

## South Carolina Women of the ELCA Goals for 2015-2016

**"Community of Women"** - Develop and engage an inclusive movement to bring all women into fellowship and ministry for community. Bring one person to an event. Engage with inactive units, new members, un-churched friends/family and ecumenical sisters. Engage in the practice of "Take my hand and come with me" - we the active WELCA can extend our hands in invitation, bring someone with us, so that together we deepen our spirituality, grow in faith and fellowship, learn about issues, and engage in ministry. And vice versa, we accept a hand that has been extended to us!

**"Disciples of Jesus Christ"** - Read and study the Bible together and individually, pray purposefully, promote peace, seek justice, be an advocate, be good stewards by living the life we have been given through time, place, family, neighbors, talents and opportunities - promote the stewardship of God's creation. Be Christ-like.

**"Grow in Faith"** - Sharing together brings a deeper understanding of who God calls us to be and do - support with our participation and encourage our sisters in Christ to join us in the two retreats in SC scheduled in 2016 (Camp Kinard and Isle of Palms) and a Wild Women Weekend at Lutheridge, NC.

**"Affirm our Gifts"** - Engage in a discernment process of our best gifts; led by the Holy Spirit, affirm the dignity of all people and grant us the creativity in addressing the struggles that affect our schools, families, children, and communities. Create, maintain, and promote the use of the wealth of resources our SC WELCA website offers; rejuvenate and promote our Facebook site; continue to expand our newsletter circulation by offering it free by email.

**"Support one another in our callings"** - Promote LTSS Scholarships through Life Memberships and Memorials. Learn about and partner with other organizations that are working to combat bullying and gangs.

**"Engage in Ministry and Action"** - Promote Thrivent Financial resources and other ministries to do community service projects. Execute a Thrivent Action Team event to complete a project.

**"Promote Healing and Wholeness"** - Inform, educate and mobilize congregations to become aware and prevent Human Trafficking. Support the Synod's resolution on Public Education and Poverty. Promote healthy lifestyles by offering a convention workshop.