

† RESOLUTION SUBMISSION PROCESS

(This should be completed well in advance of the Fall Gathering.)

1. Pray for God's direction and guidance in determining the important issues you and your congregational unit wish to bring to the convention floor for consideration by the delegates.
2. Prepare the resolution following the format of the "Resolution Form" found in the Resolution Section of any Leadership Manual. It is not necessary to use the exact form, but the format of the resolution should follow the example shown. A form can also be downloaded from our website www.flwelca.com.
3. Forward the completed resolution to the designated person as soon as possible for review but no later than October 15. Email is the best medium for this, but hard copies can also be mailed.
4. Once reviewed, it will be forwarded to the Vice President for inclusion in the Voting Member Handbook. **If time does not permit the inclusion of material, then copies will be made available to voting members at time of arrival.**
5. During the Convention, the voting member of the congregational unit proposing the resolution will read the resolution on the convention floor. She should be prepared to respond to questions and rebuttal comments.
6. Once the response period has ended, the resolution will be voted on by all voting members and appropriate action will be taken based on direction of voting.

Here is an article regarding the development of resolutions by Mary Ann Spengler:

WHAT ARE RESOLUTIONS?

Are there issues your congregational unit would like brought before the convention of the Florida Bahamas SWO? You can do it!

How do you write RESOLUTIONS?

The SWO Fall Gathering is held at Lake Yale in November. It is not too early to start thinking of resolutions. Resolution forms are included in gathering mailings, watch for them and also they are always available on the website www.flwelca.com. Complete a form and mail or email it as directed on the form. All resolutions will be reviewed by the resolutions committee before they are presented to the delegates for action.

How can a resolution help?

Resolutions are a means for congregational units and delegates to introduce issues that they wish to have addressed by the convention and some form of action taken. For example -- conservation of water, recycling, care of our bodies, personal spiritual renewal, and concern for abused children, etc., etc.

The format includes several "WHEREAS clauses" to describe the issue, concern, problem.

Following the "WHEREAS clauses," RESOLVED clauses clearly state the proposed solution and define requested action.

Three parts:

The TOPIC - issue, concern, problem

WHY - WHEREAS clauses

HOW - RESOLVED clauses

Resolution Example:

The following was shortened from a concern brought to the 2008 triennial convention of Women of the ELCA.

TOPIC: Minimizing or eliminating use of plastics

WHEREAS: Each year an estimated 500 billion to 1 trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide and billions end up as litter each year in landfills; and

WHEREAS: Increasing reports on human health, effects of chemicals used in plastic products; and
(Include as many WHEREAS's as you wish)

RESOLVED: That Women of the FL-BA SWO take BOLD steps to be advocates and make a dedicated effort to look for alternative ways to minimize their use of plastic items.

RESOLUTION FORM

RESOLUTION TOPIC:

WHEREAS:

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

CONGREGATIONAL UNIT:

ADDRESS:

CONFERENCE:

Forward the completed resolution to SWO President Phyllis Wade, 412 North Sea Lane, NW, Unit C, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 or secretary@htlc.gccoxmail.com as possible for review but no later than October 15. Email is the best medium for this, but hard copies can also be mailed.