

## **2024 Annual Report of the Vice President for Administration (VPA)**

Last year returned to the University of Indianapolis for our Annual Gathering and celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of hosting weekends in the United States. We offered FaceBook Live for our morning/afternoon worship services and Business Meetings again due to the high participation of those who can't attend. However, we look forward to higher participation with in-person meetings and learning from each other to grow our Via de Cristo ministry. An idea from our new Treasurer Roundtable resulted in an envelope challenge where we raised \$3,891 was forwarded to the 2024 VdC NLS Annual Gathering Host Committee.

This year we look forward to going to Las Vegas for our Annual Gathering. We will offer FaceBook Live again for our morning worship services and Business Meetings as well as another envelope challenge for our 2025 Vdc NLS Annual Gathering Host Committee. We look forward to other new ideas being introduced and adopted!

You'll hear more about our 2025 Annual Gathering on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in hosting our 2026 Annual Gathering, please let me know and plan on shadowing the Host Committee to learn the ropes!

This year fulfills the end of my VPA term, but I look forward to attending future Annual Gatherings. When I was elected President of our Women of the ELCA Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) in October, I didn't feel I could serve adequately in both roles. I've enjoyed working with our Secretariat members at the local, regional and national levels to further our mission: "By grace, with the Holy Spirit, we challenge leaders to discover and achieve their personal calling, assisting them to influence their environments with the Gospel."

God loves you and so do I,  
Jane Winge  
Vice President for Administration

