



*Pacifica Women of the ELCA present . . .*



## *“Being made new”*

*27th Annual Convention and Gathering*

*November 7-9, 2014*

*Radisson Rancho Bernardo, 11520 W. Rancho Bernardo Ct, San Diego, Ca 92127*

“Therefore,  
If anyone is in *Christ*  
they are a *new being*,  
the old has gone,  
*the new has come”*

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Registration will be June through October available in the Pacifica Partners*

*Convention “Love Gift” information is in this issue on page 6*



Greetings to all!

Acts 4:31 (NSRV) reads

“When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.”

Wow, that sounds like the Women of the ELCA. They pray, they gather together, they are filled with the Holy Spirit and speak the word of God with BOLDNESS. The bold Women of the ELCA will be going to Charlotte, NC beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. They will be living this verse. Maybe in different ways, but the outcome will be the same. I look forward to meeting with our sisters in Christ, as we conduct the business of our organization, join together in fellowship and in the opening of our hearts to what the Lord has in store for us. We go into these meetings not knowing the answers, but we do know that the Lord will guide us as we pray on the decisions we make. He will be there to lead us through the Holy Spirit, and as we speak His word with boldness.

The Gathering will be spent hearing numerous speakers and Bible study leaders. There will be hands on events, workshops and displays set up by organizations that fulfill many ministries of our church. We will have the opportunity to meet and hear our newly elected Bishop Eaton. I had the chance in February to hear her. What a breath of fresh air! Those of us attending will return home with much to share. Again, Acts 4:31 will be fulfilled.

Please pray for safe travel and God’s discernment for those attending both the Triennial Convention and Gathering, better known as TG14.

God’s Peace,

*Sue Connors*

Pacifica SWO President

### ATTENTION UNIT TREASURERS

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She will be handling all financial transactions of Pacifica SWO

# Registration

Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering

November 7-9, 2014



"Being made new"

## Convention

Registration Deadline: 10/10/14

**Delegates must register by 10/1/2014**

**Full Weekend/1 person per room** \$ 343 ☐  
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

**Full Weekend/2 persons per room** \$ 254 ☐  
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

**Full Weekend/3 persons per room** \$ 224 ☐  
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

**Full Weekend/4 persons per room** \$ 211 ☐  
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

**DISCOUNT Paid by 9/15/14 - \$ 10**  
(no discount on Spouse/Partner)

**Full Weekend-Spouse/partner** \$ 194 ☐  
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 ☐ Salad ☐

**Saturday Evening Banquet - Plated Dinner**

Chicken ☐ Beef ☐ Vegetarian ☐

### ***Please Print Clearly***

Adult Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children 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:** Churchwide Representative, Pastor, member of unit outside ELCA, and/or Vendor.
- ☐ **FIRST TIME ATTENDEE**

### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REGISTRATION IS NON-REFUNDABLE, BUT IT IS TRANSFERABLE**

**Make checks payable to: Pacifica Women of the ELCA**

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*If you have any convention questions, please contact:*  
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# SWO Convention Scholarship

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Radisson Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, Ca

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*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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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:* \_\_\_\_\_

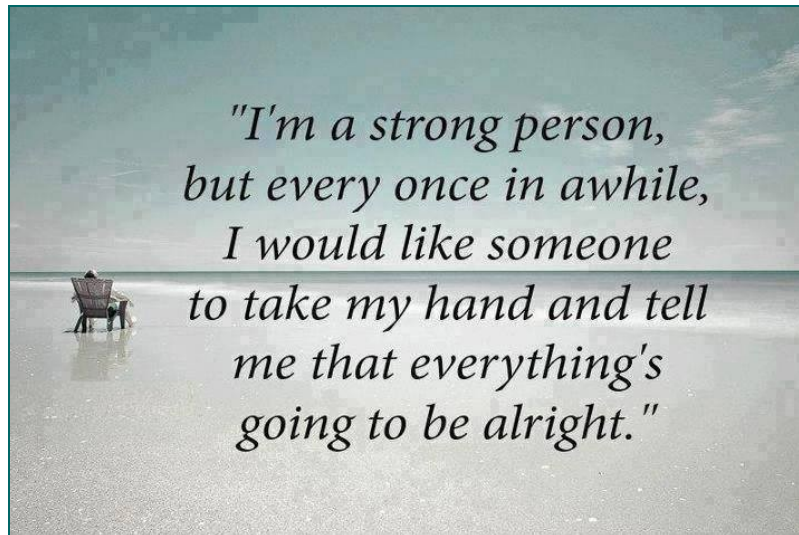
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## CONVENTION LOVE GIFTS for

### "Lutheran Border Concerns"

1 lb packages of Rice, Beans, and Canned food,  
School Supplies, and school children's socks

**We are trying something new, yes "change" for our up coming convention. Here's how it goes. . .**

First, our Bible study will be a 2-part series, with part one on Friday evening and part two on Saturday morning.

Next, we are asking all congregations bring a finished sewn quilt (size 56 x 72)(yes, you can bring more than one too. Please DO NOT TIE or QUILT this item as we will be tying these with our prayers and giving them with the other love gift items to Lutheran Border Concerns. If you are unable to bring a quilt, that's OK, I am sure there will be plenty to tie.

Currently we are NOT offering a "Saturday Only" registration as we need to meet our contracted room count of 25 rooms per night.

We will also offer a "Special" workshop for the "Early Birds" on Friday. Details to follow.





## Ninth Triennial Gathering—July, 2014

By Karen Ronchetti, Triennial Gathering Promoter Pacifica Synod Women

The theme for the 9th Triennial Gathering of Women of the ELCA, "of many generations", is based on Isaiah 58:12.



Current TOTALS as of July 1, 2014:

Registered Women	1905
(both pre-registered and current):	
Spouses & Partners:	55
Girls (ages 13-18):	29

Ready to have an awesome good time: 1989      There is always room for more!

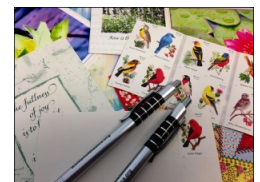
This is the time of year when the triennial gathering attendees are getting really excited about their trip to Charlotte, NC. (NEXT WEEK)! In Pacifica, we have approximately 25-30 women registered for the event. I am excited to announce that we will be enjoying an afternoon lunch on Saturday, July 26th with our sister synod, Nebraska. We will be eating at the Brixx Wood Fired Pizza Restaurant. They have so far given us excellent customer service.

If you are going, we will be wearing our Hawaiian Kukui Nuts on Saturday. I will have pins for all Pacifica women to trade!

But, even if you are not going to Charlotte, you can participate by sending an "in kind" gift/offering, a regular offering, or items such as a prayer shawl. All of the information is found on the website of Women of the ELCA. You can also contact myself, for additional help or to donate something to send along to the triennial gathering. We can always find room in one of the many suitcases to take such items. Looking forward to seeing all in Charlotte

Blessings, Karen Ronchetti, Pacifica Women of the ELCA Triennial Promoter      email: [welca@verizon.net](mailto:welca@verizon.net)      (714) 654-8919

Faith Farm, a ministry operated by Lutheran Services Carolinas, provides transitional housing for homeless female veterans. Faith Farm's program director and several residents will join us at the Ninth Triennial Gathering, helping participants better understand the reality that women are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless veteran population.



Visit with program director Sharon Johnston and several residents in the Dor (the exhibit hall), learning about the plight of this generation of women serving in the military. On Friday and Saturday afternoon join in a servant event where participants will write to women in active military duty.

"In talking with the women at Faith Farm, we learned how important it is for women to stay connected to other women while they are out alone in military service," explains Valora K Starr, Women of the ELCA staff who is overseeing the servant events. "The veterans said that a caring note from someone back home, even a stranger, can make all the difference." Stationery and pens will be provided. Monetary donations for postage, or the gift of first class stamps, will be received on site in Charlotte.

## BLOOD DRIVE

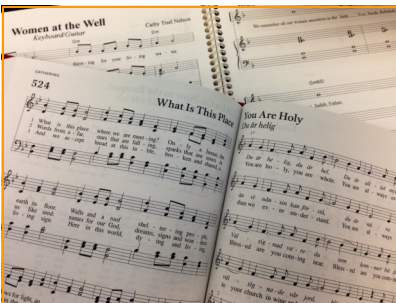
Gathering planners have just announced a blood drive to be held Friday, July 25, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Room 211B-212B of the Charlotte Convention Center. The American Red Cross, hosting the blood drive, notes that blood is especially needed this time of year.



To schedule an appointment, participants should use the sponsor code “WELCA” when visiting the [Red Cross website](#). Use the blue box on the upper right hand page that reads “Give blood. Find a blood drive.”

On site appointments will be available at the gathering’s registration desk on both July 24 and 25.

## Choristers, take note



Details for the gathering choir were sent on June 25 to all who had signed up for the choir. Unfortunately, some of the email addresses provided weren't good and the message bounced back. Here's the information provided in that email.

Please share this information with anyone you know who previously signed up to sing in the choir. The choir is full so, unfortunately, no additional singers can be added at this time.

- The music for the choir will be distributed on-site at the convention center.
- There are two rehearsal times for the choir; both will be in the convention center Hall CI (the main plenary room): Friday, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm and Saturday, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.
- The choir will sing at the closing worship service on Sunday morning, beginning at 9:00 am. Please plan to be there a little early to get settled in your places.
- The choir director is [Kevin Anderson](#), a long-time worship planner, choir director and musician.

## About

LUTHERAN WOMEN GATHER EVERY THREE YEARS, UNITED IN A COMMON MISSION AND PURPOSE.

### *Do something for yourself*

We could all use inspiration and motivation and great conversation, couldn't we? Won't you take time to visit with an extraordinary, multigenerational community of women gathered in Charlotte, N.C., July 24-27, 2014? We are real women talking about our faith. About our doubts and challenges. About joy and what inspires us. We'll experience simple conversations between friends—old and new—that will develop into a movement sweeping the church, inspired and infused with the Holy Spirit. We hope you'll attend **of many generations** and add to the conversation.



It's time to start thinking  
about your wonderful  
Silent Auction baskets!

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 churchwide Triennial Gathering or be able  
to attend our own Synodical convention. Not only are  
you supporting the 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)!

**Are you in need of some fun? Do you  
need a good LAUGH? Well, then this  
night is for you!**

Our next Girls' Night Out is Friday, July 25th at 7:15  
pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church featuring  
**Christian Comedienne Amy Barnes**. God has  
blessed us with so many gifts, but the one we will  
focus on this night will be the gift of LAUGHTER!

**Proverbs 17:22** A joyful heart is good medicine; **Job  
8:21** He will yet fill your mouth with laughter; **Psalm 2:4**  
He who sits in the heavens laughs.

Studies have shown that laughter can support the  
immune system, improve blood pressure, stimulate the  
organs, decrease stress hormones, reduce pain, and so  
much more. Well, Amy Barnes is going to help us in all  
those areas by presenting "Girls' Night Out Grows Up"!  
Come join us for an evening of what we ALL need to end  
the week ... a really good laugh!

**"GIRLS' NIGHT OUT GROWS UP":** *Sometimes, at the  
end of a busy week, we just need a break to sit back,  
relax, and have some fun. Among many other coping  
mechanisms in our lives, God gave us the gift of humor  
and the ability to laugh. Did you know that laughter has  
healing properties? Laughter increases our endorphins  
to make us feel better. It lowers our blood pressure,  
boosts our immune system, decreases our pain, and  
much, much more. Well, here is your opportunity to enjoy  
all of those benefits and leave feeling really good! At the  
end of the week, we sometimes need that evening break  
and this is one of those great opportunities. Stand-Up  
Comedienne Amy Barnes (Comedy Central, National  
Lampoon) brings her unique perspective on motherhood,  
marriage and all things grown up. Have you ever paid  
more to get your hair done than to see your doctor?  
Have you ever told your child they had an allergy, just so  
you didn't have to get a pet? You're not alone! With  
songs, stories and humorous observations, you will  
quickly start to feel like those things you thought made  
you an outsider are more common than you might  
think. Come to giggle and grow as Amy shares from her  
personal story what it means to grow up in life and in  
Christ. Amy's personality is warm and personable and  
she will make you laugh at everyday life situations. Who  
doesn't need a good dose of laughter?*

We hope to see you there. This would be a great time  
for your own GIRLS' NIGHT OUT with some friends!  
Bring a group for fun and fellowship.

Blessings,  
Elaine Deslatte  
GNO Coordinator



*with author Carol Schersten LaHurd*

**"Bible Study in the OC**

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church,**

**San Clemente**

**9am to 2:30pm**

**For more info, email: Kelly Forhner at  
andrewsmom@prodigy.net**

Please don't throw  
me away or stick  
me in a file! Instead,  
take me apart, copy  
me!

Share me with your  
friends.

Your Editor and I  
thank you.

## Calendar of Events, Purpose Statement ...

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- July 21-24, 2014      Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention  
Location: Charlotte, NC
- July 24-27, 2014      Women of the ELCA Ninth Triennial Gathering  
Location: Charlotte, NC
- September 27, 2014      “Bible Study in the OC”  
Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente  
Time: 9-2:30pm
- November 7-9, 2014      Pacifica Women of the ELCA Annual Convention  
Location: Radisson Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, Ca
- March 7, 2015      Pacifica W-ELCA Synodical Event “Thanking God for your Servant Heart”  
Location: Orange County  
Time: 8:30-4pm  
More information to follow
- May 28-30, 2015      Pacifica Synod Assembly  
Riverside Convention Center



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*PACIFICA PARTNERS* provides news and information to congregational units of the Pacifica Synod. *Pacifica Partners* is published monthly (except August, November & December). Copies are distributed as a courtesy to each congregational unit (CU) in the Pacifica Synod. It is also sent to Women of the ELCA churchwide office, other SWO presidents, Synodical Bishop, current and former board members.

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*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.*

### **WHAT DOES OUR LOGO MEAN?**

Our logo—with the cross, water and a white lily—identifies women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God; baptized, forgiven, adopted into God's family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water. It is also a reminder of the mission of the church to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

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[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

Churchwide website of the Women of the ELCA;

[www.boldcafe.org/](http://www.boldcafe.org/)

Café', free website for women 20-35 is part of Women of the ELCA website.

[www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)

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

[www.lwr.org](http://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.thebreastcancersite.com](http://www.thebreastcancersite.com)

Click on this site once a day to provide free mammograms for those who otherwise would not be able to have them.

[www.cherishchildren.org](http://www.cherishchildren.org)

Information on Cherish the Children

[www.giveaminute.org](http://www.giveaminute.org)

Click on this site once a day and the sponsor will contribute funds for a minute of care for the needy Indian children of the Tarahumara Children's Hospital in Creel, Mexico. This site has a mission information link and photo gallery which shows pictures of the area as well as some of the children. This site also links to the Hunger Site where sponsors will give a cup of grain for a click.

Christina Watson

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

*August 5th, 2014*

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