**DISCIPLESHIP**

**2015 SWO Leadership Workshop**

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP? A lifelong journey of living out and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Disciples are followers of Jesus who are intent on carrying out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and the Great Command (Acts 1:8)

WOMEN OF THE ELCA PRACTICE THE 7 MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP:

1. Praying
2. Studying
3. Worshiping
4. Inviting
5. Encouraging
6. Serving
7. Giving

**We grow in faith and share what we’ve learned with our neighbors.**

**GOALS:**

\***Grow in Faith** by attending:

* Conference Day of Renewal
* Synod or Conference Leadership Training
* SWO Biennial Convention
* Community Gatherings
* Conference and Local Retreats
* National Triennial Gathering

\***Affirm our Gifts**

* Recognize what others do for the church
* Recognize our own strengths – list the gifts *you* can share
* Plan programs – Bold Women’s Day, etc
* ***Be open to new ideas!***
* Think! Figure out what God is calling you to do – Think outside the box!

\***Support one Another in our Callings**

* Give encouragement
* Prayer
* Affirmation- A kind word of thanks - A written note - A smile of approval

**Be in community with others**

\***Engage in Ministry and Action**

* VOLUNTEER..in community, school, etc
* SERVE as a tutor
* LOVE and serve others
* BE the arms, hands, and feet of Christ
* MEET the needs of others
* WALK in partnership with companion synods
* HEAR ABOUT..ELCA malaria campaign, literacy, trafficking, etc

\***Promote Healing and Wholeness**

* MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES..spiritually, physically, emotionally, etc
* LEARN about health realities women face
* SUPPORT those with special needs, especially children
* BE a blood donor
* LEARN ABOUT HIV/AIDS, especially with women in the US

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO TODAY?

* PRAY for all?
* VISIT or CALL someone?
* VOLUNTEER at school, nursing home, food pantry?
* ATTEND (or promote) a Bible Study?
* PLAN a Thankoffering or Bold Women event?
* OFFER to watch a neighbor’s children so parents have time together?
* MENTOR a confirmation student?

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

www.nwswiswo.org

**OTHER RESOURCES**

* *Gather* – Bible Study and Articles
* *Interchange* and *Bold Connections* (Newsletters from WELCA)
* *Café –* web-based magazine for young women
* *Companion Synod Relationships with Malawi*
* ***NORTHWESTER***, our Synod Newsletter $8.00, for 4 issues a year, or FREE [www.nwswiswo.org](http://www.nwswiswo.org)
* Speaker List – handed out today
* Retreats at local churches
* Let us not forget our BIBLE!