

**Minutes from the Augustana District 9th Annual Women of the Word Gathering  
September 15, 2018  
Peace Lutheran Church, Watertown MN**

*“What’s in your closet?”  
Colossians 3:12-17*

*Dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Registration and fellowship time began at 8 am with coffee, water and an assortment of breakfast items. Mission booths that were available; Sola Publishing, Augustana District, Augustana Prayer Warriors, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries INC., Sensory Blankets, Dawson MN Church Missions, New Hope Mission Society, St. Paul Seminary, and author JoAnn Deveny.

Registration included: 17 churches from AD were represented with 84 registries.

At 9am a welcome and introduction of all churches in attendance, including a group in New York via video conferencing, given by Stephanie Freund- WOW Coordinator. The day was also introduced and the layout of odd/even numbers located on nametags which gave small group participation location.

A full worship service began at 9:10 am, led by Pastor David W. Hanson, 1<sup>st</sup> word message given by speaker Pastor Angie Way based on Colossians 3:12-17. An offering was taken to support the “Orphan Grain Train” mission.

At 10:15 am a short break commenced including more coffee, water, juice, as well as muffins and pastries.

10:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> word given by speaker Pastor Julie Smith based on the “A Christian Capsule Wardrobe”. Colossians 3:27 basics of Christianity and exploring our “wardrobe” of compassion, Humility, forgiveness, patience, and thankfulness- which we are all clothed in through Christ.

11:25am: Breakout session #1. Half the participants learning from Pastor Angie Way in the sanctuary focused on “Judging and being Judged”. The other half in fellowship hall with Pastor Julie Smith focused on “Playing Dress Up”.

11:50am: Half participants having lunch, while others are assembling layettes for “Orphan Grain Train”. More information of Orphan Grain Train can be found at, <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects/layette.html> Ladies then swapped roles. The participants sat at tables that matched their nametag number.

12:55pm: Large group gathering in sanctuary for 3<sup>rd</sup> word given by Pastor Angie Way based on “Practicing Colossians 3” Colossians 3:15 prayer, 3:16 Psalms, 3:16 Hymns, 3:17 Thankful prayer

1:40pm- Closet Session #2- split of participants back to small groups.

2:25pm 5minute break.

2:30pm Business meeting all participants present with each church delegate voting. Stephanie Freund leading:

- approved last year's business meetings
- approved treasurers' report
- current WOW nominations and asking for any further nominees. One nominee from the floor, Jane Evers as member at large. No other nominees from floor.
- 2018 positions will be Treasurer Bev Swenson, Coordinator Christine Price, Vice Coordinator Mia Mills, Ex-officio Stephanie Freund, Secretary/Education Jan Kreie, Members at large Marian Thorston and Jane Evers.
- Anonymous vote to elect the board was motioned and seconded.
- Randy Freund to install new board for WOW 2019.
- Announcement of Christine Price heading to the Augustana District Conference as voted by the WOW board.
- Invite by Christine Price to attend Peace Lutheran in Nevis MN on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Attendees: Sandy Kriefall Ex-officio, Stephanie Freund current Coordinator and Ex-officio nominee, Marian Thorston, Member at large, Bev Swenson Treasurer, Jan Kreie current Education and nominee for Secretary, Mia Mills current Secretary and Vice Coordinator nominee, Christine Price current Vice Coordinator and Coordinator nominee.

Randy Freund to give an update on Augustana District. Big news that we are gaining new sites for LCMC in many states, the new discernment on how to reach and maintain as we are geographically distant. Randy also answered questions that were made up by Julie Smith to answer commonly heard questions of the Augustana.

Business Meeting adjourned 2:50pm.

Question from the floor on "what missions does LCMC support?" Dorothy Desens representing New Hope Mission Society giving some examples and that a major need of clothing in countries where Christians items are being burned and currently cannot purchase- sent from the NHMS.

Closing prayer, song and sending complete at 3pm.

Evaluations were collected in the back of sanctuary as participants left.

**Submitted by:**  
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