

“Who is your True North?”

GPS - God's Positioning System

You are invited to participate in the 2010 Convention of the Rocky Mountain Synod Women of the ELCA September 24-26, 2010. All ELCA women and guests are welcome to attend the convention to participate in worship, Bible study, and fellowship among all the **Bold Women of the ELCA**.

An email address for questions regarding this material or the convention or related arrangements is convention2010@comcast.net. A Board member will answer as quickly as possible. If email is not accessible, please call Gail Young in Cheyenne at 307-634-2428 or Rhonda Sinnema in Denver at 303-741-2282 or contact a Board member in your area.

Registration is open

A registration form is available as a separate page or as a tear-off section of the brochure. Links to both are below. The Registrar is accepting registrations through September 23, 2010. On September 24 the registration desk at Bethany Lutheran Church will open. Please send your registration form with your check payable to “Women of the ELCA” to:

Registrar: Karleen Cotton
Convention Registration
2204 North Chelton
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
or
E-mail: karleenpayr@aol.com

If any questions about the form or registration, her phone number is 719-331-4724.

[Registration Form](#)

[Tri-fold Brochure](#)

Fees

Registration fee includes all activities, programs, and refreshments for *Who is your True North? GPS God's Positioning System*.

- Registration: \$100
- Please make checks payable to "Women of the ELCA"

Pathway to Convention – A Timeline

Activities to raise funds, elect delegate, plan travel, and prepare for convention include several months of planning. To assist with a general timeline, the Pathway to Convention document (see link below) offers suggestions for scheduling actions and making decisions between now and September 24.



Keynote and GPS Leader

Rev. Barbara Lundblad

Barbara Lundblad's brilliant and compassionate preaching has placed her in constant demand as a conference leader, a guest preacher, and a teacher of preaching across the country.

Pastor Barbara Lundblad is the Joe R. Engle Associate Professor of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She is a graduate of Augustana College (Rock Island, Illinois) and Yale Divinity School. Before accepting her current position, she taught homiletics at Yale Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. She has served as Pastor of several Lutheran congregations.



She is currently serving as the President of the Academy of Homiletics and is on the Board of the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn. She has also served as Pastoral Associate at Advent Lutheran Church in Manhattan, as Co-President of The Network for Inclusive Vision (ELCA), and as a member of the local committee for "One Voice" campaign. She preaches and leads worship regularly at her home church, Advent Lutheran Church, and has preached and lectured at many different congregations and educational centers, both locally and throughout the United States.

Last year, Dr. Lundblad published several sermons in the journal *Lectionary Homiletics*, and "Prologue, 'Down by the Riverside,'" in *Women's Voices and Visions of the Church: Reflections from North America* (2005); her essays on "Narrative Theory" and "Feminism" were accepted for publication by *The New Interpreter's Bible Encyclopedia of Preaching*.

Lundblad is the author of two books *Transforming the Stone: Preaching through Resistance to Change* and most recently, *Marking Time: Preaching Biblical Stories in Present Tense*. This recent book is based on the Beecher Lectures which she gave at Yale Divinity School. In addition she has published articles in journals such as *Currents in Theology and Mission*, *Word and World*, *Journal of Preaching*, and *The Living Pulpit*.

Publicity

Publicity packages were sent to each congregation in March. The materials included for use in advertising and promoting attendance for the convention are also available as files to print as needed. Click on the following links to each document to view and copy as needed.

[Poster \(8.5 X 11\)](#)[Poster \(8.5 X 14\)](#)[Postcard \(Parchment\)](#)[Postcard \(White\)](#)[Bookmarks](#)[Temple Talk](#)[Tri-fold Brochure](#)

Delegates

Each unit elects one delegate to vote during the business sessions. Please elect and register your delegate as soon as possible or by August 11 at the latest. An entry on the Registration Form identifies whether the registrant is also a delegate. No separate form is required. To obtain some background, women might find the nomination guidelines from the Constitution included in the next section helpful.

Nominations for Board

The executive positions and four board member positions will be open for election at the 2010 Convention. If you feel called to fulfill one of the positions or know someone you would like to nominate, the following link to Guidelines from the RMSWO Constitution may provide some background. Please send the nomination of your candidate to the current Secretary as early as possible. The Nomination Form is available at the link below.

[Nomination Guidelines](#)[Nomination Form](#)

Nominations for Delegate to Triennial

Triennial Gathering "Renew, Respond, Rejoice!" July 14-17, 2011, Spokane, Washington Each synod sends delegates to this gathering of women in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Rocky Mountain Synod delegates will be decided as part of the business sessions during the convention. If you feel called to a delegate position or know someone you would like to nominate, please review the Guidelines and Nomination Form provided at the links below. Nominations are needed immediately.

[Triennial Delegate Duties Guidelines](#)

[Triennial Delegate Nomination Form](#)

Scholarships

Each congregation is encouraged to raise the necessary funds to send a delegate and as many of its members as possible. However all women are welcome and a few scholarships are available to encourage participation where funds are limited for the individual. The Stephanie Bowes Scholarship is intended for younger women between the ages of 17-35. The Lydia Women of the ELCA Scholarship is for all ages. As many scholarships will be awarded as funds allow. Application forms are available at the links below.

[Scholarship - Stephanie Bowes \(ages 17-35\)](#)

[Scholarship - Lydia \(all ages\)](#)

Resolutions

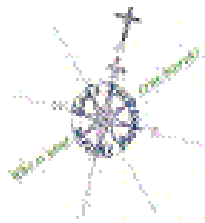
The Board takes its guidance and direction from the resolutions that are passed at each convention. These resolutions become goals for the next term and guide many of the actions taken among the congregational units as well. The introduction of a resolution brings business before the convention that must be discussed and voted upon. Congregational units are encouraged to submit resolutions two months before convention to allow the resolution to be published with Convention Program and Reports. Links to a Guide on writing a resolution and the Submission Form follow.

[Resolution Writing Guide](#)

[Resolution Submission](#)

Agenda

The tentative agenda for "Who is your True North? GPS God's Positioning System", as of March 20, 2010



Women of the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod 2010 Convention Agenda (Tentative)

Friday, September 24, 2010 (pm)		
12:00	6:00	Welcome and Registration <i>Bethany Lutheran Church</i>
1:00	5:00	Pre-convention Activities
3:30	4:15	Cluster Training
4:50	5:00	Delegate Briefing
Dinner on own		
6:30	7:30	Worship <i>with Communion</i>
7:30	8:30	Opening Business Session (Delegates)
7:30	9:00	Social
Saturday, September 25, 2010 (am)		
7:30	8:30	Transport from DoubleTree Hotel to Bethany
8:00	8:30	Morning Prayer
8:30	9:30	Rev. Barbara Lundblad
9:30	9:45	Break
9:45	10:45	Business Session (Delegates)
9:45	10:45	Workshop I Workshop II
10:45	11:00	Break
11:00	12:00	Rev. Barbara Lundblad

Saturday, September 25, 2010 (pm)		
12:00	1:30	Lunch
1:30	3:15	Rev. Barbara Lundblad
3:15	3:30	Break
3:30	4:30	Business Session (Delegates)
3:30	4:30	Workshop I Workshop II
4:30	4:45	Break
4:45	5:45	Rev. Barbara Lundblad
6:00	7:30	Dinner
7:30	8:00	Entertainment
8:00	8:30	Transport from Bethany to DoubleTree Hotel
Sunday, September 26, 2010 (am)		
8:00	9:00	Worship with Bishop Bjornberg and Installation of Officers
9:00	10:00	Business Meeting (Delegates) <i>Only if needed for unfinished business</i>

Worship

Convention begins with worship. We start with a celebration of the God who binds us together, and we end with worship on Sunday morning with our Bishop Bjornberg. In between, from each morning's beginning with Bible Study through the guidance and presentations by Pastor Barbara Lundblad through to our Sunday worship, we are joining together as women of the ELCA.

Workshops

Workshops are held during the business sessions for attendees who are not delegates. These three workshops represent Action, Growth, and Faith. Workshops will be posted as they are confirmed.

Business Sessions

The Business Sessions are your opportunity to shape the future and direction of the Rocky Mountain Synod Women of the ELCA. During *Who is your True North? GPS God's Positioning System*, the business sessions are interspersed throughout the Convention. These sessions we hope will be lively, informative, and interactive. During these sessions, we will hear from our leadership, elect the Board of Directors for the next 2 years, and discuss the resolutions and priorities for the organization. As we get closer, more of the business items to be considered will be posted to the website.

Hotel Accommodations

Rooms for convention attendees are held in reserve for September 24 and 25 at the:

Doubletree Hotel Denver Tech
7801 East Orchard Road
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
303-779-6161



Tastefully decorated room includes either a king bed with sofa bed or two queen beds, two phones with two lines, high-speed internet access (complimentary with group rate), granite countertops, clock radio with MP3 connection, coffee maker. Additional amenities include:

- Complimentary parking
- Indoor and outdoor heated swimming pools
- State of the art fitness center
- Dazbog Coffee Shop
- Zink Kitchen + Bar
- Business Center

RESERVATIONS

The following discounted rate is available to Women of the ELCA attendees for two adults per room. Breakfast is a full hot breakfast buffet in the Zink restaurant. It is quite a bargain at \$10 for 2 people in room (\$5 each, or even a 3rd person at \$10, because the regular price is \$15 per person). You won't find breakfast for less. Please budget for about 10.35% tax per room per night.

Room with breakfast for 1 or 2 adults	1 King or 2 Queen beds	\$ 79.00
Additional 3 rd or 4 th person in room	includes breakfast	Add \$10 per person
Room only-no breakfast for 1 or 2 adults	1 King or 2 Queen beds	\$ 69.00
Additional 3 rd person		No additional charge
Additional 4 th person		Add \$10

Reservations can be made online at our personalized group web pages:

Room with breakfast —

http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/DENEWDT-EWB-20100924/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

or

Room only —

http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/DENEWDT-ELC-20100924/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Reservations can also be made by telephone at 1-800-222-TREE (8733) or direct to hotel at 303-779-6161. Identify the group name "Women of the ELCA" to receive your discounted rate.

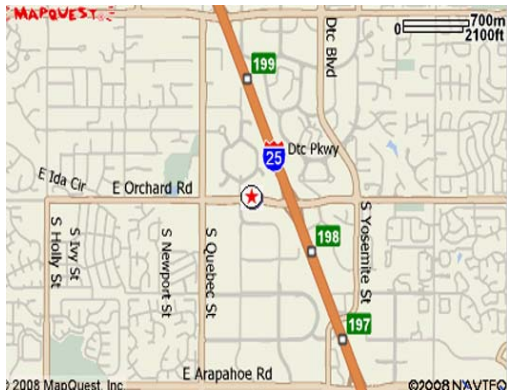
Additional room nights at convention rates are offered before and after the convention dates on a space available basis. Plan to come early or stay for a long weekend while in Denver.

LOCATION

The Doubletree Hotel Denver Tech is located at I-25 and East Orchard Road, 4.3 miles from Bethany Lutheran Church. The drive time is approximately 7-10 minutes. Bethany is west of I-25 at exit #201 Hampden Avenue and the hotel is south at exit #198 Orchard Road. Shuttle service will be available to and from Bethany for those without a car.

The hotel is within walking distance (1.2 miles) to Village Shops at the Landmark, a quaint "mountain-like" neighborhood with restaurants, bars, Comedy Works, movie theatre and a variety of retail shops.

Transportation and Directions



I-25 South, to Exit #198, Orchard Rd. West on Orchard Rd, the hotel is the 2nd building on right

Located 26 miles (30 minutes) from Denver International Airport, the Doubletree Hotel Denver Tech is on the regular route for Super Shuttle. One-way fare is approximately \$19.

The hotel offers free shuttle service within a 5-mile radius, providing access to local shops and restaurants.

Light Rail, which is one block from the hotel, provides access north to Downtown Denver and south to Park Meadows Shopping Center.

Denver

Our host for *Who is your True North? GPS - God's Positioning System* will be Bethany Lutheran Church in Cherry Hills Village in south metro Denver, Colorado. For those visiting from out of town, a few suggestions for sightseeing, shopping, and leisure activities are shown below:

- Denver Art Museum Tutankhamen: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs July 1, 2010 - January 2, 2011
- Federal Reserve Bank
- Museum of Natural History
- Denver Aquarium
- Coors Brewing
- Home of the Broncos - Invesco Field
- Professional sports or concerts at Pepsi Center
- Day trip to the mountains
- Park Meadows Mall
- Pearl Street Mall in Boulder, Colorado
- Enjoy shopping, theatre or spa services at Village Shops at the Landmark

Come early to explore all the possibilities that metro Denver and Colorado have to offer. Stay longer to enjoy the perfect autumn weather.

Women of the ELCA

Mission Statement

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Declaracion de mission

Movilizar a las mujeres para actuar con valentía en base a su fe en Jesucristo