



2023

## COMMISSIONING VOTING MEMBERS TO THE TWELFTH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION OF WOMEN OF THE ELCA

*On Sunday, September 17, 2023, or at another appropriate time, voting members may be commissioned in their individual congregations for service to the Twelfth Triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA. The person who has been elected to serve as a voting member stands in front of the assembly and is introduced.*

N. has been elected to serve as a voting member to the Twelfth Triennial Convention of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at its meeting September 19-21, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service  
because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus,  
to love neighbors,  
and to work for the reconciling of the world?

**Response: I do.**

Will you serve Women of the ELCA  
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,  
relying on God's mercy  
and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**Response: I will, with God's help.**

*Addressing the congregation*

Do we, members of [insert name of congregation] promise to support and encourage N.  
in this service?

**We do.**

### **Commissioning Prayer**

Faithful God,  
in baptism you claimed us;  
and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives,  
empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.

We thank you for leading N. to this time and place.  
Establish the work of all voting members in your truth,  
guide them by your Holy Spirit,  
that in your service all may grow  
in faith, hope, and love,  
as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honor and glory, now and forever.

*All may pray together:*

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Be with the voting members to the Twelfth Triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA and the staff and crew supporting the event. Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world and to respect old things you keep and use. As the voting members deliberate, bring about what is best for Women of the ELCA, the church, and for all people. As they meet, let your Holy Spirit guide so that the whole church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.**