



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

It's not too late to REGISTER

(Voting member or regular attendee)!!

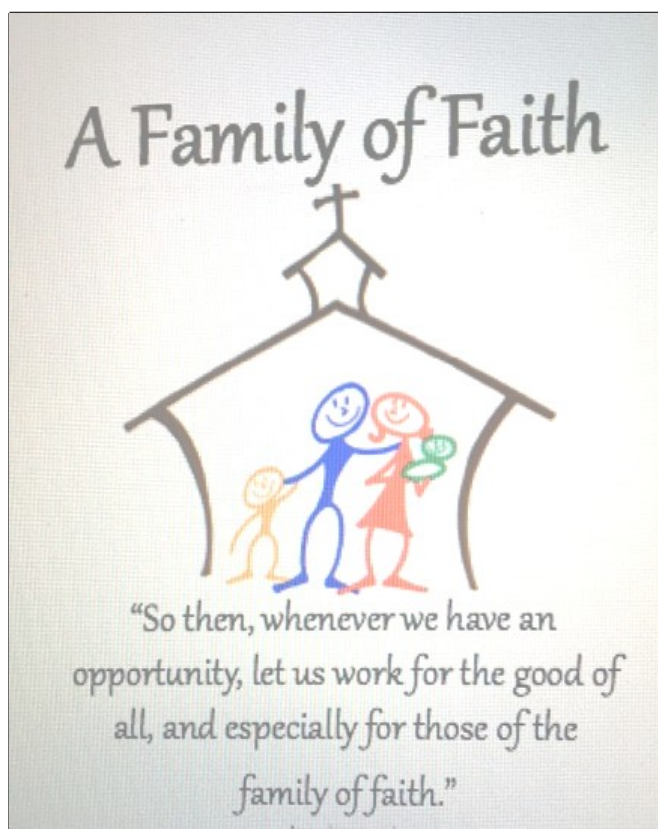
See information inside

*(revised meal plan inside. If you have sent your registration in,
please contact Jo Ann Longerbone for any changes)*

Are you registered for:

November 4-5, 2016

CONVENTION



2017 Triennial Gathering
July 13-16, 2017



- October 19, 2016 Bethlehem 40th Annual Apple Festival Bazaar
 Location: 3352 Katella Avenue Los Alamitos, 90720
 Time: 8am to 1pm
- November 4-5, 2016 Pacifica WELCA Convention
 Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos
 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

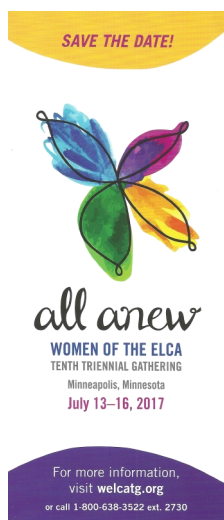
*The deadline submit articles
 for the Pacifica is..*

November 1st, 2016

Please send email to:

Karen Ronchetti, Editor @

welca@verizon.net



Day 1 = 1¢ Day 5 = 5¢
 Day 100 = \$1
 Day 365 = \$3.65

How are you doing on “Saving your Pennies”?

By now if you have been saving your pennies, your jar should have \$399.74 (as of 10/10/2016)



At the end of 365 days (December 31st) you will have saved \$667.95. That's just saving pennies!! (and it will almost cover your registration-if you had not pre-paid, hotel and airfare). What a great idea and easy to do. AND you can keep it going until June 30th of 2017 (This will give you a few extra dollars to spend)!

I've started my jar, have you? Did you pre-register in Charlotte? If you did, you should have received your registration "Booklet" with fun information, such as tours, hotels and more. It would be great to have 50 women from Pacifica attend!!

As something fun, we are trying to arrange a meal with our "sister synod, Nebraska", so we need to know how many women are going. Can we have more women at this triennial, the Nebraska? Let's give it a try!!

Questions, you can call Karen Ronchetti anytime (714) 654-8919 or send email to: welca@verizon.net

Featured Speaker!!



Nobel Peace Prize winner and ELCA International Leaders scholarship recipient Leymah Gbowee will be a keynote speaker at the Tenth Triennial Gathering (2017) in Minneapolis next summer, July 13-16.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

Prices will increase January 6th, 2017.

Read about the workshops, speakers and all the special events that are offered. Up for a QUILT CHALLENGE? Go to www.welcatg.org for instructions.

Registration

Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering

November 4-5, 2016

Convention

EXTENDED

Registration Deadline: 10/25/16

Voting Member must register by 10/18/2016

Friday /Saturday \$ 80 ☐

2 Meals & Registration

Saturday ONLY \$ 60 ☐

Lunch & Registration

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Meal: (please check a box for Saturday lunch. If no boxes are checked, we will choose for you).

Friday: Buffet

Saturday Boxed Lunch - REVISED

Turkey on Sourdough ☐ Ham & Cheese ☐

Corned Beef on Rye ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free ☐

Please note: Hotel not included in price.
You must make reservations on your own.
Ayres Hotel information on page 4
(suggested) by not required to stay at.

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Church: _____

Church City: _____

Please CHECK all that apply:

- ☐ **VOTING MEMBER:** You may be assigned to a Convention Committee by the President. She will notify you.
- ☐ **NON-Voting Member:** Check if your Congregation has a unit.
- ☐ **REPRESENTATIVE:** Check if your congregation does not have a unit. You will have a voice, but not a vote.
- ☐ **SWO Board and/or GUEST:** CWO Representative, Pastor, member of unit outside ELCA, and/or Vendor.
- ☐ **FIRST TIME ATTENDEE**
- ☐ **Unit President and/or Unit Contact**

Emergency Contact: _____

Address/City: _____

Phone (_____) _____

REGISTRATION IS NON-REFUNDABLE, BUT IT IS TRANSFERABLE

Make checks payable to: Pacifica Women of the ELCA

Mail to: Jo Ann Longerbone

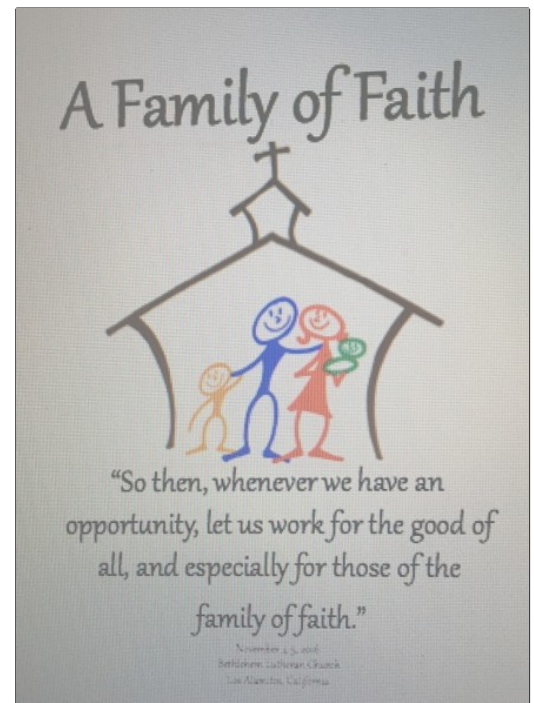
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Pacifica Women Presents -

Convention & Gathering 2016:

November 4-5, 2016

Bethlehem Lutheran, Los Alamitos



SUGGESTED HOTEL for CONVENTION:

3 miles from Bethlehem Lutheran (between 5 and 10 minutes from hotel depending on traffic)

Ayres Hotel, 12850 Seal Beach Blvd, Seal Beach, CA 90740 (562) 296-1405

WELCA Group #1775

2 Queen beds –2 persons (plus Full American Breakfast) \$159.00 plus \$19.18 (12.065% sales tax) = \$178.18

If you are staying at this hotel, please book by October 4. This is the last day to hold the room block.

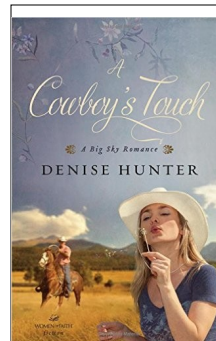


Precious Life Shelter

Love Gift:

Diapers, Wipes,
Receiving Blankets,
Women's Socks,

Hygiene items, Gift cards and
phone cards (with no expiration date)



We are having a workshop
Book Review on Friday at the
Convention.

Suggested reading material.
(found on Amazon for a very
low price)

Women of Faith Fiction Book,
A Cowboy's Touch by Denise
Hunter.

"They have shared the message of Hope and Grace.

A reading experience that will capture your imagine
and inspire your faith".

Silent Auction

Basket Reminder!

This event is your opportunity to build up three of our scholarships funds,

Our WELCA Convention Scholarship Fund

The Seminarian Scholarship Fund,

and The Triennial Scholarship Fund.

- Money received from this event helps support our women on their journey through Seminary, experience the "big picture" of the churchwide Triennial Gathering or be able to attend our own Synodical convention. Not only are you supporting these scholarship funds, but it's a wonderful opportunity to support the community as well (you might even find a Christmas gift or birthday gift for that special someone. Endless possibilities)! We would like to encourage all units to bring a basket for the auction.

Large or small
(no theme needed)!

Come meet, eat and be entertained.

A buffet dinner will be provided by Olive Garden. Many choices will be available. Salad, breadsticks and pastas.

From what I have heard, we will be pleasantly surprised with some light entertainment being arranged by Bethlehem Lutheran Church during our evening meal. Enjoy!

Prayer Tangles Workshop

By Gwen Edwards

Do the -ing words sometimes get you in a tangle? Praying...Journaling...Doodling. Or maybe they intrigued you. Are there times when you feel particularly prayerful or times when you don't know how or what to pray? Do you wonder about journaling, the benefits, how to get started? Doodling is for children or when one is bored in a meeting – no, it can open up our heart's thoughts. Come and explore new ways to express your heart toward God.



Come meet our Chaplain and Bible Study Leader

Pastor Kathryn Zurcher

Pr. Kathryn will be bringing Hawaii to us. She is the pastor at St. John Lutheran in Kailua on the island of Oahu. She actually grew up on a small grain farm in north central North Dakota. She claims NYC as her favorite place in the world. She loves travel, the water, reading, Broadway Musicals and good conversations with good people.

Pr. Kathryn will be with us from Friday afternoon through closing worship on Saturday. She has agreed to lead our book review on "A Cowboy's Touch" for those arriving on Friday. She will lead us into our Saturday morning with a Bible Study, will be available throughout the day at Business Sessions and closing worship.

Let's show Pr. Kathryn how we do Aloha.



Come meet our Churchwide Organization Representative

Gwendolynn (Gwen) Edwards

Gwen comes to us from Omaha, Nebraska. She most recently served as president of the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization. She has also served as a voting member of the Eighth and Ninth Triennial Conventions of the Women of the ELCA.

Gwen is a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. She is a member of the handbell choir and is a communion server, greeter and a member of her Bible Study Circle. She has served in numerous positions in her congregation and in her congregational unit. She is a member of the Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska board of directors and serves on its governance committee.

Gwen is also active in her community. She has worked for National Indemnity Company in a variety of positions for nearly 30 years. She currently works in the network systems department.

Gwen has a husband John and a son, Aaron who is now in eighth grade.

Gwen will be with us on Friday and Saturday. Her Friday will begin with attending the Pacifica SWO Board Pre Convention Board meeting. For those arriving on Friday, she will be presenting a workshop titled "Prayer Tangles." She will be present at all Business Sessions and activities. She will be presenting the "Presidents Report" from our Churchwide Organization at the Second Business Session on Saturday morning.

Make sure we give Gwen a warm Pacifica and "Region 2" welcome.



Come meet our keynote speaker

**Colleen Windham-Hughes,
Ph.D., M.Div.**

*Assistant Professor, Religion at
California Lutheran University*

Dr. Windham-Hughes teaches in two primary areas: Religion and Public Life and Practical Theology. In both areas she leads students in Academic Service Learning, in which students prepare academically, engage in service on and off campus, and reflect on deep connections between thinking and doing. She collaborates with faculty, staff and students on projects related to vocation and interfaith. She has written for the Practice Discipleship Initiative of the ELCA and supervises student interns in the Theology and Christina Leadership program. An ordained deacon, Dr. Windham Hughes is involved in faith formation across faith formation across the lifespan in both Methodist and Lutheran contexts.



*Come meet our newly installed
Bishop of the Pacifica Synod*

The Rev. Andy Taylor

Bishop Taylor will be joining us on Saturday afternoon during Business Session 3. He will be presenting the Office of the Bishops Report at that time.

Bishop Taylor has been quoted, "I am humbled and honored that the people of the Pacifica Synod have elected me as their bishop. I look forward to the challenge of walking with the congregations of Hawaii and Southern California as they reach out with God's love to each other, their neighborhoods and the world, and I pray that God will grant me all I need to be effective in this important roll." Let us show gratitude for Bishop Taylor taking time out of his busy schedule to spend time with the Pacifica Women of the ELCA.



TENTH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION | July 11-13, 2017 | MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Rank Order Process - For the Tenth Triennial Convention Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Summary: This document sets forth, in Section 1, the rank order process established by the churchwide executive board for the election of voting members to the Tenth Triennial Convention, July 11-13, 2017, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Section 3 provides a sample application of that rank order process. All voting members and alternates must be elected at a synodical convention that precedes November 30, 2016, the deadline for reporting voting member elections. All questions should be directed to Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director (1.800.638.3522, ext. 2740; linda.bushkofsky@elca.org).

Section 1. Rank Order Process

Article VI, Section 6, Item 6 of the Synodical Women's Organization Constitution provides that "a rank-order process established by the Churchwide Women's Organization Executive Board shall be used" when electing voting members of a triennial convention.

At its October 2014 meeting, the churchwide executive board adopted the following rank order process for use in electing voting members to the Tenth Triennial Convention (2017).

Our constitutions provide two criteria that need to be met in the election of voting members for the triennial convention:

as nearly as possible, at least 10% of the delegation shall be persons of color or whose primary language is other than English
at least one-fourth of the voting members shall be women attending the convention for the first time

The simplest way to achieve these criteria is to present a ballot with three tickets.

Ticket A will be used to elect the number of women of color or whose primary language is other than English as set forth in the constitution;

Ticket B will be used to elect the number of first time voting members as set forth in the constitution; and

Ticket C will be used to elect the remaining number of nominees needed to complete the delegation.

The election(s) on Ticket A will be conducted first and resolved before moving to Ticket B. To be elected on Ticket A, a woman must receive a majority of votes (i.e., fifty percent of the votes cast, plus one). If an election does not occur on the first ballot, the number of nominees on the second (and all succeeding ballots) is limited to twice the number of voting members needed to be elected on that particular ticket.

Women not elected on Ticket A who would also be eligible as first time voting members will be listed on Ticket B.

The election(s) on Ticket B will occur next. To be elected on Ticket B, a woman must receive a majority of votes (i.e., fifty percent of the votes cast, plus one). If an election does not occur on the first ballot, the number of nominees on the second (and all succeeding ballots) is limited to twice the number of voting members needed to be elected on that particular ticket.

Women on either Ticket A or Ticket B who were not elected will be listed by descending order by vote count and will serve as alternates for the voting member(s) on their respective tickets. Women on either Ticket A or Ticket B who were not elected will also have their names added to Ticket C.

Ticket C will then consist of the names originally selected by the nominating committee for that ticket and the names of women who were on Ticket A and Ticket B who were not elected.

The election on Ticket C then follows. To be elected on Ticket C, a woman must receive a majority of votes (i.e., fifty percent of the votes cast, plus one). The convention will conduct as many ballots on Ticket C as are necessary to complete the delegation. The number of names on each successive ballot will be limited to twice the number of voting members remaining to be elected on that ticket.

The list of alternates on Ticket C will be established in this manner: the woman or women not being elected on the final ballot for Ticket C form the top list of alternates, listed in descending order by actual votes cast on that final ballot. If multiple ballots were needed on Ticket C, the woman or women not being elected on those ballots are added to the list of alternates, listed in descending order first by the number of the ballot and then by actual votes cast.

Convention Offering Letter (duplicate)

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Mission Statement

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ

August 2016

Greetings, Sisters in Pacifica!

This year our twenty ninth annual Women of the ELCA Gathering will be held Bethlehem Lutheran, Los Alamitos, CA, November 4-5, 2016. Our theme, "A Family of Faith". We are encouraging all women to attend this very exciting gathering that has been planned for all! To register, please log into the Pacifica Women's website (www.pacificawomen.org), or call any board member/cluster mentor (from your Pacifica Partners) and we will make sure you get as many registration forms as needed. There is no better way to really come to understand all that our organization is and does.

Women will have the opportunity to give an offering during worship. Opening worship will be designated as the "Unit Offering" and extra blue envelopes will be provided at convention registration check in (This letter with the blue envelopes was mailed at the beginning of the month to all churches). The offering at the closing worship will be your personal offering (white envelope provided). The offerings collected are designated as follows:

50% to the Women of the ELCA Churchwide organization for ongoing ministries

25% to our own Pacifica Women for our ongoing ministries

25% to our Love Gift recipient - Precious Life Shelter, Los Alamitos

As women, we have always worked to make a difference in the lives of many families here at home and women and children worldwide. We are making it possible for every unit to contribute offering because we know how much you care about the ministries it supports.

Note: The letter was sent to the last named contact we have in our system. If someone else should now receive it, please pass it on – and please notify a board member to correct the current contact for your unit. You may submit your unit's offering to our Pacifica Synod Treasurer, Harriet Morris, 1951 47th Street, Space #3, San Diego, CA 92102 or bring it with you to convention. Checks should be made payable to: Pacifica Women of the ELCA and clearly marked "Unit Praise Offering". We will give one check from our synod to the appropriate designates. Large or small, all offerings will be thankfully received!

Acting Boldly in Christ,

Sue Connors

Pacifica SWO President



Quilts Needed!

Lake County families in Northern California are rebuilding after two devastating fires in the last year.

If your unit has a quilt or two that you can donate, please bring it to Tina Gates at the November convention or you can make personal arrangements with Tina (contact info on Board Member Listing)

We will ship them to be received by Christmas.

Much Blessings & Hugs, Tina (Hope Lutheran, Palm Desert)

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