

PENNY BUDZIEN

Women's Ministry Representative Council Position

I am President of the Women of the ELCA for Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod elected October of 2015.

I have been a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Yukon Oklahoma for more than seventeen years (moving here from Memphis TN), serving as Sunday school teacher and confirmation teacher, assistant minister, alter care chair, and hand bell choir. I also did the bulletin and music selection with Larie Hunter for about five years we both saw this as our mission for the church during the transition between pastors. I have been a member of Women of the ELCA from its beginning and before that Women of the LCA and Women of the ALC holding many different leadership roles. I have been on the board in AR/OK for six years, and serving as co-chair of the WELCA convention in Shawnee Oklahoma 2014, and also on Conference II planning committee. While in living in Memphis TN I served as chair of my area of the Women of the LCA. I have always looked for a circle to be a member of no matter where I have lived, I enjoy the fellowship (sisterhood) of the women that I have come to know and care for through this special association. Over the years I have been part of city wide ecumenical groups in both Zion IL and Memphis TN which have given me a wider understanding of women of God of other faiths and beliefs. I was president of Bethany 's church council before moving to Oklahoma and volunteered in Bethany Lutheran Church's office three days a week doing the church bulletin and general office work. I was also involved with Habitat for Humanity volunteering in their office. What I can bring to Women of the ELCA is a passion for and love of AR/OK Synodical Women Organization of the ELCA, encouraging the women who are apart of and served by "WELCA". I feel very blessed to be a part of this organization.