

9th Annual Carolinas Lutheran Women
Convocation Minutes
September 28, 2019

The Ninth Annual Convocation of Carolinas Lutheran Women was held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Concordia Lutheran Church, China Grove, NC.

Nelsie Lawing, CLW Council Chair and Concordia Lutheran Church Women's President opened the meeting with announcements and greetings from Concordia.

Rev. Ken Reed of Concordia led us in an opening prayer.

A devotional entitled "Sweet Spirits" was led by Brenda Dunn (CLW Council/St. John's Statesville), pointing out the importance of friendships. Biblical references were: Romans 15: 5-6, Galatians 6:2 and Proverbs 27: 1-9. Two things to remember are that friends are good – but need to be chosen wisely and friendship is God's most special gift.

The opening hymn of "*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*" was sung.

Rev. Cathy Fanslau of the mission church, Lutheran Church of the Trinity, Cary, NC gave an update on their congregation. Their first worship service was held on Christmas Eve, 2017. This past summer they made a decision to begin to meet in homes. Their biggest challenge is how to let people know that they are there, and how to get the word out. With no other NALC congregations nearby, there's no help in spreading the word. They are starting a Bible study in a coffee shop to be held midweek. They do have a Facebook page and website. The congregation will grow – "in God's time".

Vicar Taylor Rister, 3rd year seminarian at North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS/Pittsburgh, PA) told us about her recent mission trip to Haiti. The UN has labeled Haiti as a 4th world country, meaning there is "no hope for recovery." Haiti has been battered by seas & poverty. God told her different story – hope for Haiti doesn't come from us or the UN but that God is doing great things there.

Janet Rash, CLW Council Secretary had the roll-call of the Affiliated churches. There were 91 women present from the affiliated churches. There were 3 from New Covenant Mission Congregation in Morganton that affiliated that day and 7 from Organ Lutheran, Salisbury that will be affiliating with us, for a total 101 women and 4 men visitors.

Triangle Lutheran Mission in Morrisville has changed their name to Lutheran Church of the Trinity.

Minutes from the 2018 Convocation were posted to the website last year, but needed to be approved by this year's convocation. A motion was made and seconded to accept them as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Kay Weaver, CLW Council Treasurer presented the treasurer's report and proposed budget for 2020, which would stay the same as 2019. Motions for each were made and seconded, and passed unanimously after some discussion.

Ginger Klock, CLW Council presented the nominations for council. (Kay Weaver and Nelsie Lawing). Two more nominations were needed from the floor. Genelia Kluttz, Faith, Faith, NC and Dena Henkle, Christ United, Granite Falls, NC were nominated and both accepted the nomination. Biographical information was given on both. The nominations were closed and the four were elected by affirmation.

Taylor Rister, NALS Seminarian had a prayer before the voting.

In additional business, two guideline amendments were proposed by the Council. Under "Terms of Affiliation," the words "and neighboring states" were added to the sentence ending in "open to all Lutheran church congregations in North and South Carolina." Also, under "Leadership," the position of "Historian" was added. Both changes were presented in the letter of invitation that was sent to the churches and individuals, but needed to be voted on at the convocation, per our guidelines. Both changes were approved.

The offering, which was designated to One Church One Child of Rowan County was received. In-Kind Gifts of non-perishable food items were brought in and will be sent to Main Street Mission, China Grove.

Two breakout sessions were held, with all participants attending both. One, led by Kay Weaver was entitled, "You Make My Life Sweeter." She presented the Loved Bible Project. For more information on this see the website: www.lovedbibleproject.com. The other session was led by Brenda Dunn and was on the friendship of Mary and Elizabeth.

Rev. Ken Reed of Concordia installed the CLW Council members.

A delicious meal was prepared by the women of Concordia and was served by the men, allowing the women to participate in the convocation. Much appreciation to them for doing this!

Next year's Convocation will be held on September 26, 2020 at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC.

Respectively Submitted,
Janet Rash, CLW Secretary