

Support Women in Ministry & Women in Need!

This year the ELCA is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Women being ordained to serve in Ministries of Word and Sacrament. We also realize there are many women in Central Florida who struggle with day to day safety, shelter, and self-reliance.

Our synod service project this year is two-fold:

- **MONEY for the Seminary Scholarship Fund**, which will be designated for the women seminarians. We accept coinage (y'all have gotten the hang of the "noisy offerings!"), dollar bills, and checks made out to the Florida-Bahamas Synod/Seminarian Fund.
- **ITEMS for Harbor House of Central Florida**, a non-profit state-certified domestic violence shelter near Orlando. Harbor House provides a 110-bed safe shelter for women, children, and men, a 24-hour confidential crisis hotline, counseling and legal advocacy for survivors of domestic abuse and their children, and more. We encourage each congregation to gather items listed below (by conference).

Partnership with Thrivent. Congregations are encouraged to partner with Thrivent in putting together an Action Team for collecting items listed below. By doing so, you receive \$250.00 that can be used at your event - for food, publicity, or even purchasing addition items to supplement congregational donations. Check with your local Thrivent people or contact Thrivent Community Engagement Leader Kathy Emanuelson @ 727-733-3991 for assistance.

Be creative! Be generous! Be the blessing for this ministry that will change lives for women and children in need here in Central Florida! Be a blessing to the women who are preparing to serve in ministries of Word and Sacrament. Know you are going to make a huge difference in the lives of people who really need to see what the love of Jesus is all about. Thank you in advance for your gifts!

<p>All Congregations: <i>Cash or checks made out to Florida-Bahamas Synod for the seminary fund - to be designated for the women who are in the candidacy process. Currently, of the 35 in candidacy, 21 are women.</i></p>	
<p>Broward-Bahamas, Mid-Gulf, & Tradewinds Clothing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flip Flops • Yoga Pants/Sweat Pants (all sizes) • Socks & Underwear (new, all sizes women and children) 	<p>Heart of Florida, Gulf Coast, Miami-Dade & Panhandle New Safe Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towels (new) • Hand Towels/Wash Cloths • Hand & Dish Soap; Lysol Wipes
<p>Caloosa, First Coast, Flagler/Volusia & Sun Coast Baby Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formula • Pull-Ups & Diapers (size 4 and up) • Baby Wipes 	<p>Lake, Pinelands, Space Coast, & Tampa Personal Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maxi Pads/Tampons • Deodorant; toothpaste / toothbrushes • Shampoo/conditioner - full sizes