



As a Community of Women  
Created in the image of God,  
Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,  
And empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
We commit ourselves to  
Grow in faith  
Affirm our gifts  
Support one another in our callings,  
Engage in ministry and action, and  
Promote healing and wholeness  
In the church,  
The society,  
And the world.

The Montana Synodical Women's Organization is committed to supporting the ministries of the Synod, especially as they relate to our companion synods in Bolivia and Cape Orange Diocese, South Africa. Last August a delegation of eight women from Montana joined Bishop Crist on a visit to the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Boliviana. This visit of all women was at the request of Pastore Presidente Flores. Those women were Pastor Alvina Olstead, Pastor Stacey Siebrasse, Mait Board, Cindy Ellis Bye, Susan Leaverton, Gloria Lannen and Sandra Blosser. Mary Campbell was the representative from church-wide. The entire visit was a highlight but most special was participating at a national meeting of the Bolivian women at the Jessica Crist Retreat Center. This visit demonstrated that we really are a "community of women." Since returning from Bolivia, we have established the Bolivia Scholarship Fund to support the schools and after-school programs of the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Boliviana.

Women of the ELCA in Montana live our purpose statement daily at all levels. We are Bible study groups, making quilts and assembling kits for Lutheran World Relief. We respond to needs in our communities, the state, the nation and the world. We continue our involvement and dedication in the Today's Dream, Tomorrow's Reality, anti-racism program. Our peer educators, Mait Board, Gloria Lannen and Pastor Linda Webster, are available to provide workshops and presentations to further the understanding of the Women of the ELCA commitment to end racism in our church. The Montana Women's Synodical Organization supports Katie's Fund, named for Katherine von Bora Luther, which provides scholarships for women to further their education and grants to programs that support women and girls.

In June, 2016, we will be joining women from Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Oregon for a Region I Gathering in the Seattle area. In July 2017, the Tenth Triennial Convention and Gathering will be held in Minneapolis, MN.

On behalf of the Montana Synodical Women's Organization, thank you for your support. We invite and encourage all women to be a part of our community.

Sandra Blosser  
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