#### COUNCIL OF LUTHERAN WOMEN



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#### **Seltz Discusses Religious Liberty at CLW Annual Luncheon**

Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, is a sought after speaker on topics such



as "Church and State—the Public Theology and Mission of C h r i s t ' s Church in the 21st Century;" "The Public Practice of Believers as

Faithful Citizens;" and "Preparing Pastors for the Post-modern, Urban Church."

He holds a bachelors degree in New

Testament—Biblical Languages from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, a Master of Divinity in Systematics—New Testament, a Master of Sacred Theology in Systematics and a Ph.D. in Theology and Culture from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He was awarded the Doctor of Divinity Degree from Concordia University, Irvine, for his work in Dallas, NYC, and Los Angeles launching urban churches as well as training over 75 candidates for LCMS urban ministry in the U.S. Seltz is Speaker Emeritus of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

He and his wife, Marie Yvette, live in Washington, D.C. and have one daughter, Devin.

### **Council Recognizes Fifteen Scholars**

The Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) has announced the recipients of this year's scholarships for 15 students preparing for professions in the Lutheran church. This marks the 36th year for the CLW scholarship program.

Two Concordia University Ann Arbor (CUAA) students received CLW memorial scholarships. Sarah Jackemeyer was awarded the Leona M. Meyer Memorial Scholarship and Clorissa Smith received the Rev. Dr. John C. Streit Memorial Scholarship. Both women are preparing for full-time church service.

The following seminary students (listed with their home congregations) have been awarded the CLW 2021-2022

Scholarships: John Baseley - Emmanuel, Dearborn; Brandon Bettcher - St. Peter, Macomb; Brandon Boos - Faith, Troy; Dane Breitung - Emmanuel, Dearborn; Josh Britton - Trinity, Utica; Jacob Childers - Christ the King, Southgate; Nick Gapski - St. Peter, Eastpointe; Nora Gorman (Deaconess) - St. John, Fraser; Nathaniel Konkel - Christ the King, Southgate; Alex Ogden - Historic Trinity, Detroit; Sean Sheppard - Trinity, Utica; Dylan Smith - Christ the King, Southgate; and Chris Sturges - Faith, Troy.

CLW scholarship recipients at CUAA are selected by the university; all seminarian awardees are nominated by their CLW member congregations in the spring.

#### Save the Date for CLW Spring Meeting

Watch your mailbox for upcoming information about the Council of Lutheran Women spring meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, at Shadow of the Cross Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, Mich.

# 58th Annual CLW Luncheon Planned In-person at Macomb Sports & Expo Center, Warren

You are cordially invited to the 58th annual Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 11 a.m. at The Macomb Sports & Expo Center on the campus of Macomb Community College.

This year the luncheon honors 2022 Women of the Year from CLW member congregations and inter-congregational organizations and recognizes honorees from 2021. Annual scholarship recipients from 2022 will be introduced. Renowned pastor and speaker, Dr. Gregory Seltz, will update guests on his work as Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.

Attendance is easy! Reservations are open now through Eventbrite via our website: www.clwmichigan.com. Cost of \$32.00 per attendee will help to cover event expenses and scholarships. You may contact Candie Sionkowski at 734-323-8008 for assistance. Deadline is March 4th.

The luncheon provides an opportunity to meet representatives of inter-congregational organizations in the display area and contribute in-gathering items to service organizations that are supported by the Council. Please visit the CLW website (www.clwmichigan.com) for detailed information about items needed by these organizations and make plans to collect and bring donations for these local organizations.

Enter the Expo Center from Hayes Rd. or Martin Rd. Parking attendants will guide you to lots on the east and west side of the building and near the tennis courts. The main entrance with a lane for those who need walking assistance is on the north side of the building. Women of the Year honorees can enter through the Macomb Room entrance to the left of the main entrance. Volunteers will be on the east side of the building to accept in-gathering donations.

The Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) began as the women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Center Association. For over 50 years the Council has united the efforts of affiliated Lutheran women's organizations by encouraging a Christian witness in the local community and cooperating with various service agencies to serve those in need. Membership is encouraged among LCMS churches and inter-congregational organizations. Contact Marlene Gunnell at marlene1@woway.com for details or visit the CLW website: www.clwmichigan.com