

**WESTERN ND WOMEN OF THE ELCA
2026 BIENNIAL CONVENTION and
CAMP OF THE CROSS WOMEN'S RETREAT
OCTOBER 23-24, 2026
CAMP OF THE CROSS, GARRISON
"WHAT A GIFT: TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER"**

OCTOBER 23, 2026 FRIDAY **All times listed are Central Time***

6:30 Snacks/Hors d'oeuvres & Registration
7:00 Painting Class with Carla Hodenfield (Cost \$5)
 Limited to 20 people / pre-registration required
After class: Campfire & Singing
 Lodging provided by Camp of the Cross

OCTOBER 24, 2026 SATURDAY ***All times listed are Central Time***

8:00 Registration
9:00 Opening WELCA SWO Meeting
 Speakers including Bishop Lisa Lewton
 Coffee, Bible study
11:30 Lunch
1:00 Camp activities including nature walks, soap carving,
 coloring mandalas and creating finger labyrinths
 Additional project with Carla Hodenfield
3:15 SWO Business Meeting & Elections (SWO Sec & Treas)
4:00 Worship & Communion
5:00 Adjourn

To-go suppers will be available for guests to take home!

ROLL CALL: Needs for Camp of the Cross including office & cleaning supplies, canned goods, cake & brownie mixes, see full list <https://www.campofthecross.com/mother-the-camp-1>

WORSHIP OFFERING: ½ to SWO & ½ FirstLink Suicide & Crisis Hotline

SWO SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS: Attach cash/check to donation tree

COST: Friday and Saturday \$ 100
 Saturday Only \$ 60

Everyone Welcome to Attend! SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

What A Gift - To Love One Another

Western North Dakota Women of the ELCA Synodical Convention October 23-24, 2026

Camp of the Cross*****Garrison, ND

Registration Form

NAME _____

STREET OR PO BOX _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

CONGREGATIONAL UNIT/CITY _____

CLUSTER (circle): Badlands***East Missouri***Heart River***Lonetree
Turtle Mountain***Upper Missouri***Western Prairie

CHECK ONE: ☐ **VOTING MEMBER** (Each unit may have ONE voting member at business sessions)
☐ **PARTICIPANT** (Each unit may have an UNLIMITED number of participants)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: ☐ **FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE** to WND Synodical Women's Convention

☐ **SCHOLARSHIP Recipient**
CIRCLE if scholarship is from: Unit Cluster Synodical

☐ **CLUSTER BOARD MEMBER**

☐ **SYNODICAL BOARD MEMBER**

☐ **DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, please specify:** _____

Registration Fee: \$100.00 for Friday night and Saturday. Fee includes hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, and Friday night lodging and Saturday activities and meals.

\$60.00 Fee for all events on Saturday including breakfast and lunch.

\$ 5.00 Optional Early Bird Craft Session with Carla Hodenfield-limit 20 people.

ATTENDING ENTIRE CONVENTION _____ (Staying Friday night) ATTENDING SATURDAY ONLY _____

Fee INCLUDES sleeping accommodations on site.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Paid and postmarked no later than October 1, 2026.

CANCELLATIONS: for a full refund; requests must be postmarked before Monday, October 12, 2026.

ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS: Friday 5-6 pm and Saturday 8-8:30 am at Camp of the Cross (Central Time)

I am interested in having childcare available: Yes No

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : Women of the ELCA. Keep a copy of this registration for your records.

Mail check and form to: Linda Hanson
7853 139th Ave NW
Zahl, ND 58856

QUESTIONS: Contact Linda Hanson by phone, 701-705-0065, or email linmart@nccray.net