



Our Mission Statement
Our Purpose Statement

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.

Why Should I Join?

You don't join; you simply are. You are a Woman of the ELCA — as long as you worship at an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

If you want to keep up with our activities, please send your email address to IK.WELCA@gmail.com so we can send you our free digital newsletter the “KINswoman” (*Kentucky-Indiana's woman*).

President's Welcome Letter - It's a GodThing



included being the Social Justice Chair.

I was elected to the Indiana-Kentucky Synodical Women of the ELCA (WELCA) at the Biennial Convention in September 2019 and then appointed the President of the Board at the Transitional Meeting in November 2019. During the 2019 I-KY WELCA Biennial Convention, I fully intended to resign my non-voting Board position which

I had come to this decision based upon prayer about several things that I had experienced during the summer of 2019. I was emotionally exhausted based on some community volunteer work that I had done. I planning to reduce my volunteer commitments, including the I-KY WELCA Board. Ha – “You plan, God Laughs”.

So what happened? Coming into the 2019 Biennial Convention, no one had been nominated to be the President, i.e. leader of this organization. I kept feeling a figurative tap on my shoulder and a whisper in my ear “Now's the time”.

I had spent the majority of my professional career taking on the challenges of starting up and leading new teams and driving new initiatives to success. God was reminding me (gently at first and then loudly) that this was the gift given to me and now was the time to use it. Now! On the second day of the Biennial, I asked to be considered as a voting member of the Board and also for the role of President.

Luckily, we have been able to retain the past president, Debby Rieselmann, as part of our board, albeit in a non-voting capacity, since she and I are members of the same congregation. I am blessed that many of those recruited by Debby are still with the Board so you have a seasoned team for the next two years. We face challenges such as dwindling membership and with that lower financial support. But we are confident in our role within the Indiana-Kentucky synod that we can and are making a difference.

Won't you consider what God is asking from you? Is it to get engaged with your Women's group in your congregation or is there something else that you feel you can do? We are open to ideas from all of the women throughout the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and beyond. Reach out to any of us to let us know what is on your mind or what you are being called to do. Are you feeling that tap on your shoulder? A whisper in your ear?

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