

**“GIFT OF GRACE”
22nd Annual Convention of the
CENTRAL STATES SYNODICAL WOMEN
OF THE ELCA
July 24-26, 2009
Clarion Hotel, Manhattan, Kansas**

I cordially invite you to attend the 22nd annual convention of the Central States Synodical Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, July 24-26, 2009, at the Clarion Hotel, Manhattan KS. The theme for this year’s gathering is “Gift of Grace”.

We will take care of the business of the convention: elections, adopting a budget, and resolutions. There will be worship, workshops, and more. Money will be raised for Camp Tomah Shinga via a bowl-a-thon! A quarter of our offering will go to Lutheran Campus Ministries and our in-kind gifts are designated as school supplies and much needed dollars to ship the supplies to children in Afghanistan and Iraq through “Help us Learn...Give us Hope”. There will be on site projects of quilt tying or you can put together Warm up America afghans (start now on 7"x9" knit or crochet sections) which will go home with those of you who know of a need in your area!.

Please make copies of the registration and the bowl-a-thon forms and share them with all the women in your unit.

Each congregational or intercongregational unit of the Central States Synodical Organization is entitled to one delegate and delegates are required to attend the business sessions of the convention. (Delegate cards will be found in the packets previously sent to all congregations within the Central States Synod.) All women of the Central States Synodical Organization are invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring your family and friends, if only for a day or an evening.

**The cost of a full time delegate or a full-time participant is:
Registration - \$65.00 (must be in before June 15)
\$75.00 (after June 15)**

Rooms-\$89.00 plus tax a night, per room-4 people allowed per room. Please call the hotel directly at 785-539-5311, to make your reservations, telling them you are with Women of the ELCA. There is an indoor heated pool and hot tub.

I look forward to seeing all of you in July in Manhattan KS.

Iris Turnbull, President, Central States Women of the ELCA