

Report of the Women of the ELCA February 24, 2017 AR/OK Synod

The women are adapting to the change to clusters. There have been challenges however, and we as a group are coping with them. Our members have been actively involved in the issue of Human Trafficking, and programs like Cherish all Children and bible study. We are getting ready for our convention and gathering in July in Minneapolis MN. We have 23 women from our synod going. The theme is All Anew.

We will have 4 spring gatherings around the synod in March and April, and our fall convention will in the last weekend in September in Bella Vista AR at United Lutheran Church.

I have just returned from Chicago where I attended the Conference of Presidents where I did bible studies and leadership workshops. The Women of the ELCA give scholarships to women who are heading to college or going for advance degrees (Betsy Borseth received one to help with her PhD studies) sending grants and gifts to causes of women and children around the world. We are also putting out the call to aide Tanzania for the drought that they are suffering and Phebe Hospital for solar panels that they need, Phebe is in Liberia. Our women always answer the call to help where ever the need.