

**Central States Synodical Women of the ELCA**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**December 14, 2025**

**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Executive Board – Louise Ahrens, Karen MacDonald and Janice Gerken.

**Purpose:** To review the applications submitted for the Barbara Nelson Triennial Gathering Memorial Scholarship. Selections for the scholarship will be based on written paragraph prepared by the candidates regarding why they would wish to attend the 2026 Triennial Gathering in 2026.

The following ladies submitted their applications:

- Carol Bunge – First Lutheran, St. Joseph, MO
- Pat Dunavan – Our Savior’s, Topeka, KS
- Carol Flanders – Messiah Lutheran, Springfield, MO
- Karen Foote – Our Savior’s, Camdenton, MO
- Pr. Brenda Rodger – Trinity Lutheran, Hays, KS
- Jenene Gragg – Our Savior’s, Jefferson City, MO
- Rita Nelson – Walsburg Lutheran, Leonardville, KS
- Joyce Uber – Hosanna!, Liberty, MO

Current balance of the Barbara Nelson Scholarship Fund (Mission Investment) is \$17,271.46.

Based on the quality of each candidate’s paragraph, the balance of the fund, and the close proximity of the Gathering; it was the decision of the executive board to award each applicant a scholarship in the amount of \$650.00. This amount is to cover the registration fee of each and a portion of their travel expense.

Louise will contact each recipient and the treasurer will send each their check and the amount of \$650.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Gerken  
Treasurer

