



Pacifica Partners



Mission Statement

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

Karen Ronchetti, Editor

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Love gifts for:

SafeHouse (Thousand Palms & Riverside) and
Option House (San Bernardino)

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Twin Sheets and/or sets, blankets, hygiene products, Bath Soap, Shampoo, Laundry Soap, Lysol Wipes, Soft Soap Hand Soap, Napkins, Gift Cards (Target), laundry bags, hangers, slippers.



Silent Auction

Basket Reminder!

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

The Seminarian Scholarship Fund,

The Triennial Scholarship Fund, and

our WELCA Convention Scholarship Fund.

* Money received from this event helps support our women on their journey through Seminary, experience the "big picture" of the church-wide 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)!

Attention all Women!

A little request for our convention. . . We are asking all congregations to help us and bring:

- **2 dozen cookies to share (your favorites recipe) for our hospitality room.**

We will provide coffee & tea
with all the fixings

Calendar of Events, Purpose Statement ...

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- July 15-19, 2015 National Youth Gathering
Location: Detroit, MI
- September 12, 2015 Lutheran Church of Our Savior, San Bernardino, Theme: "Tea"
11am
- October 10, 2015 Harvest Cluster Event with Lutheran Border Concern
Speaker: Ramon Contrearras
Location: King of Kings, Oceanside
- October 17, 2015 42nd Annual "Apple Festival Bazaar"
Location: Bethlehem Lutheran, Los Alamitos
Time: 8am to 1pm
- October 30, 2015 "Girl's Night Out"
Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Irvine
Time & Cost: 7pm and \$10 at the door
- November 6-8, 2015 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Annual Convention
Location: Inland Empire
- July 2017 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering
Location: Minnesota



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Purpose Statement

*As a community of women
created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus
Christ, and
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
We commit ourselves to
grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
support one another in our
callings,
engage in ministry and action,
and
promote healing and wholeness
in the church, the society, and the
world*



Take these four steps to become an active unit

by Eva Yeo

Are you interested in starting or reorganizing an active congregational unit or know a group that is? If the answer is yes, and you believe in the mission and purpose of the organization, you can become an active Women of the ELCA unit. Begin by asking other women to join you in this organization that is redefining women's ministry. Your unit must take four steps to be recognized as a fully participating active unit.

- Meet together for study, support and mission. Get started by using *Café* and *Gather*. *Café* (boldcafe.org) is a web-based magazine for young adult women who want to build community, participate in advocacy, and strengthen their faith. *Gather* (gathermagazine.org) is the official magazine for the organization and offers faith-in-life articles and Bible study.
- Participate in the ministry of Women of the ELCA beyond your congregation. For example, attend a synodical women's convention in your region or a triennial convention and gathering.
- Support financially the total program of Women of the ELCA. We offer you many ways to give boldly. Your unit's offerings support resources and ministries that educate, inspire and mobilize women around the world.
- Designate leadership to communicate with synodical and churchwide women's organization. When you become an active unit, you are an important part of the organization, and we want you to stay connected with your synodical and churchwide organization. Designating leadership is the easiest way to do that.

Types of units

If you feel you don't have enough women at your church to start a unit, consider an inter-congregational unit made up of two or more congregations. You can also start a special unit, which is formed outside congregations. Examples include college campuses, retirement homes and mission Congregations

.Types of groups within units

Congregations can have only one active unit; however a unit can have many groups. Examples include a moms' group, a book club, a quilting, knitting, yoga or girls' group. Be creative. Be flexible. Make room for all who want to participate.

Once you become an active unit, another step for recognized membership is to simply complete model constitution and bylaws form and send it to your synodical president Sue Connors. Her contact information can be found on page 12 of this issue of *Pacifica Partners*. Remember to keep a copy for your files. The forms for congregational/intercongregational and special units can be found at womenoftheelca.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Tools for Leaders."

“GOD’S SPA –

Refreshing, Revitalizing and
Restoring Your Soul”

2 Timothy 1:6

For this reason I remind you to kindle
afresh the gift of GOD which is you
through their laying on of my hands”



November 6th - 8th, 2015

Place:

Ontario Airport Hotel, 700 No. Haven, Ontario, CA 91764

SWO Convention Scholarship

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2015 Women of the ELCA Convention and Gathering
Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario, Ca
November 6-8, 2015



I am applying for:

☐ **SWO What? Scholarship**

I am 13-35 years of age, a first time gathering attendee, and an active member of an ELCA congregation. If awarded, the scholarship will include hotel accommodations, registration, and 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday Breakfast). Transportation will be excluded.

☐ **Mahalo Scholarship**

I am 36 years of age or above, an active member of an ELCA congregation, and a first time scholarship recipient. If awarded, the scholarship will include hotel accommodations, registration, and 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast). Transportation will be excluded.

☐ **Ohana Scholarship**

I am 18 years of age or above, an active member of an ELCA congregation located on Hawaii and a first time scholarship recipient. If awarded, the scholarship will include transportation (to be reimbursed up to \$500.00), hotel accommodations, registration, and 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast).

Please Print Clearly:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CLUSTER _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

CONGREGATION/CITY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Would you accept a "Partial Scholarship" to help with costs? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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AGE GROUP: ☐ 13-25 ☐ 26-35 ☐ 36-45 ☐ 46-55 ☐ 56-75 ☐ 76-90

Is this your first time attending a Synodical Convention? ☐ 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 **October 1, 2015** to:

Harriet Morris, 1951 47th Street, Space #3, San Diego, CA 92102

619-518-4484

Email: harrietmorris@cox.net



2015 National Youth Gathering- Detroit

A SUCCESS!!



2017 Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

FIND YOUR BOLD!

It's not too late to start saving. Come enjoy Faith, Friends & Fellowship!

Please keep in your prayers:

Juli Patten on the loss of her father; Joanne McGavran's daughter Lynn Bennett, as she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer; Dorothy Aanestad, Pacific Synod Office Receptionist, as she recovers at home from surgery and some complications; Barbara Hagen, continued prayers as she deals with Parkinson's; Pastor Laurie Line (last years convention chaplain, as she is dealing with Primary Progressive Aphasia; Karen Ronchetti, as she battles cancer; God's speed to Pastor Heidi Hester, Assistant to the Bishop, Pacifica Synod, as her life's journey continues at Trinity Lutheran in Pleasanton, Ca.

A plea from your President

As 2015 begins, please put Triennial Offering for 2017 into your unit's budget for this year, as well as the following years. This will ease the burden of coming up with the total amount of offering just prior to the Triennial Gathering. You can send a check to Harriet Morris at 1951 47th Street, Space #3, San Diego, CA 92102. In the memo space please put TG17. I look forward to sharing more details of this gathering, after returning from the Conference of Presidents this coming February. You may also want to put some dollars away monthly for your trip back to Minneapolis. It will be an awesome time of fellowship, learning and worship.

Thank you for the support of the many ministries of the Women of the ELCA.

Sue Connors



2015 Convention Nomination Form

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Nominee for: ☐ Treasurer ☐ Board Member

Please Print Clearly

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____
Number & Street City, State Zip Code

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Congregation: _____

Address of Church (include City and Zip):

If you are nominating someone other than yourself:

Has this individual agreed to run for the office indicated? _____

What is your name: _____

Address (City & Zip): _____

Phone (with area code): _____

The nominating committee will send a letter of call and a form for further information if the nominee agrees to have her name placed on a ballot. Must be postmarked by October 1, 2015.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Rosemarie Peterson, Nominations Chair

10765 Cherry Hills Dr., Cherry Valley, CA 92223

Phone # 909/262-3194

Email: peterson237@yahoo.com



Pacifica Synodical Women's Organization
of the Women of the ELCA
Pacifica Seminarian Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Application Form

Female: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ New Applicant ☐ Renewal Applicant

Contact Information

Full Name:

Last

First

M.I.

Preferred Name

Address:

Street Address

Apartment/Unit #

City

State

Zip Code

Preferred Phone: ()

E-Mail Address:

Have you been approved for entrance in the
ELCA candidacy-for-ordination process?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Date Accepted:

Home Congregation Information

Home (Registering) Congregation:

Address:

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Synod Name:

Region No.:

Seminary Information

Have you been admitted to an accredited theological seminary in a M.Div. or
other ELCA-recognized program leading to ordination in the ELCA?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Seminary Name:

Date Entered:

Part-Time
or Full-Time:

Program of
Study:

Current Year
of Study:

Financial Aid
Office:

Financial Aid
Phone: ()

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

If this is not an ELCA seminary, list affiliated ELCA Seminary:

Confidential Financial Information

Annual Family Income: ☐ Under \$50,000 ☐ \$50,000-\$100,000 ☐ \$100,000-\$150,000 ☐ Over \$150,000

Number in Household: Number in household who are in college:

Applicant's own anticipated educational expenses for coming school year: \$

Total Financial Aid Received: \$

Balance Needed: \$



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of the Women of the ELCA
Pacifica Seminarian Scholarship Fund

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Describe any special circumstances affecting your ability to pay for seminary: _____

Ministry Involvement

Briefly list your involvement with ministries of the Women of the ELCA and the ELCA: _____

Future Ministry

Briefly describe your future ministry aspirations: _____

Future Potential Involvement with Pacifica SWO

To encourage the prayer and support of Pacifica Women, if selected as a scholarship recipient, are you willing to:

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Be publicly named as a recipient? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Provide a photo of yourself that may be published in <i>Pacifica Partners</i> (the Pacifica SWO newsletter) and/or the website of Pacifica SWO? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Provide a short devotional that may be published in <i>Pacifica Partners</i> and/or the website of Pacifica SWO? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Share your ministry experiences and insights at an event sponsored by Pacifica SWO if requested and if geographically feasible? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Certification

I have completed all sections of this application, and the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Application must be post-marked no later than September 4th, 2015

Registration

Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering

November 6-8 2015

“GOD’s SPA”



Convention

Registration Deadline: 10/18/15

Delegates must register by 10/5/2015

Full Weekend/1 person per room \$ 397 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/2 persons per room \$ 294 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/3 persons per room \$ 259 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/4 persons per room \$ 242 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

DISCOUNT Paid by 9/30/15 - \$ 10
(no discount on Spouse/Partner)

Full Weekend-Spouse/partner \$ 244 ☐
5 Meals & Hotel

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name of Roommates: Please print clearly

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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

Saturday Boxed Lunch

Turkey Sandwich ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free ☐

Saturday Evening Banquet - Plated Dinner

Chicken ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free ☐

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Church: _____

Church City: _____

Please CHECK all that apply:

- ☐ **DELEGATE:** You may be assigned to a Convention Committee by the President. She will notify you.
- ☐ **NON-DELEGATE:** 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**

IN CASE OF 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

4678 Coconino Way, San Diego, Ca 92117

If you have any convention questions, please contact:

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www.pacificasynod.org

Pacifica Synod

www.elca.org

This will access the national church wide office

www.womenoftheelca.org

Churchwide website of the Women of the ELCA;

www.boldcafe.org/

Café', free website for women 18-35 is part of Women of the ELCA website.

www.gathermagazine.org

This website will access Gather (formerly Lutheran Women Today) magazine directly.

www.lwr.org

Lutheran World Relief
(Ever wanted to know where the quilts go that your units have made or the school and health kits that you assembled and sent to LWR)?

www.preciousliveshelter.org

A organization that helps abused women and children in OC. Newsletter of events, thrift shop and other activities that help the community of women.

www.lutheranborderconcernsministry.org

Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry is Threefold: **HELP** people who live south of the border, including both spiritual and material needs. **INFORM** people who live north of the border about the spiritual and physical needs of their sisters and brothers to the south. **ENCOURAGE** Christian congregations in the USA to meet their mission opportunities to share the Gospel with Hispanic people in their own neighborhoods.

www.LSS.org

Lutheran Social Services. Check your local area/church for a representative near you.

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

September 7, 2015

Please send email to:

welca@verizon.net



Remember that this year the **Gather** Bible study is authored by several different women, so look for some exciting news about a possible visit from Emma Crossen, the former Steward-ship Director of Women of the ELCA who now resides in California. Emma is writing the **Gather** magazine summer Bible studies on stewardship.

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