



AR/OK Women of the ELCA

*Spring 2015 Newsletter
(& Fall Convention Information)*

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Blessings and Peace to every Women of the AR/OK Synodical Women's Organization of the ELCA, you are truly living out our Purpose and Mission Statement and for that I say Thank You, Thank You.

I attended all but one of the Spring Gatherings and again I am amazed at the diversity and talents of the Planning Committee's in presenting God's Living Water. I especially delighted in fellowship with Women I have known and meeting New Women. God has blessed the SWO with Bold engaged Women, my heart overflows with joy to see God's Love spreading throughout the community and the world.

I am getting excited about our Fall Convention which has many interesting Speakers, hands on workshops and time for Fellowship. The Co Chairs: Oma Blackwell and Sharon Walker and their committee members (Fern Kelsay, Helene Furst, Louise Wobig, Jane Nelson and Theda Hall to name a few), have been hard at work, to make this a wonderful experience for all. See the information about Convention in following pages, but I would like to personally invite each of you to attend the convention.

The ELCA Region 4 Presidents/Vice Presidents Retreat hosted by us here in the AR/OK SWO of the ELCA will be taking place at my home June 26-28. Various Church Units in the area have volunteered to provide breakfast items, sack lunches on Saturday and provided funds for supper Friday and Saturday and a potluck on Sunday after Church. We do brainstorming at this gathering and share what is working in each of our Synodical Women's Organization (SWO). Saturday we are planning a trip to the OK History Museum to tour the Century Chest from First Lutheran and then to OKC Memorial and tour of Museum. The Women have heard of both and are excited about the trips.

I would also like every Women to prayerfully consider running for a position on the Board, it is an experience that will fill you to overflowing with God's love and the bond of Sisterhood so strong that in living out our Purpose and Mission statement is a joy and fulfilling. I stepped out of my comfort zone when I volunteered my name to be placed on the ballot for President and I cannot even begin to tell you how much I have grown in my faith, relationship and dialog with others and a humbleness of all God has provided to me. Could this happen without my involvement with the SWO on the board, maybe but it would have taken a much longer time. I have been blessed to have Bold mentors guide me along the way with a lot of help from the Holy Spirit.

So please step out, you will never be alone, we will be there to encourage, support and empower you with God's help.

Our Mission:

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Purpose:

As a community of women
created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
We commit ourselves to
grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings,
engage in ministry and action, and
promote healing and wholeness
in the church,
the society, and the world.



Your Sister in Christ, Sophia Carr,
President of the AR/OK Synodical Women's Organization of the ELCA

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28TH CONVENTION SCHEDULE—PRELIMINARY

Friday October 2nd

- 2:00 p.m. (SWO) Board Meeting (Gathering Room)
- 3:00 p.m. Hotel Check In
- 4:00 p.m. Registration Sign-In and Fellowship at Good Shepherd
- 6:00 p.m. Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Opening of Convention (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Address from Churchwide Representative—Lisa Plorin
- 8:00 p.m. Meditation and Communion service—Pastor Schneekloth
- 8:45 p.m. Hospitality and Fellowship at Hotel

Saturday October 3rd

- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast at Good Shepherd (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 a.m. Registration Sign-In
- 8:00 a.m. Training for Delegates at Church (Gathering Room)
- 8:30 a.m. News from Oaks Indian Mission—Vance Blackfox
- 9:00 a.m. Meredith Harber's Bible Study (Alton Center)
- 10:20 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Business and Speakers (Alton Center)
- 11:10 a.m. Keynote Speaker
- 11:50 a.m. Announcements
- Noon Lunch and Fellowship (Alton Center)
- 1:00 p.m. Speakers (Alton Center)
- 1:20 p.m. Business and Get Up and Move
- 2:15 p.m. Business and speakers
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:55-3:40 p.m. #1 Workshop "Deeply Rooted"—Susan Humphrey—Sanctuary
#2 Workshop "Welcoming our Immigrant Neighbors—Donna Davis—Alton Center
Come and Go Workshops – Teddy Bears and Quilts
- 3:40-3:50 p.m. change Workshops
- 3:50-4:35 p.m. #1 Workshop "Deeply Rooted"—Susan Humphrey—Sanctuary
#2 Workshop "Welcoming our Immigrant Neighbors—Donna Davis—Alton Center
Come and Go Workshops – Teddy Bears and Quilts (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:15 p.m. Fellowship or Rest at Hotel
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner (Alton Center)
- 7:00p.m. Mary Magdalene Awards & Talent Or Not—(Alton Center)
- 9:30 p.m. Good Night

Sunday October 4th

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Good Shepherd
- 9:00 a.m. Church Service with Installation of Officers
- 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting in Gathering Room

Immediately following conclusion of Convention – Post SWO Board meeting (Gathering room)

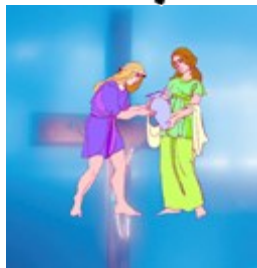
Spiritual Hydration

....and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them and the rock was Christ.

1Corinthians 10:4



**The 2015 WELCA CONVENTION
October 2-4
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Fayetteville, AR**



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Your Synodical Board and the Women of Good Shepherd are excited to invite you to our 28th Synodical Convention in Fayetteville, AR. We are hard at work to make this a great experience for all our women.

Highlights of the Convention include:

Lisa Plorin, our **Churchwide Representative** is from New Hope Lutheran Church in Upham, N.D. Lisa has been very active on the congregational and synodical levels of the Women of the ELCA, and for the past several years, she has been providing supply preaching to various small-town churches in Western North Dakota, which she thoroughly enjoys. She works for Weight Watchers as a leader and coach, and she and her husband own a small construction business. They are the proud parents of two daughters. Lisa is excited to visit her sisters in Christ during this triennium. She looks forward to encouraging women in leadership roles and brainstorming ideas to get more women involved in this wonderful organization known as Women of the ELCA!



Pastor Meredith Harber will be our **Bible Study leader**. Pastor Meredith was recently installed as pastor of Eben Ezer Lutheran Church in Oaks, OK. In this position, she will serve as pastor to both the Eben Ezer congregation and the Mission. As part of her internship, she served in South Dakota among the Oglala Lakota people where she “learned that ministry is not contained to four walls on Sunday morning.” She says she is excited, honored and blessed to be part of the Oaks community. She brings such enthusiasm to her job—you’ll love hearing her story.



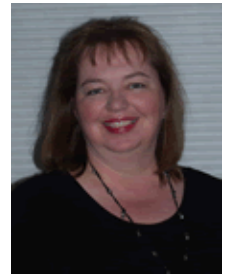
Alvaro Nova Ochoa, our **Keynote Speaker** is part of an exciting new ministry in Tulsa. *Comunidad de Esperanza* (Community of Hope) is a cooperative venture of the churches in and around Tulsa to reach out to our Latino neighbors in the name of Christ. This local ministry is being supported in a variety of ways synodically and churchwide. In just six months, *Comunidad de Esperanza* has already had an impact in the Tulsa area caring for God’s beloved children, and growing and nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ.

Oaks Indian Mission Executive Director Vance Blackwell With his new job as Executive Director, Vance has come full circle.—returning to the community that raised him and to the calling his family has followed for generations. His ancestors were among the first to be baptized there. They helped build both a school and a church. For many years theirs has been a legacy of caring for the children of Oaks at Eben Ezer, Oaks Mission Public Schools and the Oaks Indian Mission. While Vance was not raised at the Oaks, he did grow up in the village of Oaks, and when he talks about the Oaks mission we see it come alive through his eyes—eyes of pride and love and hope.



Workshop #1 “Deeply Rooted”

Susan Humphrey’s workshop will address how we are spiritually sustained in times of drought in our lives. It will also give us some ideas about how we can grow deep roots of generosity and discipleship, spread our branches of love to others and remain Christ-centered in everything we do. Susan, well known to the women of the Arkansas/Oklahoma Synod, is Oaks Indian Mission Development Assistant, a job which allows her to continue to be Oaks’ greatest cheerleader. It’s always a treat to have Susan in our midst.



Workshop #2 “Welcoming our Immigrant Neighbors”

Donna Davis is a Research and Evaluation Specialist with The Cisneros Center for New Americans. Her current work focuses on immigrant integration in Arkansas, and she has spent considerable time learning about and working with the Hispanic and Marshallese residents of NWA. Donna holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, a Master of Arts in Rural Sociology and a Doctorate in Environmental Dynamics from the University of Arkansas. She is a long-time resident of Fayetteville and a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Don’t let those credentials scare you—you are going to love her!



Offerings:

Your board has voted to allocate your offerings as follows:

1/2 to Churchwide —this will help carry out the work of the Women of the ELCA

1/4 to Comunidad de Esperanza (Community of Hope) in Tulsa

1/4 to Oaks Indian Mission

In addition, our hostesses, the Women of Good Shepherd have designated our In Kind offerings to Oaks. Following are items you may bring for Vance, Meredith and Susan to take to the Oaks. Or, you can make it really easy on yourself by bringing Walmart Gift Cards of any denomination.



Personal Care Items

Tampons
Pads
Shampoo & Conditioner
Body Wash Deodorant
Body Lotion
Toilet Paper
Loofahs
Cough Drops
Band Aids

Washing & Cleaning

Laundry Detergent
Bleach
Dish Soap
Disinfectant Wipes
Trash Bags (15 & 40 gallon)
Lysol
Glade & Airwick plug-in (refills)
Paper Towels

Easy for You



Other great stuff:

Mary Magdalene Award:

Each year the Board selects a woman from each conference to receive the Mary Magdalene award for her faithfulness in going and telling others of Christ’s redeeming work in our lives. If your congregation has not nominated a woman for this special award, do so now. You’ll find the form in this newsletter.

Talent (Or Not):

For the past several years we have been amazed and astounded by the talent (or not) within our own members. If you or your group has an “act” you’d like to share, be sure to sign up. We’ve run the gamut from skits to vocal number to cowboy poetry. We know there are talents out there just waiting to burst forth. Send in the Talent (or not) form and amaze us with your gifts!

Fellowship

The very best part of the convention is seeing old friends and making new ones. We’ve left plenty of time for food, fun and fellowship. Sign up for the Convention soon!

Conference II News

Conference II's Spring Gathering 2015: The Women of the ELCA of St. Mark Lutheran Church of Midwest City, Oklahoma hosted this year's Conference II's Spring Gathering on April 18th and they did an incredible job of incorporating this year's theme, God's Living Waters, in the decorations and overall spirit of the gathering.

Arkansas -Oklahoma Synod's WELCA President, Sophia Carr, was in attendance and spoke to the group about the exciting changes that are being made to Gather magazine, the sad reality of human trafficking and provided us with handouts as well as various ways to follow Women of the ELCA.

Diane Bloodworth spoke to us about the A/OK Malaria Campaign.

Penny Budzien and Larie Hunter led very thought provoking (and visual) bible studies . They put a lot of thought and their hearts in the studies with God's love washing all of our hearts and souls!

24 ladies were in attendance and through their generosity, St. Mark was able to raise \$380.00 through a silent auction of 5 baskets for Water 2 Thrive.

Pastor Lynne O'Shea presided over the induction of the two newest members of the Planning Committee, Carole Wanish and Joyce Heidtman and led the communion service. We all send our thanks and prayers to Penny and Larie who are coming off the planning committee.

Everyone left with a picture of Schoolhouse Beach, a daily devotion book from the Oaks, a parting gift and the warmth that comes from sharing God's love and fellowship.

Thank you everyone for your part in making this such a success!

Lori Long

St Mark WELCA



Photos by Sophia Carr & Judy Nybeck

Member-at-Large

Great news, Carol Rowe has volunteered to become the next editor for your newsletter! As you know she's a former WELCA Synod President and will bring a great perspective -- So Exciting!

If you are thinking about joining the Synod Board and are not sure where you'd fit --

I heartily recommend a Member-at-Large position, 2 of these seats (Mission Discipleship and Mission Justice) will be open this Fall. If you've never been on a board or are concerned about time constraints, it is a simple spot to fill. Attending 4 meetings a year, listening, voting, contributing to planning the convention, and an occasional newsletter article (if moved to write one) are the basic requirements; and for those small tasks you receive fellowship with the WELCA Synod Board and insight into it's work on behalf of the women of AR-OK..

May God Bless you and guide you,
Judy Nybeck
Mission Justice

Something missing that
you would you like to see

In the next newsletter ?

...email your articles,

ideas and comments to:

pjnybeck@aol.com

(or postal mail address on pg.17—Judy Nybeck)

Conference III News

To coin a phrase, our Spring Gathering was absolutely "refreshing!". Okay, it's not original but it's true. Five congregations were represented: Ascension, Fellowship, Joy Lutheran, Our Savior, and Prince of Peace. Immanuel in Cushing emailed their Roll Call information. It was great to hear from them. We heard news about EbenEzer in Oaks as well.

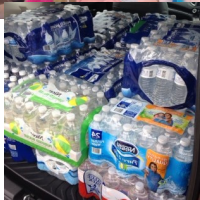
Our Savior in Bartlesville hosted our gathering. They are blossoming under the leadership of their new Pastor, Janai Robinson. Prince of Peace provided an abundantly nourishing breakfast. Kathie showered us with God's words relating to His living water. Ascension is scheduled to host 2016 meeting.

Conference III units are nurturing their communities with monthly free meals, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. They are collecting and donating life supporting items for local charities. Some units are using their talents to make items to be used by people in need or sell these items to raise funds to help people. They also assemble kits to send to ELCA world relief.

Some units meet monthly for Bible study and business. Some units may not meet regularly but they are still active in their community.

Lutheran women are still on the move doing God's work with their hands.

Norma Zor
Conference III Rep.



Photos by Norma Zor & Carol Rowe

Conference IV News

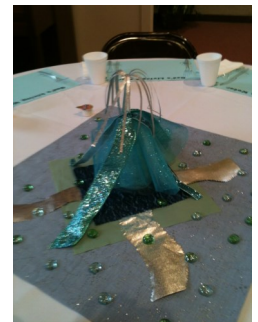
Here are some of the projects we have been busy doing and organizing for our congregation to participate in helping others:

- The women at the Monday Morning Workshop made 10 quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief. We also had a dinner and collected personal care items and mailed them to LWR.
- Four women made baby hats and blankets for newborn babies and delivered them to Baxter hospital. Caps and blankets along with small children's items to keep the kids busy have been taken to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis.
- Quilts have been donated to Serenity, Hospice, and Sheriff's Youth Ranch, as well as donated in support of Mountain Home Special Olympics.
- We participated in our Synod's project to make Christmas Stockings and provide Wal-Mart gift certificates for children and to nursing homes after the tornado in Oklahoma where many homes were lost.
- We sent monetary gifts to our Senior Center for Meals on Wheels. We participated in and donated to the Bridge Bash in Cotter to help the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas, which also benefits our own food pantry.
- The last few years we have purchased Wal-Mart gift certificates for one of our grade school's Clothes Closet project to purchase hats, gloves and coats for students who needed them. This last Christmas we gave a check to each of the grade schools for their Clothes Closets.
- WELCA will sponsor a child from Oaks Indian Center to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan this summer.
- Our latest project was to donate \$323 to our high school's Bomb Squad Robotic Team to sponsor a student to be able to compete. This gives the students experience in Math, Science, Technology and Engineering.
- We collected baby items for The Call, an organization that provides personal items to foster children. Currently they are serving 47 children.

Each year in November when we make up our budget, we vote on and send money to help our community organizations.

And remember.....

Rejoice in the Lord always! Philippians 4:4



Conference IV Spring Gathering Table
Photo by Sophia Car

Phyllis Hamilton
Holy Cross WELCA Secretary
(From Holy Cross Newsletter)

From your Synod Treasurer – Theda Hall

I have just returned from the Women of the ELCA Synodical Treasurer's Training held in Chicago, Ill. What a great two day session we had! I learned tons of information.

Probably the first **question** most of us had was "Why are we **not** sending our donations to the Chicago headquarters any more. **Answer:** WELCA has outsourced this portion of their workload to a place in Merrifield, VA. Since there is only 17 staff at WELCA headquarters, it takes a great deal of time to process these donations. Other organizations use this form of collecting donations, such as Easter Seals and Doctors Without Borders, and many more. It is a clearing house and is most economical for organizations with a small staff such as WELCA. So, it is very important to have all the information on our Forms A & B.

Form A

This form is used by units (you, as the WELCA Treasurer of your church), clusters and conferences to submit to the **Synodical Treasurer** (that's me – **Theda Hall, 55 Dunsford Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715**. You will send your Regular Offerings, SWO Convention Offerings and the Conference or Cluster Offering on Form A.

Form B

This form is used to send offerings to churchwide women's organization such as:

- * Thankofferings,
- * Special Offerings and Designated Gifts to the ELCA (Katie's Fund, Grants, Scholarships, Where Needed Most, etc.)
- * Designated Gifts to ELCA ministries (such as ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Malaria Campaign, Lutheran Disaster Response, etc.)

Send these offerings to:

Women of the ELCA, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P O Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 28116-8009.

Both **Form A and Form B** can be found on the website: www.womenoftheelca.org Go to "Home page" and then scroll to the very bottom of the page and you will see "Tools for Leaders" click and you will find the forms A & B that you can print.

INSURANCE

Liability insurance, also known as commercial general liability insurance, provides for indemnity or compensation for a harm or wrong to a third party for which the insured (i.e., the SWO) is legally obligated to pay due to diligence. The SWO should make sure that liability insurance is provided for every SWO-sponsored event, including board meetings, cluster or conference gatherings, SWO conventions, retreats, or any other SWO-sponsored event. The SWO is eligible to receive liability insurance through Women of the ELCA on a per-event basis. **However, in some cases, liability coverage will be provided by the venue in which the SWO event is happening (I, e., hotel, congregation, campus, synod office, camp). Please ask if the host venue has liability insurance coverage that will cover your event. If not, see next paragraph.**

You will need to request coverage from the Women of the ELCA through its insurance provider. If the venue says that it **does not** provide liability coverage, then you will need to request coverage from the Women of the ELCA. To do this, submit the "Certificate of Liability Insurance Request Form" at least 30 days prior to the event. This form is available online at www.womenoftheelca.org. Send to Vanessa Davis-Bragg, Insurance, Women of the ELCA, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Contact me if you have any questions.

I know this is a lot of information to absorb and I am trying to absorb it also; but, do contact me for any questions. I will get the answers if I do not know.

Blessings,
Theda L. Hall, AR/OK Synod Treasurer

Positions open on the AR-OK WELCA board for 2015-2017.

I have found it really rewarding to have served on the AR-OK WELCA Board for 6 years.

First as Mission Discipleship, then liaison for Venders for Convention and finally the Conference 2 Rep. My most enjoyable and rewarding time was as the Conference 2 Rep. and I always enjoyed coming together several times during the year to spend time with my Lutheran sisters from the other cities to fellowship, laugh and support each other!

Serious now, Ladies, I ask you to Please prayerfully consider any of the open positions. A side benefit, besides the fellowship, is you get your Conference Registration paid, along with 1 nights lodging. Pair up with another Board member and your time at the Conference is a free, rejuvenating weekend!

Submit your name and what you feel moves you to consider this nomination to me by September 1, 2015 or if you just don't know for sure, nominations are taken from the floor at convention.

If someone has already thrown their name in as a nominee, it does not mean that you have to wait 2 years to submit your name, it just means you will have some competition.

President:

Secretary:

Conference 1, 2, 3 & 5 Representatives.

Member-at-large, Mission Discipleship

Member-at-large, Mission Justice

Again I ask you to Please prayerfully consider finding a position that feels right for you!

Blessing to you and Thank you!
Debra Big Eagle



AR-OK WELCA Synod board meeting January 2015



MARY MAGDALENE AWARD

John tells us That after the RESURRECTION, JESUS appeared first to Mary Magdalene and instructed her to 'GO To MY BROTHERS AND TELL THEM' (John 20:17) In response, Mary Magdalene went to the Disciples with the news:

I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!

and she told them that He had said these things to her" (John 20:18)

Each year at our annual convention we honor a woman from each of our conferences with our Mary Magdalene Award. These special and treasured women will be given a rose, a certificate and a monetary donation to their favorite charity.

Do you know a woman who has been faithful to Jesus' command to "GO and Tell"? Please nominate her for this award.

In 2004, we added one Youth Award for a young lady in 9th grade through college.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Congregation: _____ Conference: _____

Favorite Charity & address: _____

Brief biography of nominee:

How does she exemplify the "GO and TELL" spirit of Mary Magdalene?

(You may attach a separate sheet for more information)

Please be sure to encourage this lady to attend the fall convention.

Have your unit help pay her way or sign her up for a scholarship.

Your name & phone number:

Send by August 30, 2015

To

Carol Beck

453 CHISHOLM CIRCLE

BARTLESVILLE, OK 74006

ARKANSAS/OKLAHOMA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION WOMEN OF THE ELCA

28TH ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION

REGISTRATION FORM

October 2, 3, 4, 2015 - Good Shepherd Lutheran, 2925 N Old Missouri Rd, Fayetteville, AR

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (Home#) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____ Conference # _____

Church _____ City _____ State _____

Age (Optional) _____ How many conventions have you attended _____

Will you be attending as: _____ Attendee _____ Delegate _____ SWO Board Member

_____ Conference Representative _____ Vendor _____ Speaker _____ Churchwide

List food allergies/Special Diet Needs _____

Registration Fee: \$80.00 (postmarked after Sept 1st \$90.00) includes Your Friday Supper, Saturday lunch, Snacks, Saturday Night Dinner, Convention Speakers, Workshops and Materials for the convention.

Guest Cost for Friday Dinner \$8.00, Saturday Lunch \$8.00, Saturday Night Dinner \$10.00

Please fill in the information below and enclose a check for the total **payable to AR/OK Women of the ELCA**

Registration: \$ _____ Mail by August 31st to avoid late fee

Late Fee (after September 1st \$90.00) \$ _____

Meals for Guests: Friday Night \$ _____

Saturday Lunch \$ _____

Saturday Dinner \$ _____

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$ _____ **Note: There will be NO Refunds**

Mail to: Theda Hall, Convention Registrar
55 Dunsford Drive,
Bella Vista, AR 72715


Questions: Contact Theda Hall at thent@aol.com
Phone (home) 479-715-6841 or (Cell) 479-899-3044
or Oma Blackwell at oma394@aol.com

For Hotel Reservations: *** Last Date for Discount Price for Hotel Registration September 10, 2015

Courtyard Marriott - 600 Van Asche Dr., Fayetteville, AR Phone **479-571-4900** **Code WELCA** or speak with Kaylee Cooper

Price is \$99.00 plus Tax King - two in a room or Queens - 4 in a room Refrigerator in room, no microwave Indoor pool & hot tub.

**** Note: You are responsible for making your own Hotel reservations.



Mission Statement

AR/OK SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION of the ELCA (WELCA)

**NOMINATION FORM FOR
OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS
2015-2017 TERM**

Congregational Units: Please complete the information requested before returning this nomination form.

Check [**X**] next to the position in which the nominee is willing to serve. The individual nominated must consent to serve, if elected.

All positions are for a two-year term:

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/> Western OK - Conf. I, Board Rep	<input type="checkbox"/> Central OK - Conf. II, Board Rep.
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern AR - Conf. III, Board Rep	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid AR- Conf. V, Board Rep
<input type="checkbox"/> Member At-Large, Mission Discipleship	<input type="checkbox"/> Member At-Large, Mission Justice

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: () **Work Phone:** ()

E-mail Address: _____

Age Range: [] 20 - 25 years [] 26 - 35 years [] 36 - 55 years [] 56+ years

Race & Ethnicity:

[] African American	[] Arab, Middle Easterner
[] Caucasian	[] Alaska Native
[] Asian	[] African American
[] Hispanic	[] Native American
[] Other: _____	

Primary Language, if other than English: _____

Name of Conference: _____

Name of Congregation: _____

Address & Town of Congregation: _____

Please complete **BOTH** sides and return by **September 1, 2015** to:

**DEBRA BIG EAGLE
16311 ARCHERY RANGE
SHAWNEE, OK 74801**

For more information, call or email:

**Debra Big Eagle, VP, Nomination Chair
(405) 585-7778**

grammiesage@sbcglobal.net

or

**Sophia Carr, President
(405) 821-0863**

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(Please, see other side)

EXPERIENCE & CHURCH SERVICE (Positions held in office and service work done.) Begin with the most recent and significant in each over the LAST FIVE YEARS.

Congregational Level: _____

Conference Level: _____

Synodical Level: _____

Regional or Churchwide Level: _____

Community Service: _____

Special Gifts or Talents: _____

The information below this line is to be completed by the person recommending this nominee...

Reasons for believing this nominee can serve effectively in the position for which she had been nominated:

Signature of Nominating Participant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number, w/Area Code: _____

Name of Congregation: _____

Town and State of Congregation: _____



Talent (or not) Form

You will provide the entertainment on Saturday evening of the Arkansas/Oklahoma Women of the ELCA Fall Convention! This form is provided so you can provide the planners with information about your performance.

Please return this form to **–Carol Beck; 453 Chisholm Circle; Bartlesville, OK 74006**

You don't have to participate but the planners ask you to consider sharing your talent (or not) with your sisters. Thank you.

- ⊙ Please note that no props will be provided for you, you must bring anything you need.
- ⊙ Your performance should not exceed 5 minutes.
- ⊙ You will be notified at registration regarding the placement of your Talent (or not) in the evening's program.

Name:

What type of talent will you present?

Please provide a title for the program.

Will you be performing alone or with others?




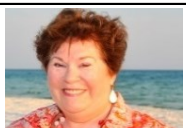
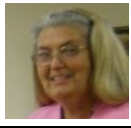

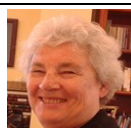
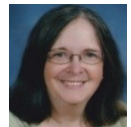

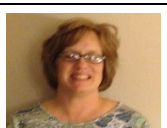
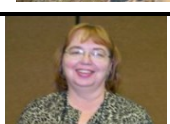
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Forty mothers are working together through the Child Survival Program, learning about malaria, their own health and the health of their young children. They also learn how to earn money through small business ventures, and how they can save their income to afford health-related items such as clinic visits and mosquito nets.

Thank you for your continued support of the Malaria Campaign.

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Diane Bloodworth
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Spiritual Hydration 1 Corinthians 10:4
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