

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 2012 SWO CONVENTION, APRIL 27-28, 2012

“Act Boldly, Reach Out, Connect in Faith”  
Mark 10:49b “Take heart, get up, Jesus is calling you”

2012 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WELCA. We will celebrate our silver anniversary at the SWO Convention April 27-28, at the Plaza Inn and Suites, Eau Claire.

Photos! We need photos! Dawn Wicklund [dwicklund@chartermi.net](mailto:dwicklund@chartermi.net) will prepare a PowerPoint presentation of photos of leaders and events of the past 25 years of WELCA. You could email the photos to Dawn or mail them to her at 612 Third Avenue East, Superior, WI 54880. Identify the people in the pictures WITH A STICKY NOTE on the back (writing sometimes shows through). Photos will be returned.

The Convention offering will be divided as follows: ¼ SWO, ¼ Churchwide, ¼ Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, and ¼ to Positive Avenues (a daytime drop-in center for people with serious and persistent mental illness as well as homelessness.

You will have the opportunity to contribute to the Malaria Campaign. A bed/net will be on display in the exhibit area where you can drop in your free-will offering.

The convention is going to be one you won't want to miss. Plan to stay through lunch on Saturday. We should be finished by 3 p.m.

Mary Pierce, the Laugh Lady, is the keynote speaker at the luncheon on Saturday. She is humorous thought provoking.

Pastor Paul Oman will paint a 3' x 4' scene while giving a sermon. Following the service, the painting will be for sale by silent auction. If you are interested in bidding on the painting, plan to stay a short time after lunch until bids can be processed. Pr. Oman has traveled to many churches using his artistic talents while delivering a message. He is amazing!

Read through the “Previews...” in this issue to see the program planned by your committee members: Avalene Swanson, Barbara Solsaa, Marion Wigen, Becky Loftus, and Julie Riemenschneider. Although we are still tweaking the program, we know you won't be disappointed.

Please note that three awareness sessions will be offered during the time the delegates are conducting their business. Two of these sessions will be repeated on Saturday to allow voting delegates to attend them if they wish. The exhibits and refreshments will be held across the hall from the ballroom to allow easy access.

Remember: It's a celebration—25 years of WELCA. Special guests are being invited. We hope you will mark these dates—APRIL 27 & 28, 2012—on your calendar so that you will be able to join us.

Janet Allison, Convention Coordinator