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# NEWS FOR WOMEN OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE CHAIR'S CORNER

The 2016 Women of the NALC Annual Gathering is set for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at the Wyndham Anaheim Garden Grove Hotel, Anaheim, California.

### **Are you coming?**

Have you already made that decision or are you still thinking about it? Too far away? Too expensive? Why should you come, anyway?

If you're thinking about it, I'm sure these questions have gone through your mind, just as they have gone through the minds of those of us on the Women's Council of the WNALC. Let me try and address some of those questions.

### **Why in California?**

Well, I don't have the answer for that one, except to say that I'm sure the NALC wants to

cover our entire geographic representation of churches in the NALC – and that includes California and even Hawaii. I even met some of the folks from Hawaii at last year's convocation in Dallas.

### **Too expensive?**

Well, I'm sure those folks in CA and HI thought that too when they had to travel to PA, OH, SC. So, it does seem to make it fair to change things up and move the convocation around. And, we go where the convocation goes.

I know expense is a great factor in whether or not one can attend our Annual Gathering and/or the NALC Convocation.

There's not only the registration cost for the event (which we were able to keep at \$75 as last year), but there's

also travel & hotel expenses. Those add up! That doesn't always fit into one's budget. Check into whether your congregation will be sending a delegate – and volunteer! Think about holding a fund raiser to send several ladies from your congregation.

### **Why should you come, anyway?**

Well, we think there are a whole lot of reasons it's well worth your while to come! First of all, there's fellowship with other Women of the NALC – meeting women from all over the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico! One of my favorite stories from last year's meeting was I met a lady from Canada. We talked briefly after our meeting was over. I stayed for the rest of the week for the convocation, and I

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kept running into

this lady. I finally told her that God just meant for there to be more than our brief meeting. We ended up talking for a while, sharing contact information – and really connecting. I would not have met Edana otherwise. I most likely would not have ever connected with a sister in Christ from Canada had it not been for our annual gathering!

There's just something about coming together and experiencing fellowship with others from around the country and beyond.

Second, you get to see what the Women of the NALC is all about. There's sharing of information – from what we're doing in our women's groups to hearing about mission opportunities and how you can be involved in mission wherever you are. You have the opportunity of being inspired by speakers who share the Good News of Jesus and their own personal stories of faith.

While the details of our theme for this year's Gathering are still in the works, we have decided to somewhat go along with the Convocation's theme of "Holy God – Holy Lives," and touch on the Church – our families and the world. We want to address how society is influencing families and their relationship with God and the Church. We hope to share more with you on that in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, we – the Women's Council – want to join you in prayer – that you will pray about coming to this year's Annual Gathering in CA, and that if that door is opened, God will provide. Registration is open online. Go to [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org) and click on "Register Now" on the opening page. It will take you to the online registration process for the WNALC Annual Gathering. We hope to see you all in California and will be praying for you all!

Blessings,  
**Sherrie Palan, Chair,**  
**WNALC Council**

## QUILTING NEWS FROM A "DISASTER RESPONSE" PERSPECTIVE

Many of the Lutheran churches have a quilting or sewing group that makes quilts and kits. A lot of those items are sent to Lutheran World Relief, which does wonderful work helping our brothers & sisters in need overseas. If your sewing group is like mine, we receive many donations of fabric from all over. In sewing quilts for LWR, there are certain patterns that they cannot accept. For example, LWR does not take anything with religious symbols, patriotic & military signs (including camouflage), and some holidays. What to do with this fabric?

The answer is disaster response quilts! The NALC Disaster Response Task Force was formed to help individuals & families by providing assistance when disaster strikes. The focus is in areas in the United States. A warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio has been obtained to store supplies before they are dispersed. This is where quilts (and health kits & more) come in! The Task

Force can use all kinds of quilts & blankets made with any printed fabric *including fabric printed with religious, patriotic & military symbols!* The Task Force also welcomes any size quilt or blanket—it does not have to be the standard 80" x 60" that LWR requests. For example, a lady at our church likes to sew baby blankets and lap robes. We send these to the Disaster Warehouse as well as other items. Some churches split their donations between the warehouse and Lutheran World Relief.

So spread the word! There is a use for that patriotic fabric or material with angels and nativity scenes on it! For more information about the Disaster Task Force & the warehouse in Caldwell, contact:

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**Coordinator**

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Happy Stitching!  
**Pat Dittrich**  
**WNALC Council**

**MISSION NEWS**

We, the Women of the North American Lutheran Church (WNALC), are all members of a MISSION DRIVEN church body. It is well known that every WNALC group does much to support local, national, and international missions.

In the 2015 Convocation Staff Reports, Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba, the assistant to the Bishop for Missions, wrote "The NALC Mission Office has a primary focus of mobilizing congregations, leaders, and Mission Districts for mission." We as the Women of the NALC can help in this endeavor as we have been MISSION DRIVEN throughout the years.

As part of our duties as members of your WNALC Mission Support Team we want to highlight mission opportunities as they arise for you to consider supporting.

Robbie Conley and I, both members of the Mission Support Team, just returned from an India Mission trip with United Evangelical

Mission (UEM), a Mission Partner of the NALC. We became aware of the current needs of this mission and want to share those with you. A list of some of those needs will follow.

One of the greatest needs of UEM is for an industrial washer and dryer for the New Life Children's Home (NLCH) in Bangalore. This Home houses children with single parents, some who have been abandoned, and more children in the most difficult circumstances, where the parents can neither afford good food and necessities nor education for them. Currently all laundry in the NLCH is done by hand, soaking, beating, scrubbing, and rinsing the dirty

textiles. After rinsing, the clothes are formed in a ball and twisted by hand to extract water. The entire process often occupies an entire day of hard work, plus drying and ironing. Given the increasing load of laundry and high water consumption, UEM seeks our help in acquiring on premise commercial laundry equipment, including washer extractors and tumble dryers which would result in time and water savings and be cost effective in the long run. The total cost would be \$ 11,115. Please prayerfully consider contributing

toward this much needed purchase.

You may want to share these needs with your congregation, your Mission District, or with other WNALC groups in your area. We seem to limit ourselves when we only look at what has been possible for us in the past.

Send your contributions to INDIA TRANSFORMED PO BOX 22420, Denver, CO 80222. Always designate what you want your money to be used for. Please keep our Mission Support Team informed of your specific gift. Simply email Pam Charas at: [mcharas@earthlink.net](mailto:mcharas@earthlink.net)

so we can adjust our list of needs.



**Laundry how it is currently done at New Life Children's Home.**

**ITEMS NEEDED BY UNITED EVANGELICAL MISSIONS**

Description	#	Amount in USD	Comments
Uniform for all our children ( shirt and trousers for boys Shirt and skirt for girls)	700	\$8,077 11.54 ea	We desire that our children be dressed in uniform when they attend their classes conducted by UEM. Most of the children come in torn, mended, worn out clothes. A supply of uniform set will certainly boost their confidence.
Shoes	700	\$4,846 6.92 ea	Most of our children do not have footwear. Providing black shoes would not only assist them in meeting their footwear need but also help meet their school requirement as most of the schools in India have black shoes as a part of the uniform list
School supplies	700	\$3,769 5.38 ea	Educational supplies are a dire need for these children who are deprived of even the simplest of the school needs such as bags, note books, pens, pencils, etc..
Computers (Desktop + UPS + All in 1 Printer)	7	\$4,222 603.14 ea	Most of our projects are located in the poorest of the poor communities, which also means that they lack in the IT infrastructure. Some of the locations are in such remote areas that the location coordinator has to travel 10-15 miles to access email, internet, etc. Having a computer at each of the project location would certainly be a blessing and enable us to work at a faster pace.
Mini Projector with screen and stand	10	\$1,723 172.30 ea	We are in need of a projector at our project locations in order to screen Bible stories, movies, action songs and even their academic lessons during the study time.
Water purifier	5	\$1,077 215.40 ea	Some of the project locations have serious concerns with water borne diseases. It is critical that we have water purifiers to provide clean drinking water to our children, thus safeguarding their health.
Floor mats	100	\$846 8.46 ea	The children usually sit on cement floor which is very inconvenient affecting their health. Children would feel much better sitting on the floor mats.
White board with stand	12	\$462 38.50 ea	White board would certainly aid in teaching children for their studies. Especially math problems & science diagrams
Steel Almirah	2	\$369 184.50 ea	Steel cupboard to store all the important documents, files and other valuables. Urgent need at Agra and KGF projects
Water cooler	5	\$769 153.80 ea	Projects like Agra, Cuttack, Markapur, Pappakoil and Kallar have extreme weather conditions and during summer the temperature soar very high and lot of people suffer from sun stroke. Serving children cool water would be soothing and satisfying.
Filing cabinets for children's records	3	\$346 115.33 ea	Ambur project needs filing cabinets for children's letters and record maintenance.
Portable PA system	12	\$1,809 150.75 ea	For programs conducted at projects, we would require a portable PA system which includes a mike and speaker to be able to address smaller group of audience (apx 100)
Vessels (big & small vessels at kitchen)	5	\$615 123.00 ea	Currently, most of the cooking vessels at the kitchens have worn out and need immediate replacement

**BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S  
MEMBERSHIP INFO FORM TO YOUR  
MISSION DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE.**

### RECIPE FOR BIBLE STUDY

An hour of prayer  
An hour of research  
An hour of reading the Word  
Months of living the Word  
A dash of thanksgiving and joy

Spend an hour of prayer. Mix well with the reading and re-reading of the Word. Blend in research on the topic and season with thanksgiving and joy in the fellowship of sharing the Word. Bake well in months of living this passage of Scripture. Delicious served in an atmosphere of friendliness and cooperation!

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It doesn't seem possible that we are already in the second month of 2016. Our convocation will be here before we know it. We have four (4) positions on the council that need to be filled this year and I would like to ask you prayerfully to consider joining the women's council this year. Please note that you do not have to be present for nomination; however, your approval and nomination form must be sent before our August meeting in California to

*Jessie Phillips*  
Nomination Committee  
N562 County Road R  
Watertown, WI 53098

or email to:  
[jmp218@att.net](mailto:jmp218@att.net)

May the Lord continue to bless you in all that you do in His Name.

Blessings,  
*Jessie Phillips*  
WNALC Council

## WATER SUNDAY APRIL 24

Visit <https://watermission.org/watersunday/>  
to get involved

## SEND IN YOUR STORIES, PICTURES, BLOGS, OR EVENTS

Please send your stories, pictures, blogs, or event information to Lane Magera, editor at [wncalcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:wncalcnews@yahoo.com) by April 15, 2016 for inclusion in the next edition of News for Women of the North American Lutheran Church. Photos included in this newsletter are the property of the article's subjects. Please contact them for permission to reuse.

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NALC ENDORSED MISSIONARIES,  
MISSION PARTNERS, MISSION  
MINISTRIES, THE GREAT  
COMMISSION SOCIETY, AND THE  
NALC MISSION CONGREGATIONS,  
VISIT THE WEBSITES BELOW.**

**Great Commission Society:**

<http://thenalc.org/great-commission-society/>

**NALC Missionaries:**

<http://thenalc.org/missionaries/>

**NALC Mission Partners:**

<http://thenalc.org/ministry-partners/>

**Lutheran CORE:**

<http://www.lutherancore.org/mission-connect/>

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**North Texas Mission District** (5)  
*TX (north)*

**Sonshine Mission District of Florida** (5)  
*Florida (except panhandle area)*



**South Texas Mission District** (25)  
*TX (south) and LA*

**Virginia Mission District** (5)  
*Virginia*

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*North and South Carolinas*

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**Iowa Mission District** (35)  
*Iowa*

**Mid-South Mission District** (8)  
*AL, AR, FL panhandle, GA, MS, and TN*

**Caribbean and Hispanic Mission District** (3)  
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**Central Pacific Mission District** (4)  
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*MN and eastern ND*

**Northwest Mission District** (6)  
*AK, ID, OR, and WA*

**Canada Mission District** (22)  
*Canada*

**Great River Mission District** (19)  
*Illinois*

**Michigan Mission District** (8)  
*Michigan (Lower Peninsula)*

**Western Dakotas, Montana, & Wyoming Mission District** (5)  
*Western Dakotas, MT, and WY*

**Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Mission District** (18)  
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**Southwest Pacific Mission District** (8)  
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**Ohio Mission District** (54)  
*Ohio (5 Regions)*



**NALC DISASTER RESPONSE SERVANT EVENT**

"WE ARE HIS HANDS" Ephesians 2:10 coordinated by NALC Disaster Task Force & the HARP Mission  
 810 Main Street, Caldwell, OH · 43724  
 Church groups and individuals will provide home maintenance, repair, wheelchair ramps and other help for families in crisis, disabled, widowed, elderly, seniors, and Veterans.



Registration and Medical Release forms will be E-Mailed upon request.

Churches: please write one check for all registrants payable to The HARP Mission and submit with registration forms. Registration Contact is Mary Bates, PH: (740) 509-1132 · mary@harpmission.org

Learn how to repair and rebuild homes and families destroyed by disasters.

Experience a mock disaster led by the NALC Disaster Coordinator.

**WHEN:** Check-in Sunday, July 17, 6:00 PM at warehouse in Caldwell.

Projects will be worked on each day Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22

(other dates may be scheduled if this date does not work in your church calendar)

**COST: \$150 PER PERSON**

Great experience to involve your entire church family!  
 Daily devotions and recreation coordinated by the HARP Mission.

If you play a musical instrument please bring with you.

SPECIAL REQUEST: We are trying to find churches and/or individuals willing to sponsor materials for wheelchair ramps and home repairs for those who cannot afford. Please mail checks payable to The HARP Mission at 810 Main Street, Caldwell, OH 43724.

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**NALC**  
 North American Lutheran Church

*Connecting with our Sisters in Christ to Share God's Love*

**MISSION DONATION DEPOSIT SLIP**

**DONOR'S INFORMATION**

(this form is fillable)

Individual     Church     Mission District Group     Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION AMOUNT**

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Women of the NALC** and note "**Mission Donation**" on the memo.  
 Send to: **Women of the NALC, 2299 Palmer Drive Suite 220, New Brighton, MN 55112-2202**

# WNALC Membership Information 2016 (this form is fillable)

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mission District (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Women's Group:

Women's Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: (total # women & #circles/groups) \_\_\_\_\_

When does your women's group elect new officers? Spring Fall Month \_\_\_\_\_

Are you rostering as an individual member? Please circle: Yes No

#1 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*We ask for two contacts so that you can be assured of receiving the information should something happen to one contact (new email, relocation, health issue, or becomes inactive for any reason).*

PLEASE SEND IN MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION **ANNUALLY, in December or January.**

MEMBERS & MEMBER GROUPS ARE ROSTERED FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR & NEED TO RENEW EACH YEAR.

- ◆ This information is used to maintain a membership roster that enables us to communicate news and activities of the WNALC and facilitates voting and ratification as needed.
- ◆ For elections and ratification processes, each congregation has one vote. At the Annual Gathering, the voting packet will be given to one person from each congregation represented.
- ◆ Complete this form, and send to the **WNALC Women's Council representative for your Mission District.**
- ◆ Individual women of an NALC congregation that does not have an organized women's ministry or may be trying to organize a congregational women's ministry are encouraged to become a member of WNALC.

**PLEASE NOTE: All communications (newsletters, correspondence, etc.) will be sent by Email so it is important that you submit a contact with an Email address. If you do not have a person with email to receive your communications, please list as your #1 Contact the church office, along with their email.**

**Women of the North American Lutheran Church  
2016 Women's Council Nomination Form**

**Please Print or Type** (This form is fillable)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Biographical Information and Qualifications**

1. Age Range: 20-35 35-55 55+ (please circle)

2. Occupational History: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. How you serve in your Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. How do you serve the larger church body: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. How do you serve in your community: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Family or other information you would like us to know: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Written Consent is required for all who are nominated**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**Mail or email to:**

**Jessie Phillips, Nominating Committee**

**N562 County Road R, Watertown, WI 53098**

**[jmp218@att.net](mailto:jmp218@att.net)**

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