

DISCIPLESHIP

GOAL: To commit ourselves to fulfill the directives in the Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement by...

A. Growing in faith

1. Through meetings and programs
 - a. local, ecumenical community
 - b. Conferences, Morning of Renewal, summer retreats
 - c. Synodical Women's Convention
2. Use resources readily available
 - a. the Bible
 - b. prayer
 - c. *Gather*
 - d. *Christ in Our Home*
 - e. *The Lutheran*
 - f. E-clips (weekly Synod e-mails)
 - g. *Interchange*
 - h. the *Northwester*
 - i. Synod Resource Center

B. Affirming our gifts

1. Recognize what others do for the church
2. Recognize our own strengths by listing gifts I can share
3. Plan programs such as Bold Women's Day, recognizing the work of others
4. Be open to new positive ideas – think outside the box
5. Discern what God is calling you to do

C. Supporting one another in our callings

1. affirmation – spoken or written
2. prayer
3. give encouragement
4. be in community with others who follow Jesus –
Bible study groups, women's unit, quilting together, etc.

D. Engaging in Ministry and Action

1. Volunteer in your community, neighborhood, school
2. Serve as a tutor
3. Love, serve, and meet the needs of others - we are the arms, hands and feet
of Christ
4. Walk in partnership with companion synods
5. learn about and respond to the ELCA malaria campaign

E. Promoting Healing and Wholeness (healthy women produce healthy families, churches and communities)

1. Make spiritually, physically, emotionally healthy choices
2. Learn about and address with other women the health realities that women face.
3. Support those with special needs, especially the needs of children.
4. Support care givers.
5. Consider being a blood donor.
6. Learn about HIV/AIDS (especially with women in the US)