

## *From the Treasurer*

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The fiscal year of the Women of the ELCA ended January 31, 2011. We have collected at total of \$9371.93 for the PNG Woman to Woman project. Hopefully, you are aware that this fund will enable two women from our Companion Synod in Papua New Guinea to come to the Triennial Convention being held in Spokane, Washington. They then will be able to attend our VSWO Convention July 22 - 24 at Roanoke College.

Now that we have the raised the funds for Mary & Miriam (our PNG guests) to travel to the U.S., we are concentrating on raising funds for their incidental expenses while they are in this country. Our goal is to raise \$30 per day per woman or a total of \$1,260. The Circle of Ruth from Trinity Lutheran in Pulaski has already contributed \$60 to sponsor a day for our guests. Perhaps your unit (or you as an individual) would consider sponsoring a day as well? Send all gifts to me at 5501 Alum Springs Rd, Edinburg, VA 22824 clearly marked "Woman to Woman" project.

February brings us a fresh new start to the new fiscal year for Women of the ELCA. We are now collecting your Fair Share Travel Funds for the 2011 VSWO Convention. This Fair Share Travel Fund helps delegates of contributing units a mileage reimbursement for attending the VSWO Convention. More information will be sent with the Call to Convention; however, this contribution of \$25 per unit may be made now with your regular monthly offerings.

As stated in the December issue of Interchange, "Our offerings support justice and advocacy work, which faithfully carries out our vision of bringing healing and wholeness to the world. This includes our work on issues of domestic violence, commercial sexual exploitation and environmental justice."

We need to keep our Women of the ELCA and their ministry in our prayers, along with all the troubles of our world. We give our thanks to God for His mercy and love.

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