



Am writing this before our convention planning team meets again, so don't have any new news on that front other than what I wrote about last month. There is however, some information on our churchwide rep in this issue. She will be coming from Alaska so coming to the desert will be quite a change!

In February I attended Conference of Presidents in Chicago. It was cold but actually the temps in Southern CA in the morning were the same. It is always interesting and fun to get together with the presidents from all across the nation. Our region includes three synods in CA plus the Rocky Mountain and Grand Canyon synods and we met twice during the weekend. So we get to know each other a bit better and find out how and what they are doing and what they have as challenges.

At COP we learned that our churchwide organization has partnered with In Faith Community Foundation to grow Katie's Fund Endowment from the current 1.5 million to nearly five million. The idea is with a large enough principal, we will be able to use the interest to fund our organization so that it will be around for future generations. The goal is to raise three million by our triennial convention and gathering in 2020 in Phoenix. Breaking that down, it is \$30,000 per synod over the three years. Breaking it down further, it could mean several estate type donations at larger amounts, and then a few larger donations, and then the many smaller donations that are always welcome. It can be a doable project – and when have women not risen to just such a challenge?! So be thinking about what this organization means to you and what you would like it to mean to your granddaughters and great granddaughters and then formulate your own plan for contributing to Katie's Fund.

I want to remind all units to email me with the following information on one to two contact persons in your congregational unit:

Name, Address, Phone #, email address, and Church name and city.

I would really appreciate receiving this information as soon as possible. My email address is eunicehanson@cox.net. And as I explained last month, don't say you are not a unit just because you may no longer have a full fledged board. If you are meeting for Bible study or quilting or other women's ministry, you can be a unit. Just need to get your contact information!

The above information is NEVER sold!! It will be used by churchwide to send out current information and news – like Bold Connections. It will be input on a secure (not public) site. And as I explained in last month's newsletter, it is used to determine how many voting members we can have at the next triennial – and since it is in Phoenix it is close enough that so many more of all of you will want to attend.

March 3rd we met at Gloria Dei in Dana Point for our March Event. Daneen Pysz gave a great program/Bible study on Dorcas. And in the afternoon we heard about the ministry Family Assistance Ministries does in southern Orange County with the homeless. Between seventy and eighty women attended and the consensus seemed to be that it was indeed a very good day!! Next year it will be in the Inland Empire.

Anew in Christ!

President Eunice Hanson