



Dear Pastor, Secretary, or Council President of your church:

Who are the women of your church? They are Women of the ELCA...or WELCA. The women do not have to have an organized group to be members of WELCA. **All women in your congregation are members of WELCA by virtue of being a member of an ELCA church!**

The NW MN Synod is divided into 8 Conferences. Each conference holds a spring and fall meeting. These meetings are meant to gather, on a more local level, the women in each conference for a day of learning, teaching, and fellowship. Letters, brochures, and registrations are mailed approximately 6 weeks prior to the date of the event. This is to give all the women the information as to when the event will be held, which church is hosting, speakers for the day, and registration forms.

This information is typically directed to the President of the WELCA...but many congregations do not have an organized WELCA group. **The information is mailed to each church as all the women in your church are invited.** We are hearing from many women in our congregations that they are not receiving the information sent.

The reason for this letter is to ask you...all of you...to please announce/post, any information received from WELCA, for the women of your congregation. This is especially important if your church does not have an organized WELCA group. All the women of your church should have the opportunity to attend these events if they choose.

WELCA also gives out scholarships to youth attending ELCA colleges. Are they missing out on this information also? Please share with the Women in your congregation!

Thank you!

The Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization