

The Trumpeter

South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization
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From the President

April is here and so is Spring. Easter will be in a few weeks. It is the time for our Spring Conference Gatherings. They are listed on pages 8-9. Thank you to the Conference Boards and 8 Hostessing women's groups for planning and serving. There are many interesting topics. Please try to attend and thank these women.



Planning for the Biennial Convention is underway. We are trying something new - the business meeting and convention will be on the same day. More about the schedule, speakers, and workshops is found on page 6. With the Biennial Convention come elections. Elections really start now, this spring, at your women's group meeting where you elect or choose your voting member (delegate) for the Biennial Convention and nominate a woman for voting member for the Triennial Convention. At the Biennial Convention, Triennial Convention voting members, alternates, and a new synodical women's board and officers will be elected. Please prayerfully consider and encourage others to consider these bold opportunities to serve the Women of the ELCA in our synod. Thank you to ALL the Bold Women who have faithfully served in the past.

Blessings this Spring,
Helen Sheahan, SWO President

Listen - for God is calling and choosing!

"And when day came, [Jesus] called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also name apostles."

Luke 6:13 (NRSV)

Jesus "chose" his disciples - These 2 words from Luke caught my attention in a daily devotion. Is this how God works? And if God chooses, then God also equips. The disciples did not know what they were signing up for, what would be required, or how they would be challenged and blessed. Likewise, God is still calling and choosing people today. We as Women of the ELCA are called and chosen by God. We do not know what lies ahead for us in this calling. We may have doubts. But God promises to be with us and provide the Holy Spirit to guide us in our service to the Lord. We can confidently trust in God's power to equip us for the tasks that he calls and chooses us for. God also sends helpers along the journey, your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please consider how God is choosing you to serve Him. Are you wondering what the next plan God has for you? Is it at your church's food pantry? A leader of your women's group? Or does God have even greater, bolder plans for you as part of the Women of the ELCA? God chooses each of us. He gifts us for different tasks. The Synodical Women's Organization is looking for those whom God is calling to attend our Biennial Convention as your women's group's voting member, those whom God is calling to be a voting member at the Triennial Convention in 2020, and those whom God is calling to be a member or an officer of your synod's women's board. Listen for that small voice of God. How is God calling and choosing you to serve and share your talents with the Women of the ELCA?

Submitted by Helen Sheahan

LOOK WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING!

If you missed the January 2019 Update events and ministry report, here are some of the activities and events that our busy women's groups are doing. Thank you to all the women who give their time and talents to make these good things happen. If you think this list looks a lot like last year's - you are correct. Women continue to provide much of the same generous help and support each year for their churches and communities and the world. We received 30 ministry reports, up from 17 last year. Thank you for filling them out. It is a joy to read them. This year I noticed help for victims of the floods our synod suffered the past summer. I also totaled the monetary gifts listed on this year's reports. The total listed is \$72,356. Not every report listed monetary amounts. So this amount, so to speak, may be just the tip of the iceberg. A need is seen and women respond with their talents, time, and money.

- Meeting at church & in women's homes
- Making Quilts for Lutheran World Relief
- Making hospice & newborn & school kits
- Circles discussing the Gather Bible study
- Serving a meal at a Milwaukee inner city church for 150 people
- Sewing baby blankets for local hospital
- Helping local flood victims Foreign Missionary Support Thankoffering services
- Serving for funerals Christmas Cheer Bags Advent Brunch
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Yearly Bazaar or Craft Sale Evening Advent Retreat
- Making hats & mittens for a school in Milwaukee
- Celebrating Bold Women by sending Thank you notes
- Confirmands are assigned a Circle
- Quillows for high school graduates (quilts that are also pillows)
- Celebrating Bold Women by recognizing a woman from their church who is deceased
- Bold Women Church Service & Choir & Recognizing "first" women in their church
- Lap quilts for Children Harvest Fun Fair 1 Day and Overnight Retreats
- Quilts for Veterans Clothes Closets Chili luncheons with speakers
- Cookie Walk School partner-Adopt a school Fruit Baskets for Shut Ins
- Cradle Roll Food Pantry & Food Banks Mother-Daughter Tea
- Cherish All Children educational focus
- Meetings on Sunday after church service - "Pop up Sister Event"
- Give Gather subscriptions to new church members
- Giving Pennies for Poverty to a local Domestic Abuse shelter
- Norwegian or Scandinavian Dinners
- Visiting & Volunteering & giving money to local nursing homes
- Making dresses and britches for African children
- Thanksgiving Day Community Meals
- Giving Tree
- Youth mission trips
- Quilts to nursing home residents & senior graduates & Baptized Babies & homeless shelter & disaster victims & Native Americans
- Providing community meals
- Giving soap to Lutheran World Relief
- Financially supporting Native American missions
- Financially supporting girls' school in foreign countries
- Support Lutheran Camps & scholar hips for their youth to go to camp
- Prayer Chain
- Sponsor Alzheimer's Walk
- School supplies
- Summer school lunch bag program
- Ladies Night with Bible Study & Fellowship

It is amazing all the activities and causes women's groups support. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Church women are giving and helping their schools & children, flood victims, domestic abuse & homeless shelters, our veterans, and feeding the hungry, educating themselves about Human Trafficking and other issues, helping supporting missionaries, supporting their local community events, and supporting Women of the ELCA. Women's groups are also using Women of the ELCA Resources, such as the Gather Magazine Bible Study, Thankoffering Service, Bold Women's Day, Devotions, Human Trafficking information, Rachel's Day, A Place for You booklet, and Bold Café. Keep up the great work!

Submitted by Helen Sheahan

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Pennies for Poverty

What a wonderful, generous group of Women of the ELCA members in our synod. A total of \$1869.52 was collected for the various domestic abuse shelters in 2018.

\$1068.08 to DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services) in Madison; \$400.00 to Bethel House in Whitewater; \$153.29 to Family Advocates in Platteville; \$24.78 to Baraboo Hope South Central; \$91.39 to Domestic Abuse in Janesville \$131.98 to Safe Harbor in Reedsburg.

At the March Board meeting, the board members decided that the 2019 Pennies for Poverty money will be designated to domestic abuse shelters/programs and/or children's nutrition programs. Women's groups would decide what program or programs they want to give to. They can pick one or both types of programs.

If your women's group chooses to give to a local domestic abuse program or DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services) in Madison - Bring your check AND the organization's name and address on Offering Form A to the 2019 Biennial Convention on September 21. Bonnie Gilbertson, Synodical Treasurer, will forward donations to the domestic abuse shelters and programs. Undesignated Pennies for Poverty gifts will be sent to DAIS. **If your women's group chooses to give to a local children's nutrition program** - Give your check or monies directly to the local children's nutrition program AND write the nutrition program's name and amount given on Offering Form A. Bring Offering Form A to the 2019 Biennial Convention on September 21 and give it to Bonnie, the Synodical Treasurer for the board's donation record keeping. Continue to collect "pennies" within your congregation. We will celebrate the ingathering of Pennies for Poverty at the 2019 Biennial Convention on September 21. Poverty is a very wide spread problem that we can all do a little to help those in need. May God richly bless the giver and the receiver.

Bonnie Gilbertson, South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization Treasurer

Put Savings to Work in Ministry

The Women of the ELCA churches have worked together for years. They have raised money for their needs, for special needs, and for upcoming needs. Each year decisions are made of where and how to spend these gifts. Then the extra not used is kept in an account for future needs.

In 2013 the churchwide Women of ELCA began asking women's groups and Synodical Women's Organizations (SWO) to spend down their reserves. Then start the new year with an adequate amount, say \$1,000, for upcoming events and projects. Since 2013 this discussion of needs and reserves at the Synod and Church-wide levels of the Women of ELCA, more congregational women have voted to help support these ministries, while giving and reserving adequate funds to serve their local needs. These additional moneys that have been given to Church-wide Women of the ELCA since this request have helped with leadership development, the GATHER magazine, discipleship retreats, Café reach out, program resources, the coordination of grants and scholarships, racial justice education, intergenerational programming, Bible studies, and show the interdependence among congregational units, the Synodical women's board, and church-wide organization. These additional funds given from the Women of ELCA working together are used to promote God's Work, with our Women's Hands.

In January 2019 your South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization gave extra gifts to Women of the ELCA Katie's Fund and Where Needed Most, ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response for California wildfires and Puerto Rico hurricane recovery, UPAVIM, and Cherish All Children - a Lutheran affiliated nonprofit working to prevent the exploitation and trafficking of children and youth. Consider how your Women's group's extra funds can work to support the churchwide ministries of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Where Needed Most will support the ongoing ministries of advocacy in the more needed areas. Treasurers can use Offering Form B (found on the Women of the ELCA webpage on the South Central Synod of Wisconsin's website) or contact Audrey Novak Riley, Director for Stewardship and Development, at 1-800-638-3522 ext.2736 or email audrey.riley@elca.org

Margo Holzman, SWO Stewardship Mission for South Central Wisconsin

TRIENNIAL RESOLUTION

Triennial Resolution - Condemning Corporal Punishment and Rights of the Child

Continuing from the January Trumpeter about the 2017 Triennial resolution -- Why is this resolution important? Kids need a safe environment in order to grow into healthy, happy, productive adults. There is research to back this up. What can we do? We can help protect children through 1) supporting parents as they raise children, 2) supporting legislation that offers help and programs for families, and 3) reporting suspected hurting of children to appropriate authorities so the family and children can get help. [Click here](#) to read the entire article.

Submitted by Helen Sheahan

BIENNIAL FORMS

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St. Peter's Loganville Women have been busy this past quarter. Two Sit and Sews were held, one in January and one in March on Saturdays so more women could sew squares for quilt tops. The youth participated in these sessions also.

Our Heartfelt Ministry workshop was a book folding event. Some of the ladies folded pages in their books that when finished made the shape of a cross, some did hearts and one is working on a cow. Looking ahead to May, we will learn how to stencil on wood with sayings such as "Welcome" "Be Still and Know That I Am God".



February was celebrated with writing letters to other bold women. Quite a few of us wrote notes or letters to other bold women acknowledging and affirming their bold. Despite inclement weather on Bold Women's Sunday, we dusted off the choir robes and sang Be Strong, Be Bold.

<https://vimeo.com/319578234>

We used the suggested liturgy which was on the Women of the ELCA website. During the service some attributes of a bold woman were shared and one letter received by a grandmother from her granddaughter was read.

Primrose Spring Luncheon/Bazaar/Bake Sale/Musical Program

The women of Primrose Lutheran Church, 8770 Ridge Drive, Belleville, WI will be holding their Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 4. The bazaar and bake sale (including lefse) will start at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall. A noon lunch of hot turkey or beef sandwiches, a variety of salads and light refreshing dessert will be served in the lower level. Ron and Rosalie will begin playing around 1pm in the sanctuary.

The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 6-10 years old, and children 5 and under are free. Call 608-832-4435 with any questions. Hope you are able to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 21, 2019

The 14th Biennial Convention South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Verona Campus (West).

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Child care is available.

Registration starts at 8:00 am, closing at 4:00 pm ~ Cost is \$25 including box lunch

The Theme is "Bold Women - Answering the Call"

Theme Verse: 1 John 4:17 "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world."

- 11:00 am Keynote Speaker is Reverend Angela Khabebe who preached the Closing Worship sermon - 2017 Triennial (Dynamic, inspiring speaker! - ask someone who attended the 2017 Triennial Gathering)
- Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld is preaching at worship and leading a workshop
- Voting Member registration is due August 12, 2019.
 - Please select your voting member before summer if your women's group does not meet in the summer.
- The business meeting will be Saturday morning, 8:30 to 10:30 am, September 21, 2019
- Visitors and early arrivals are welcome at the business meeting or can attend morning workshops
- We will elect a new Secretary and 9 board members at the business meeting. Please give prayerful thought to joining the board and sharing your talents and gifts. If you want more information about the board's activities and projects, please talk with a current board member or officer. Contact information is in this Trumpeter. Visitors are always welcome at the board meetings so you can "try us out". The next board meeting is Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am at Good Shepherd-Verona Campus.
- We will also elect 4 Voting Members to the 2020 Triennial Convention. See article about Triennial Convention.
- Morning Workshop for visitors who do not attend the business meeting will be Simply Yoga for You - Answer Your Call and Sensing God: Reading Scripture with all Our Senses.
- Afternoon workshops will be When the Spirit Moves; Sensing God: Reading Scripture with all Our Senses Individual, Church, Planet; Let's Talk Privilege; Involving the Children of Your Life in Your Faith; Small Town and Rural Ministry; Social Media & its role in Human Trafficking; and Native American Issues
- Click here to download the forms - Registration with speaker and workshop information, Triennial Voting Member Nomination, Board Nomination, Resolution, Triennial Scholarship, and Seminary & Lutheran College Student Scholarship. These forms will be printed in the July Trumpeter. For more information about any of these forms contact Helen Sheahan at sheahanl@sbcglobal.net.

READER QUESTION

April Reader Question - Churchwide Women of the ELCA has created an Exploratory Committee that is looking into the future of Women of the ELCA. As they begin their work the committee is asking for input from women.

1. If you could make changes to our constitutions to encourage more participation in the organization, what would they be?
2. The triennial convention costs approximately \$2,400 per voting member. Annual revenue from offerings has been insufficient to pay for the convention over the past two triennium. How could your SWO assist with the costs?
3. Why is this organization important to you? If this organization went away tomorrow, would you miss it? Would it matter? Why?

You can let us know by sending an email to welcatrumpeter@gmail.com or a note to Helen Sheahan, 1106 Valley Stream Drive, Madison, WI 53711

We will share answers in the April Trumpeter and with the Exploratory Committee

Just a short update on what is happening at the UPAVIM school and daycare.

1. Three of our daycare teachers and three of our elementary teachers are taking Montessori training this year. This involves a 3-hour class twice a month.
2. This year we have Montessori running through 2nd grade and plan to include 3 grade in 2020.
3. In June Stephanie McGrath will return to continue working with the Montessori teachers in their classrooms and in the constructing of more materials. Since Montessori materials are very expensive we make as many of them as possible.
4. The elementary teachers also attended a two day training run by the "Consejo de Lectura" of Guatemala and paid for by Dr. Ellie Friedland, a member of the UCDF board.
5. With the help and funding from Natalie Melville, our past English coordinator, the school has hired a psychologist to assist our teachers and parents two days a week. Since our community is extremely poor and violent, with gangs controlling a large sector of community life, it really takes its toll on the of the children and their ability to study and learn. This person will also work hand-in-hand with the Peace curriculum Natalie organized and initiated before she left to begin her PhD program.
6. Pending approval of the Guatemalan UPAVIM board and the library committee, a special community-building reading program will begin in May of this year.

WELCA SYNOD

ELEVENTH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION - Looking for voting members!

July 14 - 16, 2020, Phoenix, Arizona

This is the national meeting of Women of the ELCA. The recommendations from the Exploratory Committee will be presented and voted upon here. This is an important, organization changing, convention. NOW is the time for each women's group to nominate a voting member to be part of this convention. A link to the forms are on page 5. The Nominating committee would like nomination forms from women's group by June 15, 2019 if possible, but nominations can be emailed or postmarked until August 12, 2019. This earlier date is to assist the Nominating Committee to find nominees. At our Biennial Convention business meeting we will elect 4 voting members plus alternates and a new President to attend the Triennial Convention.

Voting members have their round trip travel, lodging, and meals paid from July 14 - 16, 2020. Lodging, meals, and registration for the Triennial Gathering will be at the voting member's expense



ELEVENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING

Bring a friend! 4 Scholarships of the registration fee are available

July 16 - 19, 2020
Phoenix, Arizona

Immediately following the Triennial Convention, the Triennial Gathering starts. These Gatherings are always uplifting and we learn so much. Yes, Phoenix will be hot in July but the buildings are all air conditioned. So start thinking now about attending. The SWO provides 4 scholarships in the form of the registration fee. The application form is due October 1, 2019. Recipients will be notified by October 31, 2019. Early bird prices end the first week of January 2020. Has anyone preregistered for the Gathering? If so, please let Helen Sheahan know at sheahanl@sbcglobal.net. Submitted by Helen Sheahan

CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS

Southwest Conference - April 6

Lutheran Church of Peace in Platteville

Speakers about Women of the ELCA supported missions for Native Americans in AZ & Montana and UPAVIM at 10 am.

Registration and continental breakfast starts at 9:30 am.

More information and RSVP to tomsuzbart@tds.net or 608-533-2801. In-kind gifts for women's shelter Family Advocates.

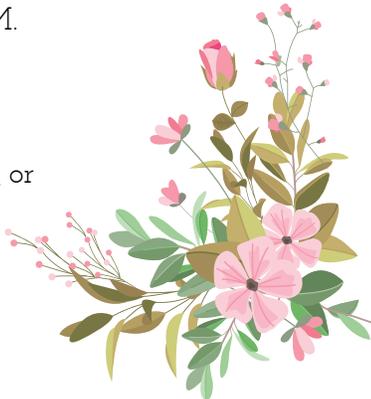
East/West Conference Spring Gathering

Our spring gathering will be held on **April 6** at Trinity Lutheran Church
1904 Winnebago St.
Madison

Registration is at 8:30am and we will conclude the morning with a salad luncheon at noon.

Jane Harrison will give a presentation on UPAVIM, a Guatemalan Women's Cooperative. Jane has traveled to Guatemala over the years to lead mission trips and/or help at the co-op. The South Central Wisconsin Synod Women began supporting UPAVIM in 2006. We sell the crafts the women make to support themselves, and we also provide scholarships for the children to attend school. Come hear Jane's stories and learn more about UPAVIM.

Contact Polly Carter,
Coordinator at
pfcart48@gmail.com or
call 271-7912.



BARABOO CONFERENCE Spring Gathering

Saturday April 27
St. JOHN's Lutheran Church
100 Oak St. PRAIRIE DU SAC , WI.

Registration & coffee 8:30-9:30 AM.
9:30 Opening & speaker Kathy Roberg, RN, on update of medical mission in Haiti, followed by business meeting & luncheon.

Cost \$7.00 payable at registration.

PLEASE RSVP by April 17 with number attending & name of church to Marian DeGiovanni at tnmdegi@gmail.com or phone 608-643-4514-- may leave message on answering machine. Please mention any dietary needs!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Southlake Conference -

May attend any nearby Gathering

Women of the ELCA Monroe Conference Spring Gathering

Saturday, **April 13, 2019**
Primrose Lutheran Church
8770 Ridge Drive
Belleville, WI.

9:30- 10:00 a.m. Registration
10:00-11:30 a.m. Business Meeting
Noon Lunch \$5.00

Speaker: Nikki Matley - FCI
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There will be a free will offering -
half will go to the Synodical and
half for the conference meeting
expenses.



To Fellow Members of the Beaver Dam Conference:

We would like to try to reestablish the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization.

Jean Kwapil & Wanda Udovich
Co-Presidents of W-ELCA
Immanuel Watertown

2019 Beaver Dam Conference

Women's Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 6, 2019

9:00 am - Noon

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Marquardt Village Towne Centre
1045 Hill Street, Watertown, WI



Welcome all women! Invite a friend!
Presented by Kay Ward, Retired Moravian Bishop, Author of *Gather* Summer 2019 Bible Study on Queen Esther

Registration starts at 8:30 am

Lunch served at noon

Cost: \$10.00

(cash or check to Immanuel W-ELCA)

Women, you are invited to attend the 2019 Elkhorn Conference Spring Gathering
Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m. Luncheon to follow

- Registration/Refreshments beginning at 8 a.m.
- Our Host: Trinity English Lutheran Church 314 Barrie Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

Gather, Praise, Renew

Morning agenda

Fellowship • Synodical women's update • Speaker, Dawn Heath from "Join The Movement" on Anti-Human Trafficking • Elkhorn Conference Business Meeting • Worship & Song

NEW!! A "Baked Potato" Luncheon.

No salads are required, but you may bring a freewill offering toward food expenses. A freewill offering will be collected to be donated to "Join the Movement" and the Synodical board.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Please RSVP the number attending by April 20

to Sheryl Phillipson 262-337-1368 or email: OlspPhillipson@gmail.com

Luther Memorial Church (Delavan) Immanuel Lutheran Church (Lake Geneva) Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (Walworth) Sugar Creek Lutheran Church (Elkhorn) Jefferson Prairie Luth. Church (Poplar Grove, IL) First English Lutheran Church (Whitewater) Trinity English Lutheran Church (Fort Atkinson) Christ Lutheran Church (Sharon) Williams Bay Lutheran Church (Williams Bay)

**Women of the ELCA
Beloit Conference Spring Gathering**
"United Together Helping Others"

Saturday, April 27, 2019

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

First Lutheran Church
612 N. Randall Ave.
Janesville, WI

Luncheon will feature uniquely decorated tables by women of our church.

RSVP by April 12

Our program will be presented by John Haerberlin, MD
Mission de Milagros (Mission of Miracles)

Registration form: Cost \$8

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Church Name: _____

Send to: First Lutheran Church
Attn. Jeannine Bown, 212 N. Randall Ave., Janesville, WI 53545
or call Jeannine at (608) 754-2071

DISCIPLESHIP

Barneveld Conference Spring Gathering

April 27, 2019

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.,
program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Evangelical Lutheran Church of
Mount Horeb
315 East Main Street

Pre-register at elc@mhtc.net or
call 608-437-5012 with names of
those attending

\$5.00 at the door to cover meal
costs

The program is being developed
by Bev Burns of "Passages", a
women's shelter, and Darlene
Masters of Family Advocates. Last
year, Passages served 535 persons.
We will learn more about this
organization and possibly develop
an action plan to help in their
work.

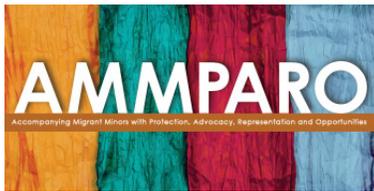
Discipleship

"Discipleship is a lifelong journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ." This definition from our Women of the ELCA website goes on to challenge us to follow the 'Great Commission' in Matthew 28:20; "and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this that I am with you always, even to the end of the world." There are 7 marks of discipleship. They are praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving and giving. We can fulfill these marks in many different ways during our lifetime. The marks all involve action and movement. They involve working, thinking and planning together.

I invite you to "DARE TO BE A DISCIPLE," as I am about to end my second term on the SWO Board in September. I encourage you to step up, fill out the nomination papers, and run to be a member of the SWO board. God will answer your prayers; he will encourage you to serve, he will give you the time to serve and he will give you the knowledge you need to be a leader in our South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization (SWO). Together we are very much involved in working, thinking and planning together. The knowledge I have gained during this experience has been priceless. I have formed wonderful new friendships, listened to great new ideas, studied our history as an organization, and learned from awesome women who care deeply about our ELCA church. I will continue to participate in the SWO and support our new leaders. I am truly grateful this experience has been part of my lifelong journey; I hope it is part of your journey. We need you on our team! Make plans now to attend the SWO Biennial Convention September 21.

MISSION JUSTICE

Powerful Immigration Documentaries



At the Conference of Presidents that I attended in February there was a workshop on AMMPARO. AMMPARO is the abbreviation for Accompanying Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities. This presentation was about the conditions at the U.S. - Mexico border for families that are seeking asylum in the United States. We also learned of 3 documentaries that are available.

1. The documentary & BRIGHTNESS OF NOON: The Intersect of Faith, Immigration and Refugees - Part I is available online. It can be found by googling its title. It is 58 minutes long. I am told it is powerful. Women of the ELCA, through Katie's Fund, provided financial support for the creation of it. It is produced by Diva Communications which is the same company that produced "Beauty of Their Dreams," the movie about educating girls in Africa that was shown at the 2017 Triennial Gathering and was excellent .
2. The second documentary & BRIGHTNESS OF NOON: The Intersect of Faith, Immigration and Refugees- Part II " will be shown on WKOW (Channel 27) on Sunday, 4/14/19, at 11:30 am.
3. Harvest of Empire, <http://harvestofempiremovie.com>, is another award winning documentary on immigration. The DVD can be purchased to \$25 or with the book for \$35. These are great resources to show and learn about immigration, asylum seeking, and the history of the current immigration crisis. Check them out. Show them, talk about them and send your review to The Trumpeter.

Submitted by Helen Sheahan

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Empowered by the Holy Spirit;
We commit ourselves to
Grow in Faith
Arm our girls
Support one another in our callings
Engage in ministry and action
Promote healing and wholeness in the Church, the society and the world.

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