

LIVE FULLY is the theme and 1 Corinthians 16:14 is

the theme verse for our convention November 3-4, 2017 at Calvary Lutheran in Solana Beach. Are you getting excited??!! This month we are focusing on giving you many more details on what you can collect and bring for our Love Gifts. Every year the Love Gifts that are collected are simply amazing. Tables are piled high! Am sure this year will not be any different. Think those collections certainly are part of loving fully and living fully!!

We are targeting two organizations. One is "Calvary Cares" which is our host church's outreach program. They collect many different items during any given year. But for the time of our convention, they have suggested that food items would be most welcome. There is a flyer and a list of suggestions in this issue.

Healing Hearts Across Borders is the second organization. In this issue there is a flyer and list along with a couple of pictures of the children receiving gifts brought to them by Healing Hearts Across Borders. A spokesperson said he brings a lot of school supplies but there are never enough. Backpacks are a higher ticket item and they would really be grateful to receive these. Back to school sales are in full swing!

We are still working on the service projects that will happen especially Friday afternoon but will continue throughout Saturday as well. One idea is to either make fabric bags for individual children receiving school supplies or decorate a box for the supplies. But watch for new details – our planning team meets again this month.

Last month I mentioned that our hotel rate will be good for three days prior and three days after our weekend. So if there are those of you who will miss the three day event, consider staying at least Saturday night as well and worship Sunday morning with our hosts at Calvary Lutheran. The beach is nearby for an evening stroll!

This issue also includeds our registration form. The earlier you can register and the earlier we can know numbers attending, the better we can finalize the myriad of details it takes to make this event special for all!

Our triennial convention and gathering was fabulous as usual! Keala Simoes and Laura Ortiz along with myself were voting members at the convention July 11-13. Becky Shurson was elected Vice President! She has recently moved to Oregon but we still claim her. Keala was also elected to the Executive Board from our region. Which means in November we will be looking for a new representative on our synodical board from Hawaii. Worship and music are always the highlights for me during the Gathering. Then Phoenix in 2020! We should have a large group attending from Pacifica – so start planning now!

Anew in Christ!

President Eunice Hanson