

2025 Conference of Presidents

## **Building Community, SWO by SWO**

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### **Our Purpose Statement**

*"As a **community** of women . . . we commit ourselves to . . . **support** one another in our callings . . . in the church, the society, and the world."*

WELCA offers **Supportive** and **Welcoming Opportunities** for women

## **SWO Community Building Top 10!!!**

*Within SWOs -*

1. **Prioritize** SWO communication with all CUs, churches, individual participants without a CU, synod newsletters, Facebook
2. **Invite** everyone! To attend, participate, lead
3. **Be creative** – go to where the women are!

*Between SWOs -*

4. **Participate and plan** with other SWOs' events
5. **Learn** from each other, share ideas and resources
6. **Develop** relationships with other SWO leaders – be cheerleaders for one another

*Between SWOs and other agencies and organizations -*

7. **Partner** with your synod office and meet with your bishop
8. **Know** your agency resources – no need to reinvent the wheel
9. **Amplify** the agency work already being done in the CUs

**And last but not least . . .**

10. **Be BOLD!!!** Explore, listen, consider, and try new things. Never give up.