



# Pacifica Partners



Mission Statement

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



Karen Ronchetti, Editor

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## Welcoming the Stranger



March 8, 2014

Eden Lutheran Church, Riverside

Matthew 25: 35

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in”*

*More information to follow in the December Pacifica Partners*

# *From your Pacifica W-ELCA President*

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Dearest Women of the ELCA Pacifica Synod,

You are the most wonderful women of God. The convention for 2013 is over and we move forward from here. There is much to be learned. On a personal level the more I learn the more I don't know.

I want to share with you the evaluations that we received.

There were 41 turned in evaluations. (remember 4 was great, 3 good, 2 fair, 1 needs work)

Did you feel welcomed? 4=28, 3=8, 2=4, 1=0

Did you have enough information? 4=15, 3=12, 2=9, 1=6

Agenda for event. 4=14, 3=14, 2=9, 1=4

Food Breakfast 4=25, 3=12, 2=2, 1=0

Lunch 4=22, 3=6, 2=5, 1=0

Snacks 4=17, 3=5, 2=5, 1=0

Supper 4=13, 3=2, 2=0, 1=2

Hands on activities 4=13, 3=16, 2=5, 1=1

Worship 4=21, 3=8, 2=3, 1=0

There were many comments after that. They were put into three categories being con, pro, and suggestions.

- **Cons** were= need chaplain, didn't like layout, handouts for everyone, more activities, too long a convention, more coffee, hotel was bad, delegate more, not enough eating space, more information in booklets.
- **Pros** were= peace around in different forms, different aspects of peace, peace flows through us, like Heidi and Kris, liked breakout groups, liked both workshops, be a delegate, bible studies good, fellowship good, Saturday music great, now knows more about WELCA, stretched idea of peace, worthwhile experience, learned a lot, peace – personal, family and world, lots of talented women, learned about triennial and survivors organization, women working together to get things done.
- **Suggestions** 2 day convention, one person in charge of technology, do all business at one time, maybe non-delegates could be assigned to a committee, general seating (our constitution does not provide for this), put everything in God's hands.
- **Finally** = Two evaluations were personal assaults on the president which were taken seriously.

I am not going to excuse any of the things that happened because I believe that interruptions in life is where ministry begins. So with the number of cancellations there were on key people who were key players there was a lot to be learned. I thank all of the delegates who were so very patient and kept to their tasks of electing people and considering resolution. All of the above is for your information. There were three women who took the president seriously and volunteered to help on the next convention. You will be contacted.

The offering was terrific. In all, \$2446.50 was offered. 50% of that goes to churchwide, 25% to this SWO, 12.5% to Orange County Family Promise, and 12.5% to Coachella Farm workers. Praise God for such faithfulness. There were also In-kind gifts which we will report on later.

There is a big "thank you" that goes out to all the churches for the baskets for the Convention Scholarships. For the people who enjoyed the balloon pop for the seminary scholarships. We did do a lot of good. The good we do does make a difference.

So there were bad things that happened and there were good things that happened. The election of officers will be reflected on the new roster in this newsletter. We say thank you to Becky Shurson and Inga Sanders for their contributions to the board. We will miss them both. We also say the same to Harriet Bower who so willingly served the SWO over the years. We pray that God's presence will be felt as they make their journey with John (Harriet's husband's) recovery. It is our prayer that she will return and return and return.

I thank our Parliamentarian, Joanne McGavran for her patience and diligence for coaching and helping us so that business could be accomplished. I thank Kris Brugamy from CWO who gave us so much of what she had to offer. Thank you to the Assistant to the Bishop, Heidi Hester for being present and bring to us God's message. I thank Sue Connors for her helping to maintain peace on the planning committee. I thank Karen Ronchetti, who had so much to think about with her father and life changes with her family for continuing to work with the planning committee. I thank Andrea Campbell who came into nominations and carried on and her committee of Violet Quist and Marianne Sakowski. I thank Arlene Dressler and Jean Brown for their service on claims committee. I thank Roz Nelson and Kathryn Andrea for their work on the minutes committee. Charlotte Driskill and Betty Flom who served on Reference and Counsel. Eunice Hanson and her teams were invaluable on the elections committee. Elections went so smoothly and it was because Eunice knew what she was doing. Thank you. Charlyn and Karen Lloyd kept up so well with the delegates and reported regularly with precision. Thank you. I thank all the non-delegates who came to be a part of the convention. Nothing turned out like it should have for you. For that I, personally, say I'm sorry. I hope you won't give up on us. The music of Woven Image on Saturday night was outstanding. It was the oasis in the desert. Thank you.

So now we continue in God's presence and pursue the peace which passes all understanding.

Paula Rennegarbe, President of Pacifica Synod SWO

# TRIENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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*Triennial Gathering 2014  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
July 24-27, 2014*



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. The available funds are to be evenly distributed amongst the recipients. Total funds available this year are up to \$1000. Any additional expenses will be covered by the recipient.

**(Please print clearly)**

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cluster: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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 February 1, 2014** to

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Mary Dixon, Colleyville, Texas

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**BECCA STEVENS ...**  
*bringing a servant's heart to our multi-generational conversations. An Episcopal priest serving as chaplain at Vanderbilt University, Stevens founded a community and social enterprise for women in need.*



**SUSAN SPARKS ...**  
*keeping us laughing, giving life to the adage "there's truth in jest." A stand-up comedian and trial lawyer, Sparks is also pastor of the historic Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York City and offers a comedy course to clergy of every faith.*

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## 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.

### REGISTRATION RATES:

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (Sept-Dec) \$325.00	LATE REGISTRATION (2014 Jan-July) \$350.00
SPOUSE\PARTNER \$100.00	GIRLS (13-18) \$50.00
CHILDREN UNDER 13 FREE	

If you are currently pre-registered (22 Pacifica women as of July 2012) or you are thinking of registering come this September, please let me know ASAP. We will have a pins for everyone to trade as we did in Spokane. Please let me know what hotel you are staying at as we also are trying to schedule a breakfast or lunch with our sisters in the Nebraska Synod.

Anyone who pre-registered should have received your registration packets by now. Please remember to send in your registration letter that you also received with your "sticker" on it. Stay tuned and keep saving your money! It's a wonderful, priceless and amazing experience!

### MORE EXCITING NEWS . . Learning Opportunities!

Learning opportunities take multiple forms at **of many generations**, the Ninth Triennial Gathering, July 24-27, 2014, in Charlotte, N.C. Whether you attend a workshop (ten offered), view a film (3 to choose from) or engage in a servant project such as sewing, knitting, assembling school and health kits (all on site), these learning opportunities allow you to grow your faith, explore new possibilities and connect with other women, while bringing ideas home to your unit.

Keep watch on more information about the Triennial in the up coming newsletters.

Blessings,

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





*You need time away for rest and renewal. You need time with women of bold faith and courage. You need time to dance and sing and praise God. You need time with women of **many generations**. Experience enriching workshops, stirring worship, engaging Bible studies and much more!*

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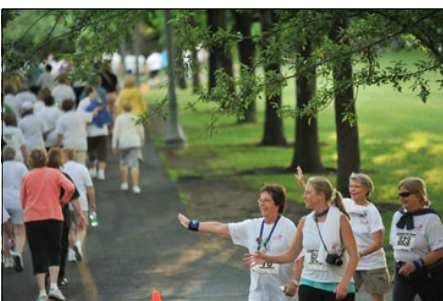
**JOIN THE CONVERSATION AS WE EXPLORE THE TRIENNIAL GATHERING THEME OF **MANY GENERATIONS**. LISTEN TO INSPIRING SPEAKERS; PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP AND PRAISE; LEARN BY ATTENDING WORKSHOPS, VIEWING FILMS AND ENGAGING IN SERVANT EVENTS. VISIT THE EXHIBIT HALL WHERE YOU CAN GATHER, SHOP AND CONNECT. AND DON'T FORGET OUR SPECIAL EVENTS WHERE WOMEN IN THEIR 20S AND 30S CAN EAT CHOCOLATE AND JOIN OTHERS TO RUN IT OFF LATER. AND WHERE'S IT ALL HAPPENING? THE CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER.**



### *Learning opportunities*

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Our extensive EXHIBIT HALL, complete with exhibitors and vendors, offers a place to gather, a place where you can make friends and build connections that will span Charlotte to Minneapolis (TG17 site) and beyond.



### *Special events*

Looking for something beyond the ordinary? How about a [Chocolate Lounge](#)? It's a late-evening get-together especially women in their 20s and 30s. Like to run or walk? Then Saturday's [Run, Walk and Roll](#) is just for you.

Run, Walk and Roll



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## Redeemer Reflections

A publication of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Garden Grove, CA

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

## Women's Fellowship

**SAVE THE DATE** for our Annual Christmas Dinner:  
Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30pm. More details will be announced soon.



Contact the Pacifica Synod office

(714) 692-2791

Reflect, pray and prepare for the day  
Need an on-the-go companion for your faith journey? Daily Grace offers brief reflections every day in which you'll encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace. Be comforted, challenged, inspired, consoled and confronted. -

See more at: <http://www.womenoftheelca.org>



## 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 (NRSV)

### God's judgment

*We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.*

*This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, and is intended to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering. For it is indeed just of God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to the afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marveled at on that day among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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December 3, 2013 Our Redeemer Women's Fellowship "Christmas Dinner"

Location: Garden Grove

Time: 6:30pm

*Call church for more information and cost*



March 8, 2014

Synodical Spring Event

Location: Eden Lutheran Church, Riverside

*More information to follow*

April 30- May 3, 2014

Pacifica Synod Assembly - Hawaii

Location: Marriott Hotel, Honolulu, HI

July 24-27, 2014

Women of the ELCA

Ninth Triennial Gathering

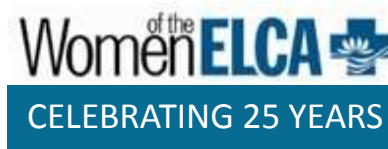
Location: Charlotte, NC



November 7-9, 2014

Pacifica Women of the ELCA Annual Convention

Location: San Diego, Ca



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Purpose Statement

***Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America***

*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).

# *PACIFICA WOMEN OF THE ELCA - 2012-2013 Synodical Board Members*

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*O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*



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

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

This will access the national church wide office

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

Churchwide website of the Women of the ELCA;  
*Caf  *, for free website for women 20-35 is part of this website).

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

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

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

Lutheran World Relief  
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[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

Lutheran Maritime Ministries. Provides "special" Christmas gift to seamen.  
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***The deadline is..  
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