Women of the ELCA. Your nominating committee consists of Anita Christian from Trinity in Tacoma, Delores Ruge from St. Paul in Vancouver, and Kathy Ifft from Puyallup.

At the convention we will be electing a new President, Vice-President, Secretary, and three board members. The Vice President will be for a one year term, and the others for two year terms. The difference is because I was originally elected as a board member and then appointed to serve as Vice President when Mary Ann Nelson was appointed as President; and an appointed officer can only serve a one year term. Our constitution calls for each elected member to serve a two year term, and the election years are staggered so approximately one-half of the board is elected each year.

The Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement says we are a community of women. As a community we work together and help and support one another because we have common interests and goals. One of the opportunities we have is to share WELCA with other women in our community and grow in the love of our faith. This call to community can be answered in many ways, but I'd ask each of you to consider answering by becoming a nominee for our Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization (SW WA SWO) board.

A nomination form is in this newsletter. Prayerfully think about this for yourself or someone else. Triennial voting members must be nominated by the congregation unit and signed by one of your officers.

Thank you,  
Tina Bigelow, Vice President of SW WA SWO



## **SWO Board Meeting Highlights**

From Secretary Linnea Glover

The SW WA SWO Board met on March 14, 2015 at Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, WA. Reports were heard/received from finance, nominations, synod assembly, Conference of (SWO) Presidents, Bible Study Event-Convention, and spring retreat. The board approved the down payment to Dumas Bay Centre for the 2016 spring retreat



### **Mt Rainier Cluster Annual Ice Cream Social**

will be on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at 6:30 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Puyallup. We always look forward to a fun-filled evening and hope that you can join us. The program will be: Dani Jo Andrews, a graduating PLU student who spent the month of January in Africa teaching young children at a school. Also a young PLU student, Brendan Cook, an art major at PLU, will be sharing his skills in pottery. He will bring some of his wares to share. Women from Mt Rainier Cluster churches are encouraged to attend. Each congregation is asked to bring along a plateful of cookies. The ice cream and toppings are provided. See you on July 22nd. Blessings from Nancy Jo Armstrong (253-845-0346) and Barbara King (253-864-0998), co-chairs.

**Ft Vancouver Cluster** ladies met at Trinity Lutheran in Vancouver, WA and heard the message about missionary work in Bangledash. In Kind offerings were brought for the Vancouver, WA YWCA and part of the financial offering will also go to the YWCA. Part of the offering will be sent to a Christian school in Bangledash. SWO President Mary Ann Nelson brought greetings from the SWO board and told about upcoming events.

### **SW WA Synod Assembly**

Women of the ELCA will have a display table at the SW WA Synod Assembly on May 15-16, 2015 at the Vancouver, WA Hilton Hotel. SW WA SWO women will be volunteers at the registration table and have provided some of the gift items for welcome bags for the voting members and other registered guests.

### **Global Mission Trip**

Check out the Women of the ELCA website about the Global Mission Trip to Tanzania in November, 2015. Look for "Pack Your Bags for Tanzania" or contact [valora.starr@elca.org](mailto:valora.starr@elca.org) for more information.

## **Bits and Pieces**

From editor Carol Fossum

There will **not** be a summer Bible Study Event this year. We were unable to arrange for a visit from Emma Crossen this summer. She is the author of the three summer months Bible study in the **Gather** magazine. However, please come to the Convention-Bible Study Event on October 9-10, 2015 at Peninsula Lutheran in Gig Harbor. This will be our only "Bible Study Event" for the year. Pastor Andrews is the author of the September, October and November Bible study in **Gather**. Please note: Pre-registration is required in order to attend. See the registration form in this issue of the SWATCH newsletter.

Start looking for information about the Region I Gathering which is scheduled to be June 24-26, 2016 somewhere in Northwest Washington .

The April 13, 2015 on-line **Daily Grace Devotion** from Women of the ELCA was especially interesting and appropriate for me. Here is it, used by permission:

"Feet flatten. Waistlines widen. Then come the gray hairs. As we age, we change. But that change doesn't mean we can't stay healthy as we grow older.

From the inside out, the transformation is inevitable. Beginning about age 18, the body stops growing and starts declining. Over time, your bones thin, your heart valves thicken and your arteries narrow. Your muscles lose mass and strength, while your lungs, tendons, and joints lose elasticity. The list goes on, but the process is natural.

What is the magic bullet against aging? Exercise. Working out helps you shed weight—and lowers your risk of all health problems. A recent study in the Archives of Internal Medicine found people who get 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day slow the aging process. Their cells are biologically 10 years younger than those of their sedentary peers.

Make the most of your God-given life. Add a healthy diet and regular check-ups to your exercise regimen, and you will look and feel better."

"This message was adapted from "Aging Gracefully" written by Molly M. Ginty that first appeared in the October 2008 issue of **Lutheran Woman Today** (now **Gather**) magazine. This message was used with permission from Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



To subscribe to Daily Grace, visit [www.womenoftheelca.org/](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/)

**Remember to exercise!**

## **From Shirley Hines, SWO Treasurer**

During the first quarter of 2015, thank you to these churches who have sent in congregational unit offerings:

Bethany, Spanaway  
Christ, Lakewood  
Peninsula, Gig Harbor  
Trinity, Tacoma

Bethany, Longview  
Faith, Shelton  
Stella Chapel, Longview

**New address, new forms!** Churchwide Women of the ELCA has a new Gift Processing Center which will handle remittances quickly, accurately and efficiently (and inexpensively, too!) Thankofferings, designated gifts to Women of the ELCA ministries or to other ministries through churchwide Women of the ELCA sent by congregational units **should not be sent to the Chicago address! The new address for Thankofferings and other gifts to churchwide is:**

**Women of the ELCA  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
PO Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**



With the new Gift Processing Center address, come new forms. You will need to go to the Women of the ELCA website to download the forms. To access the form, go to WELCA.org and search for "form a" which will take you to the stewardship resources where you can download the form. Please make copies from the website or if you need a hard copy sent to you, send me an email. The forms are also in this newsletter for you to copy.

Form A continues to be for congregational units to use for sending regular offerings to me (the SWO treasurer) which is slightly different from the previous Form A. The Form B is for congregational units to use for sending Thankofferings and Designated Gifts to Women of the ELCA or other ministries to churchwide Women of the ELCA and yes, this is to be sent to the new Gift Processing Center.

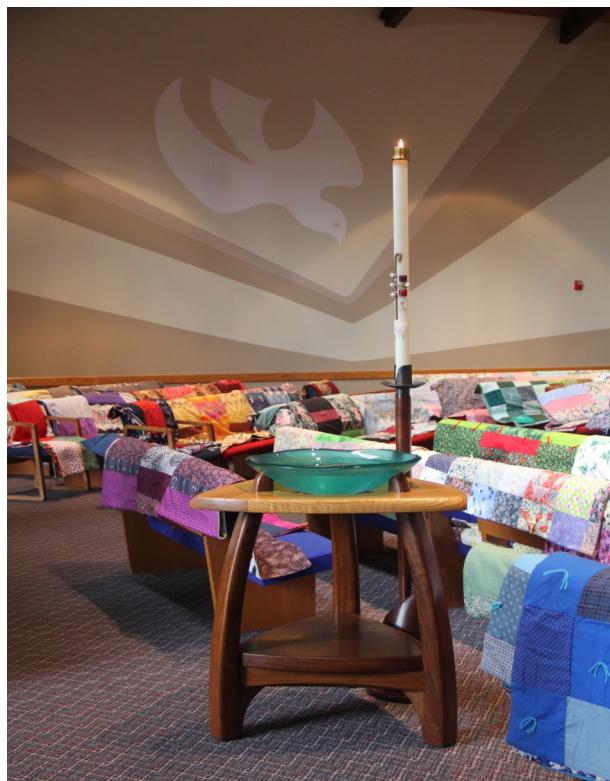
The retreat offering was \$1,241.00, of which 1/2 will go to Churchwide Women of the ELCA. 1/4 will go to the Family Renewal Center and 1/4 will be used for retreat expenses. Thank you, ladies!!

Keep sending your WELCA regular offerings to:

Shirley A Hines 253-209-6228  
PO Box 4596  
SPANAWAY, WA 98387  
shines1944@msn.com

## **Lutheran World Relief Quilts at The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd in Olympia, WA**

Send your LWR shipment report to the SWATCH editor for inclusion in this newsletter.



### **The *Swatch* newsletter**

The ***Swatch*** provides news and information about Women of the ELCA. **Copies are distributed by electronic mail whenever possible to SW WA congregations and to hundreds of women individually. To subscribe by postal mail, send \$6 to the newsletter editor with the check made to SW WA SWO. Subscriptions are due in January of each year.** The ***Swatch*** newsletter is published six times a year: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Articles may be submitted for consideration for use in ***Swatch***. Send articles to the editor:

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Becky Shurson will be the Churchwide Women's Organization Representative at our convention. She was elected secretary of the executive board of Women of the ELCA in July of 2014. She serves on the constitution review committee and the executive committee.

Becky will bring greetings from the president of Women of the ELCA, give a report, and participate in other ways at the convention. Becky is from Yucaipa, CA.

A registration form is in this newsletter for the Bible Study Event-Convention. **Pre-registration is expected.** There will be no registration the day of the Bible Study Event-Convention. In addition, congregational units **must designate and register their voting members at least a month in advance.**

Every congregation with a recognized congregational unit of Women of the ELCA is entitled to send a voting member to the convention to participate in the business of the organization. If your congregational unit has not updated your constitution, it is time to do so: remember to change the word "delegate" to the words "voting member". This was mandated at the 9th Triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA last summer in Charlotte, NC. The congregations without recognized congregational units may send a representative who is seated at the convention and given voice.

At the convention, the voting members will adopt a budget and a review of the organization's financial records, receive reports, and elect new officers and board members.

Please be sure that your congregation is represented at this "Bible Study Event—Convention". The schedule for Friday-Saturday will be in the September newsletter.

**Bible Study Event-Convention Host Hotel** is the Wesley Inn and Suites of Gig Harbor (Best Western Plus), 6575 Kimball Drive in Gig Harbor, WA 98335. For reservations call 888-462-0002 and the discounted price per night is \$119.99 plus tax, either a single king or standard queen/queen. Rates are valid, Oct 8, 9, 10, 2015. Complimentary hot breakfast buffet every morning. When you call to reserve a room, let them know you are coming to the "WELCA Fall Convention" or "The Lutheran Ladies Event". Reserve your room before September 8, 2015 for the special rate.

## Bible Study Event *Always Being Made New!* Convention of SW WA Women

"What is it?", you will ask!! Is it a Bible Study Event Is it a convention? The answer is:

It Is **BOTH** of those events!!

**Date:** October 9 and 10, 2015

**Place:** Peninsula Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor, WA.

**Keynote Speaker:** Reverend Liv Larson Andrews from Salem Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA .

"Slow Faith" is the topic of her three Bible studies in the **Gather** magazine for September (*Sabbath Keeping*), October (*Make Haste, O Lord*) and November (*Tempo Giusto*). She is one of the **Gather** magazine Bible study authors.

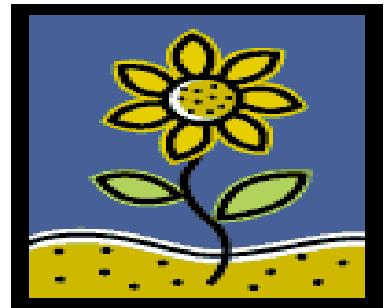


Pastor  
Liv Larson  
Andrews,  
from  
Spokane,  
WA

Since Pastor Andrews is one of those **Gather** Bible study authors, we hope to hear from many of you who may not have attended a convention in the past. Although the purpose of a synodical convention is to take care of the business of the organization, the planning committee always provides other opportunities that should be of interest. Having Pastor Andrews with us at the convention will be an added bonus.

Why "Slow Faith" ? Pastor Andrews says, "in response to our speeding-up world, groups of people around the globe are opting to take life Slow, with a capital "S". Noticing that despair and distance from God are some of the costly wages of the ever speeding-up, productivity-based society, I wanted to explore what theological gifts or blessings reside in this invitation to Slow Down. I did not land on a specific book of the Bible or character or event, as other **Gather** Bible studies use. Instead, I found a reverberating echo, a repeated call throughout scripture to embrace patience and rest in God. From the radical gift of the Sabbath, to the psalms wrestling with longing and trust, onto the parables of Jesus, scripture holds up a vision for living in God's time. We cannot rush the growth of the seed that lands in good soil, or the yeast leavening the dough."

# Always Being made New



"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" II Corinthians 5:17

## Southwestern Washington Synod WELCA *Convention—Bible Study Event 2015*

October 9-10, 2015 at Peninsula Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor, WA

Keynote speaker: Rev Liv Larson Andrews, Spokane, Washington  
Author of **Gather** magazine Bible Study for September, October, November 2015

### **Registration Form   Copy as needed   One name per form**

Registration transferrable but not refundable after October 1, 2015

Please fill out and send to Shirley Hines by October 1, 2015

- Registration \$50.00 includes two days**
- Registration \$25.00 for Saturday only** (Bible study starts at 10:30 am)

Event begins at 3:00 pm with coffee & snacks on Friday, October 9, and ends at 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 10, 2015

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your address \_\_\_\_\_

city and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Your church with city \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Pre-registrations only.   No registrations at the day of the event**

Send with check payable to: SW WA SWO to: Shirley Hines  
PO Box 4596  
Spanaway, WA 98387

Who is the Congregational Unit Voting Member representing you at the business meeting?

\_\_\_\_\_. Please include your physician ordered dietary requirements, remembering this is not a restaurant:

## Gathering in Faith & Action!

A Message of Gratitude to SW WA Women...  
From the incarcerated women you bless daily!

Each woman Appreciates your Presence and Gifts;  
Note cards, Fabric, Devotional books, Baby blankets,  
Funds, The *Gather* magazine, Sharing, Prayers & Support!

On Sunday, April 12, 2015, the *Gathering in Faith* Bible study women enjoyed having the opportunity to Share life & faith stories with guests:  
Dee, Phyllis, Pam & Pat.

Dee facilitated a Bible study focusing on JOY!  
Each woman was prepared and thoughtfully responded.  
*Together in trust, we shared honest feelings  
with tears & laughter!*

If interested in attending 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday *Gathering in Faith* Bible study

Contact: Sharon Peterson 253-549-6782,  
[empoweringlife@aol.com](mailto:empoweringlife@aol.com)  
And

Participating in 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lutheran Worship service

Contact: Joan Nelson, Empowering Life  
253-208-3307 or [joan2nelson@comcast.net](mailto:joan2nelson@comcast.net)

Please mark your calendar to attend or participate  
Empowering Life Rummage Sale at  
Peninsula Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor: July 10-11, 2015  
God's Peace ... Sharon



### Convention updates:

Together with Peninsula Lutheran women, the Silverdale Lutheran WELCA will be the hospitality hosts at the October 9-10 convention and will provide the coffee and "goodies" under the leadership of Jeanne Patterson.

Susan Schulthe is the convention Silent Auction Chairman. If you have something to donate for the silent auction, please notify Susan at [schulthe@aol.com](mailto:schulthe@aol.com). Half of the proceeds of the auction will be given to the ELCA Disaster Response.



## Nominations are open for 2017 TGP

Women of the ELCA is seeking a few women who are passionate about the work of our organization to become Triennial Gathering Promoters for the 2017 event which would begin in 2016 for the Tenth Triennial Gathering, July 13-16, 2017 in Minneapolis.

Requirements include having attended at least one triennial gathering (preferably 2014) and being an active participant in a unit. Candidates should also be comfortable speaking in public, enthusiastic about travel, have hands-on knowledge about social media and be able to tell a story about why they love Women of the ELCA. Experience with marketing is a bonus.

This volunteer job comes with no pay, but plenty of "perks" and while the name "Triennial Gathering Promoter" is the same as the past, the plan is different.

A small group of TGP's—perhaps 9 to 15—will serve the whole organization. Individual synodical women's organizations would not have their own appointed Triennial Gathering Promoter.

Submit your name or someone you know to [women.elca@elca.org](mailto:women.elca@elca.org) with TGP on the subject line. Include name, address, email address, telephone number and church membership. Deadline for receiving nominations is July 31, 2015.

This article is taken from the website of Women of the ELCA.

### StepByStep

Women who came to the April 17-19th retreat brought "in kind" offerings of baby items: blankets, diapers, clothes, books and bath items for the **StepByStep** organization, helping them to help each mom put her best foot forward.



The professional team of nurses and counselors walk alongside moms during the most critical and impactful moments, from the beginning of her pregnancy through the first year of her baby's life. If you want to see more about this organization, check out their website [www.stepbystepnews.org](http://www.stepbystepnews.org)

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Blessing at The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd, Olympia, WA. Linnea Glover (center) has a quilt blessing that you may want to put in your files for next year. Contact her and she'll send it to you. (Contact information on page 8)



### **Early reporting of LWR shipments:**

Send your reports to the editor for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Belfair, Christ:	63 quilts, 23 personal care kits, 15 baby care kits
Camas, Zion:	163 quilts, 121 school kits, 109 personal care kits
Edgewood, Mt View:	357 quilts
Enumclaw, Trinity:	121 quilts, 10 personal care kits, 31 baby care kits
Lakewood, Christ:	155 quilts, 83 personal care kits, 7 fabric kits
Manchester, Elim	13 personal care kits, 11 fabric kits, 12 baby care kits
Port Orchard, First	86 quilts, 48 school kits, 33 personal care kits, 8 fabric kits, 33 baby care kits
Tacoma, Trinity:	103 quilts, 31 school kits, 107 personal care kits, 48 baby care kits
Tacoma, United:	177 quilts



### **October 9-10, 2015 Convention-Bible Study Event**

Look for more details about the Convention-Bible Study Event in the July SWATCH newsletter.

Join the convention planning team:

Contact Ann Meacham, Convention Chairwoman  
253-279-1609



## Offering Form B

For use by CONGREGATIONAL UNITS  
for offerings to CHURCHWIDE

Use Form B for Thankofferings, Where Needed Most, Katie's Fund, Special Offerings, and other Designated Gifts, including gifts to other ELCA ministries. Make check payable to "Women of the ELCA." For more information, please call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2730 or go online to [womenoftheelca.org](http://womenoftheelca.org).

Mail form with check to: Women of the ELCA, ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

DATE		
CONGREGATION	CONGREGATION NUMBER	
CONGREGATION CITY/STATE	ZIPCODE	REG/SYNOD
UNIT TREASURER NAME	PHONE NUMBER	
ADDRESS	EMAIL	
CITY/STATE	ZIP	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
THANKOFFERING	\$	
DESIGNATED GIFTS & SPECIAL OFFERINGS (PLEASE SPECIFY)		
	\$	
	\$	
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	\$	
TOTAL	\$	



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	\$	
	\$	
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TOTAL	\$	

# Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization (SW WA SWO)

## Nominations Form

Deadline for returning is August 8, 2015

Elections for officers/board members will be at the Convention-Bible Study Event on October 9-10, 2015 at Peninsula Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor, WA

### Please circle for which one nominated

#### Officers/board members

For 2015-2017

President

Vice President

Secretary

Board member (three positions)

#### Nominations Committee 2016

(three positions)

#### Newsletter assistant editor

Interested in proof reading?

#### 2017 Triennial Voting Member

Voting member, person of color

Voting member

(three positions)

\*Nominations will be received now and until Spring of 2016 for triennial voting members

Please see the SW WA SWO constitution and/or your CU constitution for duties of these positions.  
The triennial voting members will be elected at convention 2016.

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Congregation with city \_\_\_\_\_

Your occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Your gifts and talents are \_\_\_\_\_

Your area of interests are \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the nominating committee by August 8, 2015**

**Kathy Ifft  
11702 124<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Puyallup, WA 98374**



## Offering Form A

For use by CONGREGATIONAL UNITS  
for offerings to SYNODICAL TREASURER

Use Form A to submit Regular Offerings and SWO Convention Offerings to your Synodical Women's Organization. Make check payable to "Women of the ELCA." Mail form with check to your synodical treasurer. For more information, please call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2730.

DATE	
CONGREGATION	CONGREGATION NUMBER
CONGREGATION CITY/STATE	CONFERENCE OR CLUSTER NAME
UNIT TREASURER NAME	PHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS	EMAIL
CITY/STATE	ZIP

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
REGULAR OFFERING	\$
SWO CONVENTION OFFERING	\$
CONFERENCE OR CLUSTER OFFERING*	\$
	\$
	\$

\* It is recommended that at least 50% of any cluster or conference offering be sent to the synodical treasurer to be passed on in full to the churchwide women's organization.  
Use this line if you are handling the offering from a cluster or conference event.

TOTAL \$ XXXXXXXXXX



## Offering Form A

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# **Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization (1-C)**



## **Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**October 2014— October 2015 or 2016**



### **President: 1 year appointed**

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360-849-4340  
manelson@teleport.com

### **Vice President: 1 year appointed**

Tina Bigelow  
23631 Coburg Place NW  
POULSBO, WA 98335  
3600-697-3465  
tina.bigelow@earthlink.net

### **Secretary: 1 year**

Linnea Glover  
3154 Pear St SE  
OLYMPIA, WA 98501  
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### **Empowering Life.... Beyond**

#### **Incarceration!**

#### **SWO Prison Mission and Ministry Team**

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GIG HARBOR, WA 98335

#### **Churchwide Board Member From SW WA Synod Women**

(elected at 2014 Triennial Convention)  
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TACOMA, WA 98466  
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### **Board Members:**

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Beth Lindell **2 years**

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Ann Meacham **1 year**

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Kathy Ifft **1 year appointed**

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### **Today's Dream, Tomorrow's Reality Racial Justice Advocacy Team**

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### **Cluster Leaders:**

#### **Coastal Cluster**

Position open

#### **Evergreen Cluster**

Position open

#### **Ft. Vancouver Cluster**

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### Calendar of Upcoming Events

**May 15-16, 2015** SW WA Synod Assembly  
Vancouver Hilton Hotel, Vancouver, WA

**July 10-11, 2015** Empowering Life Rummage Sale, Peninsula Lutheran, Gig Harbor

**July 29, 2015** Mt Rainier Cluster Annual Evening Ice Cream Social, 6:30 pm,  
Peace Lutheran Church, Puyallup, WA

**October 3, 2015**—Northwest Washington SWO Convention, Holy Trinity, Mercer Island

**October 9-10, 2015 SW WA Synod Women of the ELCA Bible Study Event—Convention,  
Peninsula Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor, WA**

**June 24-26, 2016 Region I Gathering**  
In NW WA area

**July 13-16, 2017 Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention and Gathering**  
Minneapolis, MN

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