



*To mobilize women to act boldly on  
their faith in Jesus Christ.*



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MARCH 4, 2017

Pacífica Women of the ELCA

Spring Event

at

Lutheran Church of Our Savior's

5050 N. Sierra Way

San Bernardino, CA 92404

Rev. Scottie Lloyd, Guest Speaker

Sharing experiences & information on the  
Chaplaincy Program

*More information inside and to follow*

- March 4, 2017      Pacifica WELCA March Event  
 Location: Lutheran Church of Our Savior, San Bernardino  
 Time: 8:30am - 4:00pm  
 More information inside this issue
- July 13 - 16, 2017      Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering  
 Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 Information inside this issue and watch for updates  
 See Website: [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org)

*The deadline submit articles for the Pacifica is..*

**January 25th, 2016**

*Please send email to:*

**Karen Ronchetti, Editor @ [welca@verizon.net](mailto:welca@verizon.net)**

*Just a note. . . We will be using 3 hotels next to the Minneapolis Convention Center.*

*They are The Hyatt, The Hilton and The Millennium. You can make your hotel reservation when you send in your registration. If you need a Registration Booklet, please contact*

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## **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!**

*Early-bird registration, through January 6, 2017      \$310*

*after January 6, 2017 registration \*\*      \$350.*

*Day registrations      \$175.*

**\*\* Prices will increase January 6th, 2017.**

*Featured speakers, preachers and workshop leaders will bring the gathering themes to life. Go to [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org) to “**Download our devotions**” that explore the theme **All Anew**.*

*Be sure to read about all the special events and servant event that are offered. Up for a **QUILT CHALLENGE**? Go to [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org) for special instructions.*





*Have not yet seen the evaluations from "A Family of Faith" but for me it was full of fantastic programming! As your new president, my thoughts are already turning to next year.*

*When I shared prior to the final ballot, I said I need creative ideas from everyone. And I really mean everyone, not just our board members. Several years ago when I was involved with convention planning, we had a planning team that included members who were not currently serving on the board. Our board won't meet until 2017 but I would like to begin to solicit your ideas while this year's convention is fresh in all your minds.*

*THEME: Submit ideas for a theme phrase and/or Bible verse around which we can plan. Obviously, we can only choose one at a time but it would be great to have a library of ideas from which to choose and to save for future events.*

*PROGRAM IDEAS: Submit ideas for keynote speakers, music, Bible study leader, Chaplain, workshops, etc. In the past we had programs around immigration issues, Muslim sisters, homosexuality to name a few - is there a subject matter you would like to see highlighted or explored?*

*DETAILS: All conventions involve a myriad of details! Would you like to volunteer for just one task? For instance, Nancy Worley has made some durable and brightly colored signs that can be reused. They identify rooms being used for vendors, workshops, etc. But that means they need to be stored and brought and set up next year in a timely manner. Our storage cabinet at the Synod office is not wide enough to accommodate these signs. Who would be able to provide storage and/or perform this service?*

*Food! It has always been amazing to me the comments on evaluations that food can invoke. Do you have ideas and/or willing to volunteer with any aspect of the food? Caterer? Food ideas? Set up? Logistics?*

*Gift ideas. Are you crafty? Know someone who would really enjoy making small table favors, or gifts for first timers, or other décor?*

*Altar "guild". I distinctly remember the first convention I was really involved in the planning. We planned to have communion and had the bread and wine - but no one was designated to be responsible to set up and clean up! Would someone delight in performing this task?*

*Maybe you can name a task that needs to be done and no one did it this year? Will you volunteer? Do you know someone who would enjoy doing that task?*

*COMMUNICATION: I want to hear from you!! My email is [eunicehanson@cox.net](mailto:eunicehanson@cox.net). I check email a lot!! I prefer email to texting as I come from an era where we learned to use a typewriter in high school. So I'd prefer to type on a full keyboard! But I can text as well as long as it does not have to be too lengthy. My cell phone is 760-717-2646. Both my cell phone and home phone have voice mail. My home phone is 760-945-9716.*

*I am also on Facebook so can receive a message there. I may not post much but I do read it every day. I do work 9-5:30 five days a week so check messages on email and FB at lunch time but likely won't be able to answer til the evening or in the morning prior to leaving for work.*

*Anew in Christ!*

*Eunice Hanson*

March 4, 2017

*Lutheran Church of Our Savior's*

*5050 N. Sierra Way, San Bernardino, CA 92404*

*(909) 882-5013*



This event is from 8:30am to 4:00pm (approx.)

Registration / continental breakfast begin at 8:30am, program starting at 9am & include lunch.

Early Bird - "postmark by 2/28" \$25.00

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Do you need childcare:    Y       N       How many children? \_\_\_\_\_



***Items for Hygiene Kits:***

*Men's Deodorant*

*Plastic Shavers*

*Foot Powder and Anti-fungal cream*

*Small bars of soap*

*Small bottles of shampoo*

*Tooth brushes & Tooth paste*

***Misc. Items:***

*Men's t-shirts*

*Socks*

***Items for Snack Bags:***

*(all items must be individually wrapped)*

*Granola bars*

*Cookies*

*Cheese and crackers*

*Chips*

*Fruit snacks*

***WELCA will supply gallon bags for items.***





*2017 Triennial Gathering  
Scholarship Form*  
*Minneapolis, MN, July 13-16, 2017*



Age Group:   ☐ 18-25      ☐ 26-35      ☐ 36-45      ☐ 46-55      ☐ 56-75      ☐ 76-90

Active member of an ELCA congregation and an active participant in Women of the ELCA This will be a monetary scholarship. The committee shall determine the number of scholarship recipients. This scholarship will only be a simple amount and will not cover all expenses. Recipient will be responsible for all expenses not covered.

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/  
City: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first time attending a Triennial Gathering?      ☐ Yes      ☐ No

(if not, when was the last time you attended?): \_\_\_\_\_

What is your involvement in your unit? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your involvement in your cluster? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to receive a Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are awarded the Scholarship, do you wish to remain anonymous?   ☐ Yes      ☐ No

Any other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

(This information will be kept confidential) **Return by March 30, 2017** to

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*all anew*  
WOMEN OF THE ELCA  
TENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 13–16, 2017

For more information,  
visit [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org)  
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## Featured Speaker!!

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“The extraordinary transformation in Leymah Gbowee’s life which shaped her into a world leader began in a circle of Lutheran sisters, gathered together in prayer,” said Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director of Women of the ELCA.

“We each hold that same possibility—that supported in prayer and gathered in community, we might bring change to our world.”

Lutheran women first learned of Gbowee (pronounced LAY-mah BO-ee) and Liberian women’s peace efforts in the January/February 2004 issue of *Lutheran Woman Today* (now Gather) magazine in an article “Lutheran Liberian Women Unify for Peace.”

One year later, in the January/February 2005 issue of the magazine, Gbowee told her own story in an article, “Persistence and Peace.” In it she wrote,

“We had been pushed as women to our physical, psychological, and spiritual limits. We had been pushed to the wall, and we had two options. We could either fight back, or we could give up. For us, giving up was not an option. We would fight back.”

She was recipient of the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize for leading women in a non-violent struggle to bring peace in Liberia.

Gbowee will offer participants of the Tenth Triennial Gathering a message of transformation “as we gather under the banner All Anew,” Bushkofsky said. “It’s a privilege and honor to welcome Leymah back among the women of Women of the ELCA.” Gbowee was a featured speaker at the Eighth Triennial Gathering (2011) of Women of the ELCA in Spokane, Wash.

## Servant Events

No matter when or why women in our organization gather, our purpose and mission call us to act and serve. Our [gathering verses promise renewal](#) and that often comes from serving others.

On Friday and Saturday afternoon, make your way to the exhibit hall and into Servant Events (intentional service and action that will impact the lives of others). Activities range from making feminine hygiene kits to engaging in environmental issue. God's plan calls us to work together, and here you can practice with hundreds of sisters from across the church and globe.

The servant events are small so that you can interact and engage at your own pace. Many of the servant events will be led by our in-kind gifts recipients sparking ideas for transforming and creating new ministry project back home. This is the place to experience the transformation and power of women to make a difference!

## Use your hands to share a gift

Join in piecing and tying mission quilts while sharing stories and learning the mission and ministry of [Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits](#) program. In the sewing space, you'll also have an opportunity to support a new project, [Days for Girls International](#), where we will make feminine hygiene kits that serve to keep many girls in school on days they might otherwise miss for personal reasons.

## Experience the beloved community

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s [beloved community is a global vision](#) in which exclusion, poverty, hunger and homelessness is not tolerated. Come and engage with local congregations and agencies that work to create a beloved community in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area.

## Girls Space: Understand All Anew

Continuing the tradition from the Ninth Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, N.C., we will again host a Girls Space for our younger sisters (ages 6 to 18). The space will offer a guided program for girls to navigate and understand our theme, **All Anew**, and realize that they, too, can live a transformational life.

## Engage in environmental issues

Three servant events will give participants an opportunity to engage in solving ecological issues. **1) In Alice's Garden**, a replica of a Milwaukee community garden, you'll see how "growing your own vegetables" can transform a community. **2) You'll see how solar energy works**, thanks to a demonstration by [RREAL \(Rural Renewable Energy Alliance\)](#). A Ninth Triennial Convention memorial proposed that Women of the ELCA participants work toward bringing solar energy to Liberia's Phebe Hospital. **3) The Flint, Michigan, water crisis** can be found in other parts of the U.S., too. Learn how your church or unit can help.

## Raise healthy communities

Changing the health and well-being of a community begins those who live in it. We'll offer two servant events that engage in activities and conversation. **1) Learn about Women of the ELCA's [Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls](#) initiative** while experiencing a seed grant recipient's 'Girl Talk' program. Find out how to replicate the program and take it home to your community. **2) Keep your body moving** in group exercises like Zumba and yoga, or an individual contemplative exercise: walking a labyrinth.



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