

Central States Synod Women of the ELCA
Post Convention Meeting, June 22, 2025
Hilton Garden Inn, Independence MO

Present: Incoming and outgoing officers and board members.

Sunday Morning Offering Report: Janice Gerken reported that the offering from Sunday closing worship was \$1,766.00.

Churchwide Comments: Jennifer Armstrong-Schaefer, our Churchwide representative, reported that the convention was great! It was organized, flowed nicely and was on time. She passed out cards to contact her if we had any questions. She would be available until 2027, when she is no longer in office.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Gloria Sharp let Louise know that she would pass the president supplies to her at a future date when they both could get together.
- Louise Ahrens, our new president, was concerned about how to elect a slate of officers and board each convention to keep continuity.
- One of the hurdles we face at each convention is the technology needed (microphones, speakers, etc). It is always a struggle and never perfect, but we are working on it.
- Louise has been considering the possibility of combining the Facebook administrator with the Newsletter editor.
- Louise asked for contact information from the new board members.
- Vickie Donnell reported that the deadline for the next newsletter is August 1, 2025.
- Louise told everyone that the first meeting would be a Zoom meeting and she would schedule it soon.
- Pat Dunavan provided information regarding the cluster coordinator meeting yesterday. Several asked that the board come up with a central theme for the 2026 cluster meetings. The money provided by the Synod States Women of the ELCA was appreciated and used wisely. The communication with the board was really helpful.
- The information regarding the Papua New Guinea visit will be updated soon. The Board needs to consider the financial support for the trip (perhaps a grant or look at the status of our own finances for a possible donation.
- Louise will be sending contact information out by email to all the new officers and board... please be looking for it.
- Jill Duis shared a reading entitled "Better Days are on the Way".
- Jennifer dismissed us all with a prayer.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Borgstrom, Secretary