

Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization Synod Council Report for November 2021

The USSWO held its thirty-third annual convention on September 25, 2021, at Camp Mount Luther. This year's theme was "Love One Another". We participated in a Worship Service, led by Rev. Lisa Barnes of Follmer Lutheran Parish.

The convention included Business Sessions, pressed flower arrangement workshop led by Barbara Schmouder, Bible Study led by Vicar Jodi Ellis, reports from various committees and Sandy Grier, representative of Church-wide ELCA, and election of officers and board members.

Elected as President and Vice-President were Deborah Hackenberger and Elizabeth 'Sue' Baylor respectively. Newly elected board members were Rita Avery and Tonya Tabb. We thanked out-going President Jean Crumb and Board member Linda Leister. Officers and members were installed for the year 2022 by Sandy Grier.

Guests, in addition to Sandy, Pastor Barnes, Vicar Ellis, and Ms Schmouder, were Chad Hershberger, representing Bishop Collins and Camp Mt Luther, and Marianne Brock, Deaconess in the ELCA and Regional Gift Planner.

Offerings/items were collected from the congregational units for donation to The Love Center Food Pantry in Jersey Shore and Haven Ministry in Sunbury.

The USSWO Executive Board met on Saturday, November 6th for a reorganization meeting and to begin planning for 2022. Committees were established and tentative meeting dates were established for Jan – May 2022. A committee is working on a Day of Learning also tentatively set for April 30, 2022. Our thirty-fourth convention has been set for July 23, 2022, at Camp Mount Luther.

Between the convention and our November meeting, the women were busy encouraging, collecting, and delivering blankets, kits and seafarer bags, as well as money for these projects from their various congregations.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Hackenberger
Executive Board President