

WOMEN of the NALC COME TOGETHER IN CHARLESTON, SC

“Wonderful”, “very inspiring”, “excellent”, “such a blessing”, “so encouraging”, were some of the comments about the speakers at the 2014 Annual Gathering of the Women of the NALC. The day was filled with such delights as Pastor Trina Petersen (A New Thing Christian Church, Lithonia, GA) and Pastor Heidi Punt (Christ United Lutheran Church, Granite Falls, NC). The day focused on the bible verse Ephesians 2:10. Pr. Trina presented our bible study...“Created to Do Good Works”. In the afternoon, our keynote speaker, Pr. Heidi continued encouraging and inspiring us as she spoke about how God’s grace has made us acceptable, not good works, and that, through reading The Word and prayer, we can find the purpose(s) for which God created us.

Each attendee received a copy of “Bridges on the Journey – A Woman’s Journey of Discipleship”, a gift from Margaret Fitzwater of The Navigators. The study is designed to help establish our relationship with Jesus Christ. The Navigators is an international, interdenominational Christian ministry enlisted by the NALC leadership for Christ-centered life coaching that helps individuals grow spiritually as they navigate through life.

Our business portion in the morning included approving last year’s minutes and adoption of the 2015 Budget. New members to The Women’s Council were elected: Sherrie Palan (2nd term), Beverly Bruns, Linda Hood, and Pam Charas. Outgoing members are Karen Hansen, Lynn Coughenour and Darlene Deck, whose terms expired and did not seek reelection.

We had roundtable discussions on how we share God’s love with our works during a “Shining our Lights” time. These opportunities were then shared with the whole gathering. We laughed during the day as we played *Good Works Bingo* and we *Passed that Gift*.

We heard reports from the Carolinas Mission District and the Mid-Northeast Mission District. Mary Woodward, NALC Disaster Services, talked to us about how individual women’s groups can help this ministry. She introduced Pr. David McGettigan, chair of the NALC Disaster Task Force, for a report, and Jessie Phillips, Task Force member, talked about the “Luci Lights” program. Luci Lights are solar powered lanterns that can benefit two NALC mission partners – NALC Disaster Response (can provide a source of light in power outage) and the Malawi Orphan Care Project (from the sales profits).

Opportunities to serve the WNALC, other than being on The Women’s Council, were discussed: serving on one of the committees or on the Advisory Board. Women were asked to prayerfully consider sharing their gifts from God in service to the WNALC in some form. More information will be shared later, as we get this organized.

Peggy Hoppes gave a final devotional, “The Proverbs 31 Woman”, an excerpt from a new bible study by Sola Publishing that she has authored.

The offering from this gathering of \$924.00 was designated as a gift to the North American Lutheran Seminary. Prayers throughout the day were offered by Tonya Brittain, Vicar, & Nicole Collins and Dawn Rister, Seminarians.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

The 2014-2015 Women's Council met for a brief meeting after the Gathering and elected officers for the year. Women's Council members are: Brenda Boor (Chair), Jessie Phillips (Vice Chair), Jeanne Wallace (Treasurer), Sherrie Palan (Secretary), Kay Weaver, Beverly Bruns, Pam Charas and Linda Hood. We are planning to meet October 10-12 for a vision planning and team-building conference in Wimberley, Texas. Please pray for God's wisdom to guide us, and send your questions, suggestions and/or inspirations for WNALC ministry to brenniboor@icloud.com.



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**“FOR WE ARE GOD’S HANDIWORK,
CREATED IN **CHRIST JESUS**
TO DO GOOD WORKS,
WHICH GOD PREPARED
IN ADVANCE
FOR US TO DO.”**

- EPHESIANS 2: 10

Check out our website, www.WNALC.org, for contact information on the new Women's Council, the 2015 Budget approved at this meeting, and other information and resources for your women's ministry. Until further notice,

please contact your Mission District representative on the board as previously listed, as needed. We will publish the updated list when the transition to the present board is complete.