

Report of the Rene' Siria Memorial Fund  
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At the September 19, 2009, meeting of the Indiana-Kentucky Synodical Women's Organization, a Resolution (2009-3) was passed that established the Rene' Siria Memorial Fund. A committee was formed to set guidelines and create the application. This committee consisting of Bonnie Kroening, Brenda DeMotte and Frances Kirchhoff met March 13, 2011. The committee received input from the Ladies of Hope, the women's organization at Hope Lutheran Church in Frankfort, Rene' Siria's home congregation, June 21, 2011. Funds received for the Rene' Siria Memorial Fund will be put in a mission investment fund. The scholarship amount will depend upon the funds available and the number of worthy applicants. The scholarship(s) will be no less than \$50.00. The Rene' Siria Memorial Fund will always maintain a balance of \$100. If no worthy applications have been received for six years, then the designated funds can be used for board expenses per resolution 2009-3.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Rene' Siria Memorial Fund is to financially support women of the Indiana-Kentucky ELCA to attend conventions by offering scholarships. In addition, the purpose of the Rene' Siria Memorial Fund is to be an opportunity for the Women of the Indiana-Kentucky ELCA active participants to be ambassadors for perpetual funding thus calling positive attention to the work of the Women of the ELCA organization. An individual may receive this scholarship 2 times, but it cannot be combined with money from Fair Share.

#### Criteria

Applicants must be

- an active participant in an Indiana-Kentucky Women of the ELCA unit;
- female age 30 plus
- encouraged by a woman in her unit, a council member or Pastor to apply for this scholarship
- be willing to make a written report to the Indiana-Kentucky Synodical Board Vice-President.

#### Time-line

- applications sent to the I-K Women of the ELCA Board two months prior to convention
- applications reviewed by the I-K Women of the ELCA Board two months prior to convention
- award be made and recipient be notified no later then four weeks prior to convention
- report from applicant(s) awarded the scholarship should be completed and sent to the Vice President two weeks after the convention

#### Application

A basic application is attached and made a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted by the Rene' Siria Memorial Fund Committee,  
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Revised 11/2014 by Jo Flynn and Bonnie Kroening