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Anne's Advice



The only advice I can give in the midst of another hot, steamy Florida summer is to stay cool. That's pretty easy for a retired person who has a home with good air conditioning. But in the interest of being a good steward, and recognizing both the financial cost of electricity and environmental cost of generating that electricity, I look for ways to conserve. My thermostat is set at 78. Sometimes I even click it up to 80 if I'm not moving around cooking or doing housework. Even at slightly higher temperatures, removing the humidity is enough to keep me comfortable. But I know I must also think of my neighbor. I think of the unhoused in my community. I look for the agencies that are working to meet their needs for relief with immediate solutions, as well as long term solutions for shelter. Then I ask God to show me how I can help.

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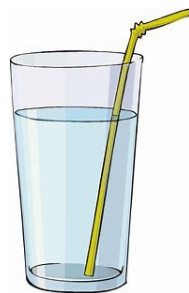
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I don't always remember to drink enough water. I keep trying different tricks to ensure that I get as much as I should. I never forget to eat, so I drink a 12 oz. glass of water before I begin any meal. I also drink a full glass of water, not just a sip, when taking my daily vitamins and prescriptions. I'm looking for ways to see that others get the water they need. For \$30.00, **ELCA**

Good Gifts will send a ceramic water filter where needed to provide clean drinking water. **Lutheran World Relief Disaster Relief** supplies water anywhere in the world when our neighbors are in need. I look for agencies in my own community working to take action for clean water sources.



Keeping cool is more than looking at my physical comfort. Keeping my cool is also advice for my state of mind. We all have the complete instructions available in our homes, but like my remembering to drink water, I forget to study the instruction guide. The Bible contains everything I need to know to live a life of peace. Read John 14:27: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.*

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What the world gives us is temporary. We worry about things that haven't happened yet. We worry about things that are finished and we cannot change. We worry about what other people think. Our hearts are troubled by unresolved anger and unconfessed sin. These troubles only matter in the present moment. If I change my perspective and stop looking at circumstances in a worldly, personal way, and instead, see myself as a child of God in the Kingdom of Heaven, I can find peace. My worries will chill as I intentionally look to God in gratitude, in praise, in worship, and in the Bible.

Don't lose your cool. Love your God and humbly serve your neighbor. Stay cool and Carry on.

Anne Storan, FL-BA SWO President

Forms, Funds and Finances...



Greetings SWO Sisters,

It is time to get your voting members all lined up for the Fall Gathering in November where all kinds of important business will be conducted! ALL ACTIVE units are able to send one voting member to the Fall Gathering to participate in the business of our organization. Remember, your voting member will not miss any of the Fall Gathering activities as business meetings are scheduled when nothing else is going on!

What makes your unit ACTIVE? Two things:

1. Constitution or Affirmation of Membership on file with the SWO. These are held by the SWO Vice President - Denise Beumer.
 - a. If you are not sure your unit has one on file, please contact Denise at: dbeumer1000@gmail.com or 407-782-7662.
 - b. If you need to complete a new Affirmation of Membership visit: <https://www.flwelca.com/resources> to download the form.
 - c. If you need to establish or update your Constitution visit: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/tools-for-leaders/constitutions> for the latest versions of a Unit Constitution. These are templates you can use as is or adjust to closer fit your unit's needs.
2. Support the SWO through a regular offering - this means having sent one regular offering to the SWO Treasurer this year.
 - a. If you are not sure that your unit has made an offering, please contact me at fbswotreasurer@gmail.com or 239-848-7274 and I can check for you.
 - b. To send an offering, use Form A which can be found at: <https://www.flwelca.com/resources> and mail with your check to me at: Tracy Moffatt, 1944 Crestview Way, Naples, FL 34119

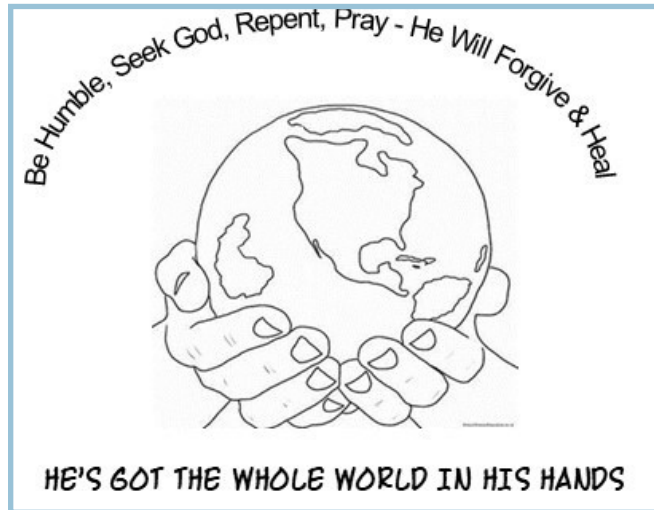


Finally, if you would like to help one of your more financially challenged sisters attend the Fall Gathering, please consider a donation to one of our Scholarship Funds. Let Your Light Shine is for Youth attendees while Share the Spirit is for the rest of us. Both funds are quite low and in need of your support so we can help as many attend Fall Gathering as possible.



Contributions may be sent to me at: **Tracy Moffatt, 1944 Crestview Way, Naples, FL 34119** - please make check to FL-BA Synodical Women and designate which fund in the memo line on your check or include a Form A.

Tracy Moffatt, FL-BA SWO Treasurer



Are you ready for the Fall Gathering? It is scheduled for **November 8, 9 and 10th** at **Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center, 4991 Picciola Road, Fruitland Park, Florida.**

The Bible verse for the weekend is 2 Chronicles 7:14: *If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land.* The Theme is: ***“He's got the Whole World in His Hands”***

At the Gathering there will be exciting speakers and workshops. We will have great food and meet with friends, old and new. There will be times for quiet and times for fun and opportunities to learn about God and time to worship Him.

The deadline to register is October 5, 2024. The web site (flwelca.com) is ready to take your registration and a list of workshops is available for you to choose from.



Remember whatever is happening in the world, the country, or your own life, God loves you and He has the whole world in His Hands.

Donna Person & Gayle Backiel
2024 Fall Gathering Co-Chairs



LET'S PRESERVE OUR HISTORY!

Do you have documents, photos, or items that you would like the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization to preserve that memorializes the history of our organization? If so, please e-mail them to dperson7@aol.com or bring them with you to the Fall Gathering so memories of your unit, circle, or Conference can be retained.

Submitted by, ***Donna Person, SWO Board Member***

2024 Fall Gathering

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

November 8-10, 2024

Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center, Fruitland Park

REGISTRATION OPTION 1:

Download, email, and mail the following writable PDF registration forms to mail or email to our conference registrar, Diane Cummings. These forms can also be printed and shared electronically with friends in your congregation and conference.

Step 1. Select the appropriate form (**Overnight, Commuter, or Youth Registration**) and complete all fields. Mail with check to address on form.

Step 2. Review the workshop list, download and complete [WORKSHIP REGISTRATION](#) form and return with your registration.

REGISTRATION OPTION 2:

Online Registration is now open at www.flwelca.com. Click on **2024 Fall Gathering**.

Please complete the following steps to register:

Step 1. Select the appropriate form (**Overnight, Commuter, or Youth Registration**) and complete all fields, including the payment section.

Step 2. Review the workshop list, and submit your choices using the links provided ([WORKSHOP LIST](#) and [WORKSHOP REGISTRATION](#)).



Florida-Bahamas
Synodical Women's
Organization

by Donna Person, SWO Board Member

Each year the Board of the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization ("SWO") awards a scholarship(s) to seminary student(s) who meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be in the candidacy process and have been verified with the Florida-Bahamas Synod Candidacy Chair.
2. Seminary students must be attending one of the eight ELCA seminaries and are either in the Master of Divinity (M.DIV.), Master of Arts (MA), or Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) programs.
3. Preference will be given to residents of the Florida-Bahamas Synod, female applicants, and active members of congregational units.

Encourage seminary students that you know or attend your church to apply for this scholarship. Application information will be available in November.

Deadline for submission is December 15.

Prayerfully consider sharing God's Gracious Gifts

As women of faith, we all should thoughtfully read and strive to follow the words of

I Peter 4:10

which says

“Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

This is an invitation to all Women of the ELCA to celebrate and utilize your God given gifts by submitting your Nomination Form to be a candidate to be placed on the ballot for one of the open SWO Board positions. This year at the Fall Gathering we will be voting on the position of Secretary and three (3) Board Members. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts that God has so graciously given you. Share your leadership skills, knowledge, grace, and fellowship by becoming a Board Member. By completing the Nomination Form and returning it to me, your name can be added on the ballot for this upcoming election. If you have any questions, my contact information is listed below.

We will also be voting to elect a new President at the Fall Gathering by ecclesiastical ballot.

Blessings,

Denise Beumer 407-782-7662

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Nomination Committee Chair

In thousands of congregations across the U.S. and the Caribbean, women of all ages gather in community to grow in faith and live their faith through ministry and action. Invite others!

We are the women’s ministry organization of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#). In Women of the ELCA, you will find:

- support on your faith journey
- opportunities to serve and make a difference in your community and around the world
- a community of women that prays together
- Bible study
- the joy of growing in faith and friendship

How can you be a part of Women of the ELCA?

[Contact us](#) to learn more about forming a group in your congregation or finding an established group at a congregation in your area. Learn more about our organization through our [publications](#). Whether you are part of a local group or not, you can be part of our online community on [Facebook](#). Find out more about [the four steps it takes to form a group](#).

Our last 2024 Conference Spring Gatherings

PANHANDLE CONFERENCE

AT HOLY TRINITY IN FT WALTON BEACH



On June 22, **Holy Trinity** in Ft Walton Beach hosted the Panhandle Spring Gathering with twenty-seven in attendance following the theme *“Three Mary’s of the Bible”*. **President Shirley Bow** opened the day with a welcome and devotional. Since a FL-BA SWO Board member was unable to attend, **Wilma Shively** shared news from that group. Elections were conducted to create a newly-formed Panhandle Conference Planning Committee following the revised synodical WELCA constitution. Elected for two-year terms were **Wilma Shively** as the Coordinator and **Stacey Fleming-Weeks, Karen Painter,** and **Damien Cooper** as Committee Members. **Shirley Bow**, outgoing President, installed the four newly-elected planning committee members. **Marcee Wilkes** spoke about ongoing *“Women to Women”* Zoom sessions with sister church women in Suriname and Guyana. **Bretta Quinones** led a Bible study on *“Mary, Mother of Jesus.”* **Pastor Beth Bateson** led the communion service and the program presenting two dramatizations – of Mary of Bethany and Mary Magdalene. **Marlene Reinke** and **Elizabeth Becton** led all in exercises sessions.

Note: Since a FL-BA SWO Board member was unable to attend the Panhandle gathering, this report was summarized by the Tapestry Editor Linda Greilick from the Minutes of the June 22, 2024 Panhandle Conference Spring Gathering Minutes compiled by Sandy See, Secretary, Panhandle Conference.

FIRST COAST CONFERENCE

AT ST ANDREWS BY THE SEA IN JACKSONVILLE BEACH



The Women of First Coast Conference met for Spring Gathering on June 8 at **St Andrew's by the Sea** under the theme *Amazing Grace for a Women's Heart*. **Rev Jody Rice** led the Bible study. **Susan Rice** of **PossAbilities Plus** shared about the work with autistic teens to teach social and job skills. A delicious lunch was provided from **Cup of Dreams Tea Room** which is run by the students at PossAbilities Plus. We did a Tai Chi stretch after lunch and then finished with the business meeting. Thanks to the women of St Andrew's and First Coast for a lovely day.

Raeann Purcell
FL-BA SWO Board Representative



When one door closes

Women of the ELCA Executive Director Retires

You are invited to make a gift to Katie's Fund in honor of
Linda Post Bushkofsky.



After twenty-two years serving Women of the ELCA as Executive Director, **Linda Post Bushkofsky** retired at the end of June. She guided the churchwide expression of WELCA through many changes.

If you wish to honor her leadership and service, consider a donation to 2022: Growing Katie's Fund for the Next 100 Years. Katie's Fund supports ministries focused on global sharing, leadership development, and faith in daily life.

- ◆ You can make a gift online on the Women of the ELCA website: welca.org/donate.
- ◆ Or you can send a check made payable to Women of the ELCA, ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield VA 22116-8009. Note "*Katie's Fund WOG0206/retirement*" on the memo line.

A gift to Katie's Fund in honor of Linda's leadership is a natural way to say "thanks."

Another opens



On July 1, 2024, **Jennifer Hockenbery, Ph.D.**, began her one-year term as interim executive director of Women of the ELCA. Since 2020, Hockenbery has been serving as dean of humanities and professor of philosophy

at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin. She also serves as editor of the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, a role she has held since 2019.

"We are excited about Jennifer accepting the interim executive position," said **Myrna Wells-Ulland, Women of the ELCA churchwide executive board president.**

Interim Executive Director begins

Welcome to Jennifer Hockenbery

"She will shepherd the organization through a time of transition and oversee the day-to-day leadership of the organization. Her strong background in Lutheran theology, management experience, astute listening skills and collaborative leadership style will help us to assess our strengths and opportunities and lead conversations and collaborations among board members, staff and participants about our future as Women of the ELCA."

To learn more about Jennifer Hockenbery, read the article by Elizabeth Hunter on the WELCA website, womenoftheelca.org.

WHY DO WE HAVE SPECIAL DAYS OR MONTHS OF RECOGNITION?

by Stacia Carter—Justice & Reconciliation



In the United States we have days, weeks and months dedicated to certain causes. We begin the year recognizing and hearing about human trafficking. In February, we have Black History Month. In March we have Women's History Month. May brings us Asian Pacific Heritage while in June we recognize LGBTQIA+, Pride, and Gun Violence. September brings us Hispanic Heritage Month while Indigenous Peoples Day is October 14th. When we get to November, we have American Indian Heritage Month with November 19th designated as Native American Heritage Day. This is above and beyond the national federal holidays such as Memorial, Independence and Labor Day, Veterans, Columbus and President's Day along with Martin Luther King Jr Day and Juneteenth National Independence Day. But I must ask, does anyone other than the people whose cause is being recognized pay attention? Do we think of the federal holidays as anything more than a paid day off? Do we just take the day off without giving any thought as to why we have it off? Why is this day recognized? What is the significance? Do you participate in any events in recognition of these days besides cookouts on Memorial Day, Independence Day or Labor Day?

Do you think about the Black History you have or haven't been taught? Do you read books by or about Black Americans or other people of color? Do you try to learn about the civil rights movement, do you try to increase your knowledge of notable Black Americans? When was the last time you went to an art exhibit featuring African American artists? During Hispanic American month, does anyone but Hispanic Americans read books by or about Hispanic Americans? Do you go to plays or concerts featuring Hispanic artists? On Indigenous Peoples Day, can you really explain who indigenous people are? Can you name any famous indigenous Americans? During Pride month, do you ever stop to think about the fear the LGBTQIA+ community may feel when they come out to family and friends? Do you ever stop and think about people who identify as Queer, being able to openly love who they love without fear of harm? Have you ever participated in a Pride celebration or parade? Have you read a book by a

Black, Hispanic, Native American, Asian American or a Queer author? If not, look at the list of books banned in Florida and choose one. Its author probably identifies as someone in this article.

Each year I participate in a Juneteenth celebration. This year, the Florida Bahamas Synod sponsored a celebration at Salem Lutheran Church in Orlando. Juneteenth is a remembrance and celebration of freedom for the last of the slaves who were freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. It took two and a half years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation for Union troops to reach Galveston, TX and announce their freedom. In June 1866, celebrations were held commemorating the anniversary of the slaves' emancipation and the celebration has since spread throughout the country. In 2021, President Biden declared June 17th Juneteenth National Independence Day, a federal holiday.

For our celebration, we had a reading of the Proclamation by a retired Army Colonel dressed in a Union uniform. We had the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club present the colors including the American flag and the Juneteenth flag. We had music, praise dancing, a soloist, poetry, a reading of the history of Juneteenth and greetings from a member of White Lutherans for Racial Justice. We also honored the Emmanuel Nine with a reading from an Assistant to the Bishop and lighting of candles for each life lost. For those not aware, the Emmanuel Nine is a forever part of ELCA history. The killer was a member of an ELCA congregation. The young man took his hate for people of color out on Christians gathered at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC on June 17, 2015. Nine people were shot to death while studying the Bible because of hate. We can forgive the killer, but we must not forget.

I'm sure some in the audience didn't know the history of Juneteenth or that it took almost three years for Congress to ratify the 13th Amendment freeing all slaves in the United States. Many also didn't know the history of the Emmanuel Nine and its ELCA's ties.

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Most of us know the purpose of Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Martin Luther King, Jr Day. Maybe we can take the time on the next day of recognition and the next paid day off to learn about the others. When we have these days of recognition, let's take time to find out why. Human trafficking happens in every city and state. What can we do to lessen or eliminate this horror? Gun Violence is an everyday occurrence. What can we do to protect our children and our communities from gun violence? Indigenous Peoples Day celebrates the original people of this land we claim as the United States. Can we take 30 minutes and look up the history and why this day is important? No one expects us to be experts on every holiday or every day of remembrance but we can

stop, Google and learn a little bit about why we single out these days, weeks or months. I personally must do better and not just look at it as a day off. My sorority likes to call some of these days "a day on" because we commit to working in the community, acknowledging the day.

I'm asking you to join me in doing better.

PUBLICATIONS ABOUND

by Raeann Purcell—Publications

Did you know that the Women of the ELCA provides us with a variety of publications? Most are familiar with Gather Magazine, a subscription base publication printed 6 times a year. The magazine includes a Bible study, theological discussions, devotions and stories of interest that challenge us to grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. Subscriptions are available by calling 1-844-409-0576.



Bold Cafe is an online magazine written by bold young adult women who share faith, advocacy, relationships and more. You can access Cafe at boldcafe.org. Be sure to check out the monthly dinner on Zoom the first Thursday of the month at 8:00 EST.

Bold Connections is a monthly e-newsletter delivered by email that anyone can subscribe to. It features the latest information on the programs and happenings of the Women of the ELCA.



For more information on the Women of the ELCA and its publications, see womenoftheelca.org

Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly

On May 31- June 2, Lutherans from all over the synod gathered at Embassy Suites Hotel in Kissimmee for the 37th Annual FBS Assembly. *“Who Comes Up in Your Dreams?”* the theme drawn from Acts 16, shaped the presentations, sermons, and speeches throughout the weekend. **Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica Padilla** was the keynote speaker. He told us that the population of Florida is growing. For many of our new residents, English is not their primary language. Lutheran churches in Florida need more ordained and lay people fluent in Spanish to reach out and serve our new neighbors. We need to focus on relationships and building community. He spoke of reaching beyond our familiar community of like-minded people, and crossing over to new cultural or ethnic territory. Love for our neighbors is the trademark of Christianity. Reverend Malpica gave three ways to live a life of love with those we see as different. Spend time seeking to understand. Build a relationship of trust. Respect the other.

The Florida Bahamas Synodical Women’s Organization could be found at their table in the Connections Cafe. **Marilyn Kreitzinger** answered questions, handed out information, and gave women who had never come to the WELCA Fall Gathering a chance to enter a drawing to win a free registration for this year’s Gathering. In preparation for this year’s Triennial Youth Gathering in New Orleans, **Raeann Purcell** prepared 300 bead kits to assemble Pride bracelets to be handed out at the Gathering. Throughout the weekend, the kits were picked up; completed bracelets were brought back and dropped in the basket.

Tracy Moffatt has been elected to the Synod Council as Treasurer of the Council. **Donna Person** will continue to serve on Synod Council.

Anne Storan, FL-BA SWO President



From the Editor’s Desk — Linda Greilick

Powerful words

As I’ve worked through compiling this issue of the Tapestry, so many words have touched me. I’ve read meaningful and powerful words and phrases that have caused me to think about my actions. As you’ve read through this issue to this page, hopefully some of those words and thoughts have jumped out at you. Words that have stuck with me are *“keeping my cool, thinking, learning about something I’m not familiar with, taking time to find out why, seeking to understand, respecting others, building trust, taking action, gaining strength to facilitate change as a group, and empowering us to make a difference.”*

What wonderful ways to take action! All these actions can be very positive and many are accomplished by working with others. As many of us may remember from our elementary days the phrase *“she plays well with others (or maybe not),”* we might be fearful that not all in our world today operate in that manner. Maybe this has caused us to step back from *“stepping up,”* from reaching out to others, and from participating in group activities. However, we are so blessed to have our many friends in the Women of the ELCA. Let’s ponder over these powerful words and let’s take some positive action. Our world needs our positive, even-tempered, and just actions.

“if you can’t figure out how to be kind, figure out how to be quiet.”

Resolutions

WELCA can make a difference in so many ways and writing a Resolution is one of them. Resolutions call us to action as an organization, give us strength to facilitate change as a group, and empower us to make a difference. Resolutions will be read and acted upon at our Fall Gathering business meetings. Your resolution brings issues that are important to you, your congregational unit, and community to the attention of all of the women in attendance. Actions taken may include asking all women to take them to their own units or even sending it on to the next Triennial Convention in the form of a memorial. According to the Women of the ELCA website: *“Memorials and resolutions can direct future actions of all expressions of our organization.”* The process begins with you.

Instructions for writing a resolution, a blank resolution, and a short sample are available on the FL-BA SWO's website at flwelca.org. There is plenty of time to draft a resolution, get your Congregational unit's approval and submit it before the October 15, 2024 deadline. The Resolution form should be sent via email to **SWO President Anne Storan** at astoran46@gmail.com.

Resolutions need to be submitted prior to the Fall Gathering - deadline is October 15

Note: We've made it easier for you. Check this page and the next to learn about creating a resolution. An example is included.

Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** 

WHY WE WRITE RESOLUTIONS

Among the benefits of participating in Women of the ELCA is the opportunity to have a voice in determining the activities and direction of the organization. Where we go and what we do as a churchwide organization and as synodical organizations is very much up to you. That is why we meet in conventions, and at those conventions, we conduct business via resolutions. A resolution should be thought of as:

- A way to participate in the democratic process and have your voice heard;
- A means of educating women about a need or concern;
- A vehicle for inspiring others to take action.

If you are intimidated at the idea of writing a resolution, you shouldn't be. It isn't that difficult. Resolutions are a way to introduce and deliberate business when you assemble a fairly large number of people together. Five people sitting around a table can discuss business one way; 100 people in a banquet hall must conduct business in a more formalized way if they are going to make any progress.

Resolutions are also a way to plan and think ahead, and to hold ourselves accountable for the decisions we make: A resolution, when passed, is no longer an idea to consider—it is a commitment.

SOME GUIDELINES FOR WRITING RESOLUTIONS

The goal of a resolution is to inform and educate the readers so that they are inspired to take action and approve the resolution. Therefore, every resolution should:

- have a clear and concise title.
- address only one issue—call attention to a need for action.
- call Women of the ELCA to action on something it can influence.
- address concerns relevant to Women of the ELCA that relate to our mission, purpose, ongoing activities, triennium theme, triennium focus, or governance.
- propose an action or a solution to a problem.
- be based on sufficient background and analysis. You should be able to back it up.
- provide enough background to give someone with little knowledge of the subject sufficient information to make an intelligent and informed decision.
- be a source of direction, an instrument in planning.

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A successful resolution will thus:

- (1) identify and explain what you want to be addressed. This is the WHEREAS portion.
- (2) propose a solution, a plan of action. This is the RESOLVED portion.

THE “WHEREASES”

This first portion of a resolution is a sort of preamble. It consists of declarations of fact that you can support and back up. Opinions are not expressed in this portion of the resolution.

Each fact should be listed as a separate sentence or paragraph that begins with WHEREAS, followed by a semi-colon. The final WHEREAS ends with a semi-colon followed by "therefore be it."

THE “RESOLVEDS”

This second portion of the resolution states the action that you propose to address what you identified in the WHEREAS portion. When writing the RESOLVED section, a guide to keep in mind is that this section ought to be able to stand on its own—you shouldn't have to refer to the WHEREAS section to understand what is being asked for.

This is the portion of the resolution where the author or authors express opinions. If more than one solution or action is proposed, each separate solution or action should be listed as a separate sentence or paragraph that begins with the word "RESOLVED." When a resolution contains multiple "RESOLVED" statements, they are linked by the phrase "and be it further" at the end of each RESOLVED statement, except for the last one.



THE BACKGROUND SUMMARY

This is the narrative portion of the resolution. It doesn't have to be long, but it should provide the rationale for bringing the resolution forward and include a summary of the facts supporting the resolution. It provides answers to the question, "where did this idea come from?" that go beyond simply the facts provided in the WHEREAS section. This is where you provide some context for your enthusiasm to bring forth the resolution.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this is the part of the resolution that explains the issue or problem; and

WHEREAS, each resolution should address only one issue or problem; and

WHEREAS, each "Whereas" statement should address only one fact, idea or supporting argument related to the issue or problem; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this is the part of the resolution that restates the basic issue or problem and proposes a solution to the issue or problem identified in the "Whereas" statements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each "Resolved" statement should address a separate action to be taken or solution proposed to resolve the issue or problem; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the "Resolved" statement should stand alone and the action proposed therein should be clearly understood by the reader without having to refer back to the "Whereas" statements.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF BROADENING THE SCOPE OF OUR PARTICIPANTS:

Involving young women in Women of the ELCA in greater numbers

WHEREAS, Women of the ELCA is committed to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, and support one another in our callings;

WHEREAS, Women of the ELCA is called to foster creative programming;

WHEREAS, the Women of the ELCA is called to recruit, prepare and support new leaders; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the _____ synod develop ways to involve young women; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the _____ synod partner with local youth on an annual local servant project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each cluster of the _____ synod bring at least two young women to the annual convention.

Florida Bahamas Synodical Women' Organization Directory

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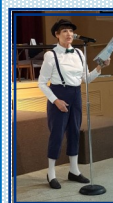
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