

NAUGATUCK VALLEY CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA  
SPRING GATHERING 2019  
"A PATH TO PEACE & WHOLENESS"



PLACE: IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 25 Great Hill Rd., Oxford, CT  
DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019  
TIME: 9:00AM - 2:00PM

(We will begin with morning coffee, refreshments, & fellowship in Borchert Hall)

COST: \$15.00 per person (includes luncheon)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DeAnne Gauya - "Create Less Stress and More Joy in Your Life"

PREACHER: Deacon Natalie Bloomquist    PRESIDING: Rev. Niki Harvell    MUSICIAN: Lynne Kearney

**Please Bring:**

**IN KIND/LOVE OFFERING**

Women are invited to bring Love Offerings of non-perishable meat and protein (tuna, beef stew, chicken, peanut butter, ham, fish, canned beans, etc.) and personal care products for The Spooner House, operated by Area Congregations Together, Inc. with the mission of providing food, shelter and support services to people in need. All of their energies are devoted to helping their clients establish a self-sufficient living situation. We will be assembling personal care kits for clients. Suggested items include Shampoo, Toothbrush/Paste, Deodorant, Comb, Bar Soap, Wash cloth & Hand towel, Disposable shavers/shaving cream, square boxes of tissues, white crew socks, small packages Band-Aids, wrapped candy, breath mints, etc.

**MONETARY OFFERING**

The monetary offerings will be equally divided between New England Women of the ELCA and "Seymour Pink," a Community's Fight Against Breast Cancer.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Volunteers are needed to serve as our Conference Co-Convener, Recording Secretary, & Financial Secretary (2 yr. terms).

**DIRECTIONS TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (25 Great Hill Road, Oxford, CT 06478):**

From I84E: Take exit 15 toward Southbury (CT-67/US-6). Keep Left at fork on ramp. Turn Right onto CT-67. Go 8.5 miles and turn Right onto Great Hill Road. (Webster Bank is on the left.)

From Rte. 8S: Take exit 22 (CT-67 toward Seymour/Oxford). Go 1.5 miles. Take a Left onto Great Hill Road. (Webster Bank is on the Right.)

The church's phone # is (203) 888-4713.

Please use a separate form for each person. Make your check payable to NEW ENGLAND WOMEN OF THE ELCA.

Invite a friend to join you! Mail your completed form and check to:

**Paula Rosenbeck, Shepherd, 356 Tarringford West St. #313, Torrington, CT 06790**

**(860) 567-9505 or teetee108@yahoo.com**

Detach Form Below & Return by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET

CITY/STATE/ZIP

CONGREGATION: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

## A WORD ABOUT OUR DAY TOGETHER

Women will gather informally for registration and morning coffee and fellowship, hosted by the women of St. Paul's, Torrington, in Borchert Hall. This is always a fun time to greet old friends and meet new ones! We'll have a table on which to place your in-kind/love offerings.

We will begin the day with worship led by the women of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Deacon Natalie Bloomquist (Cross of Christ, Waterbury) will preach and Pastor Niki Harvell (Immanuel, Oxford) will preside over the table.

Brief business will include a Roll Call of attendees, a word from the Synodical Board representative, election of officers (we need to elect 3 leaders), and a word from our churches on special events.

We will hear from DeAnne Gauya, who has been helping people develop healthier lifestyles and actualize their potential for health and well-being for the past 30 years. "How to Create Less Stress and MORE JOY in your life starting TODAY" will be the theme of her presentation.

We will then gather for a rotational activity in Borchert Hall, which will include four stations focusing on the theme of the day, peace and wholeness. We will relax as we color mandalas to take back to our churches; there will be a gardening/planting activity; a labyrinth for personal reflection; and finally, a drumming for relaxation session, led by Nancy Janutolo.

During our luncheon and free time, we will assemble personal care kits for clients of Spooner House. See the reverse side for details of what can be included.

The luncheon will be prepared by the women of Immanuel, Oxford. A brief installation of officers and closing devotions, including prayer movement/gesture, led by women of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Thomaston, will close out our day together.

Please invite women from your church, your family, and your friends to join you! This is an opportunity to gather as sisters in Christ and to engage in activities to allow peace and wholeness into your life.

