

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
31st Annual Convention

June 12, 2021

Hope Lutheran Church, Tatamy, PA

Registration - 8 AM Voting Member Orientation - 8:30 AM

Worship begins at 9 AM

*What Does the Lord Require of
YOU?*



April 21, 2021

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Yes, the rumor is true! We **are** having a convention this year! Get out your calendars right now, and mark the date: Saturday, June 12. Your Board and I are so excited!

We will be at Hope Lutheran Church in Tatamy, PA. We are aware that Covid-19 protocols must be followed, and of course, we all want to be safe, so here is what you need to know about the Convention **before** you come:

1. Weather permitting, we will be in a lovely pavilion **outside**. There are plenty of tables for “distance seating” but I encourage you to bring lawn chairs, too. We will only go indoors to a large social hall **if** there is a deluge or thunderstorm.
2. Your **Voting Delegates** must be comfortable appearing at the Convention in-person. Our National By-Laws require in-person voting.
3. The Convention will be a hybrid convention, as we will be both “live-streaming” on Facebook and “in-person”. Details to follow.
4. As a non-voting attendee, you can choose to be in-person or follow us and express your opinions through the chat feature on Facebook. We will read and monitor all of your comments.
5. If you choose to be in-person, Facemasks are required! Hand sanitizer will be everywhere!
6. Lunch will not be our usual buffet. Each person’s lunch will be individually packed, so please make certain you fill in your choice on the registration form. I guarantee lunch will be yummy!

So, with these six main points, we are looking forward to a wonderful Convention. We still can’t physically hug one another, but we can “smile with our eyes” beyond the facemasks. Let us continue to Look to the One who is always with us.

Sign up! Come! I can’t wait to see you on June 12th!

Your Sister in Christ,
Lenna Harris, President
NEPA / Women of the ELCA

CONVENTION OFFERINGS:

In this mailing you will find one offering envelope for presenting your Congregational Unit's (CU) offering during the opening worship. Please provide the information requested on the envelope and write one check to **NEPA WOMEN OF THE ELCA**. The CU# is the same as your congregation's synod number. Ask your church office if you do not know it.

The **DESIGNATED OFFERING** will benefit Lutheran Disaster Response.

The **CHURCHWIDE OFFERING** is sent to Chicago.

The **TRIENNIAL OFFERING** will be taken to the 11th Triennial Convention in September 2023.

We encourage each congregational unit of Northeastern PA Synod to send your offering along with your voting member to our NEPA Synodical convention; or your unit can send in its offering in advance to Linda Ballew-Johnson, our Synodical WELCA Treasurer: Linda Ballew-Johnson, 8560 Oak Hollow Ln, Macungie, PA 18062

Your personal offerings received during morning worship will be used for the work of the Synodical Women of the ELCA.

RESOLUTIONS:

Information for submitting resolutions to be considered by the Convention are in this packet. This is a means for getting concerns and issues not included in the Agenda onto the Convention floor.

The form may be copied, filled out and sent, prior to the Convention, to Kathleen Mathews, 52 Oak Drive, Easton PA 18042-7014

There will also be time for submitting resolutions during the Convention. If you have a concern, but need help, talk it over with your pastor.

IN-KIND GIFTS:

The In-Kind Gift Collection will be cash for the Nazareth Area Food Bank.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS
Hope Lutheran Church, 240 S 8th St, Tatamy, PA

From the North....Drive South to Route 80 to Route 33 South. Drive to the TATAMY exit. At the end of the exit, turn LEFT. Drive 1/2 mile passing Sheets and Wendy's and turn RIGHT on 8th Street. Hope Church is on the LEFT.

From the South....Drive North to Interstate 78. Go East on 78. Drive to the Route 33 exit. You will be heading North. Continue on Route 33 to the TATAMY Exit. At the end of the exit, bear RIGHT. Pass Sheets and Wendy's and turn RIGHT on 8th Street. Hope Church is on the L

From the West....You have a choice...Drive west on Route 78, then follow the directions above. ...OR....Take Route 22 heading EAST to the Route 33 North exit, then follow the directions above.

From Lehigh and points nearby: Follow Route 248 to Route 33 NORTH. Drive ONE EXIT to Tatamy. Pass Sheets and Wendy's and turn RIGHT on 8th Street. Hope Church is on the LEFT.

REMEMBRANCES

In Memory of members of the Congregational Units in the NEPA Synod Women of the ELCA who have passed away since May 2019. Please complete this form:

Names will be included in the Convention Book of Reports.

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Congregational Unit _____ Town _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____ Email _____

**Mail to: Kathy Mathews
52 Oak Drive
Easton, PA 18042**

Deadline: May 15, 2021

REGISTRATION FORM

Northeastern PA Synod Women of the ELCA June 12, 2021

Hope Lutheran Church
240 S 8th St, Tatamy, PA

Voting Member SWO Officer/Board Participant Guest Youth

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Cluster _____ Congregation/City _____

In Person Registration Fee: \$20 Online Participant Fee: \$10

Are you a first timer? Yes No

Age Bracket: 12-18 19-29 30-39 40-49 50-64 65+

Lunch Choice:

Meatballs with Ziti includes salad and bread

Chef Salad includes bread

Penne with Broccoli and Garlic includes salad and bread

Eggplant Parmesan includes salad and bread'

Salad Dressing: Ranch Italian

IF YOU ARE A VOTING MEMBER, HAVE THE LEADER OF YOUR UNIT SIGN THE FOLLOWING:
This is to certify that the above person has been duly appointed to represent the Congregational Unit at the Annual Convention of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Women of the ELCA.

Leader of Congregational Unit _____ Date _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: VOTING MEMBERS May 15, 2021
PARTICIPANTS May 22, 2021

Send completed registration form and check payable to **NEPA Women of the ELCA** to:

Suzan Andrews
4530 Virginia Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18017
(610)703-6261
Email: suzan_andrews@hotmail.com

RESOLUTIONS

Northeastern PA Synod Women of the ELCA

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Resolutions are a means for units and delegates to introduce issues that they wish to have addressed by the convention and some type of action taken. The issues may be related to the organization or to ministry concerns beyond the organization. The normal format usually includes several "WHEREAS clauses" to describe the issue, concern, problem and basis or need for the resolution.

Following the "whereas clauses" RESOLVED clauses clearly state the proposed solutions and define requested action. RESOLVED clauses clearly define

- What should be done;
- To whom the request for action is addressed;
- What the action may cost and how it is funded;
- When the action should be done; and
- To whom the results are to be reported.

If a resolution suggests a change involving the Constitution or By-laws of the organization, the proposed wording should be included in the resolution.

Resolutions should be tested against questions like these:

- Is the information complete and accurate?
- Does this matter pertain to the life and program of the organization?
- Is this a matter of significance requiring consideration by the organization?
- Can the action requested be appropriately and effectively implemented by the organization?
- Is the proposed action consistent with the policies and constitution and by-laws of the organization?

RESOLUTIONS not mailed to the Resolution Committee in advance are to be submitted to the Convention Resolutions Committee by a certain time that is announced at the beginning of the Convention. The Committee will review the Resolution and report to the Convention its recommendation (s). Convention delegates will vote on the Committee's recommendation(s) regarding adoption, defeat, postponement, or referral.

FORM FOR SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS IS ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAGE. FORM MAY BE COPIED for use as needed. Resolutions may be submitted prior to Convention by sending a copy to:

Kathleen Mathews
52 Oak Drive
Easton, PA 18042

Mail no later than May 22, 2021

RESOLUTION FORM
Northeastern PA Synod Women of the ELCA
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Date _____ Resolution # _____ (assigned by Committee)

Delegate's Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Women of the ELCA Unit:
Congregation _____ Town _____

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: _____

WHEREAS:

RESOLVED:

Signature(s) of Voting Member(s)

