



Pacifica Partners



Mission Statement

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



Karen Ronchetti, Editor

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Pacifica Women of the ELCA Annual Convention

"Peace"



- ~ in the Family
- ~ in the Community
- ~ in the World

November 1-3, 2013

Ayres Hotel, Costa Mesa-Newport Beach
325 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Registration Forms are in this issue and can also be found on www.Pacificawomen.org

More convention news inside this edition

From your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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Dearest Women of the SWO of the Pacifica Synod, I hope all is well with you. October and November will be months of engaging in the Word and Service of the LORD through this organization. When I was commissioned as an AiM in 1974, it was in Word and Service. So I find the Women of the ELCA an appropriate place to be. It is because of who we are that learn what GOD has to say to us through Bible Studies. GOD has all the answers even though we don't. And GOD knows what we need to ask even though we don't. So I invite you to join in the activities that this season brings.

There will be a Thankoffering weekend at Clairemont Lutheran Church, San Diego. Yes, you read that correctly.....a weekend. It begins on Saturday at 11:00 am with the theme: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. How appropriate is that? We have just celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Women of the ELCA. That is where we came from. What are we doing today to ensure a tomorrow? Do we need a tomorrow? There will be a taco buffet lunch and then a video about the mission of the quilts. The quilts will be taken to the church by the young people for a blessing on Sunday. On Sunday, there is the 8:30 and 10:00 and 11:30 services with Sunday school at 9:30. The message is being brought to you by GOD through the speakers. Come if you can.

The next Saturday, Harvest, Sonshine West San Diego will be having a cluster event at San Marcos Lutheran Church. It is on Psalm 119:173. And it is okay if you do not have it memorized because it is in the Bible and you can look it up. It will be from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. The theme is Our Hands-Reaching Out. So come if you can.

Then comes our convention on Nov. 1, 2, and 3. Believe it or not I have been working on this for a year. It is my first year so what can I say? Our parliamentarian, Joanne McGavran, has been such a wonderful tutor for me over these months. Her patience with me has been stellar. Talking about patience, Sue Connors and Karen Ronchetti have been there all the way. I know I have driven them crazy. So if they seem a little out of it these days, that's because of me! Registration continues. Last date to register is ASAP. I know the fee seems a little high, but you are getting a LOT for your money. And there will be a lot of activities going on for the non-delegates. So just because someone became the delegate this time doesn't mean you have to stay home. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there.

There are other things going on all around our Synod, but this is all I have space for at this time. But please, participate, you are the Women of the ELCA Pacifica Synod Organization.

In peace, Paula O. Rennegarbe



Registration

Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering

November 1-3, 2013



Convention

Registration Deadline: 10/11

Delegates must register by 10/1/2013

Full Weekend/1 person per room \$ 325 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/2 persons per room \$ 238 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/3 persons per room \$ 216 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/4 persons per room \$ 205 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend-Spouse/partner \$ 188 ☐
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, you will receive chicken as your meal).*

Saturday Boxed Lunch

Chicken ☐ Tuna ☐ Vegetarian ☐

Saturday Evening Banquet - Plated Dinner

Chicken ☐ Beef ☐ Vegetarian ☐

Please Print Clearly

Adult Name: _____

Children Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Church: _____

Church City: _____

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/GUEST:*** Churchwide Representative, Pastor, member of unit outside ELCA, and/or Vendor.

☐ ***FIRST TIME ATTENDEE***

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Contact: _____

Address/City: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

REGISTRATION IS NON-REFUNDABLE, BUT IT IS TRANSFERABLE

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Huntington Beach, Ca 92646

From Church: _____

Church City: _____

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LOVE GIFT RECIPIENTS

Coachella Valley School Children: "School Supplies"

Pencils · Sharpeners · Erasers · Scissors · Composition Book · rulers

Colored Pencils/Markers · Lined Paper (wide or college ruled)



"Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies"

Dish Towels · Dish Soap/Sponges · 409 All Purpose Spray · Laundry Soap

Toilet Bowl Cleaner · Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Albertsons, Ralphs)

Don't forget your wonderful silent auction baskets!

This event is your opportunity to build up our WELCA Scholarship Fund. Money received from this event goes towards supporting women attending our November conventions, the Triennial Gatherings, and the Seminarian Scholarship Fund. Just think of the wonderful opportunities for shopping (maybe 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)!

Print the form on page 5 to attach to your basket.

If you have any questions, please contact

Harriet Bower, SWO Board Member

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FRIDAY

1:30pm	Registration Opens
1:50pm	Welcome by Paula Rennegarbe
2:00pm	All kinds of activities-(Everyone has a sheet enumerating them.)
4:00-4:30pm	Orientation for all
5:00pm	Buffet Dinner
6:15pm	Welcome, introduction, and housekeeping
6:15-7:45pm	Bible Study and Worship
7:45pm	FIRST Business Meeting
9:00pm	Open House for all in meeting room

SATURDAY

6:30-8:30am	Breakfast at hotel
9:00-9:50am	Bible study
9:50-9:55am	Break
9:55-10:45pm	Kris Brugamy, Churchwide Representative
10:50am	SECOND Business Meeting
NOON	Lunch – box lunch at hotel
1:15pm	Workshops A and B
2:00pm	break
2:15pm	Workshops B and A
3:00-5:00pm	THIRD Business Meeting
5:30pm	Rev. Heidi Hester – Synod Report
6:00pm	Banquet, entertainment “Woven Image”

SUNDAY

6:30-8:30am	Breakfast at hotel
8:45am	FOURTH Business Meeting
10:00am	Closing of convention and worship



It's an inspiring weekend for mothers, daughters, sisters and best friends you call sisters.

Experience enriching workshops, stirring worship, engaging Bible studies and much more! Enjoy a variety of optional tours to learn about Charlotte and the surrounding area.



Don't miss this time together with Lutheran women from all around the world. The memories of those I met and who now are Facebook friends keeps the spirit of Christian love fresh, uplifting and just plain fun. Don't look back and wish you were there....be there!
Mary Dixon, Colleyville, Texas

Ninth Triennial Gathering
July 24-27, 2014 Charlotte, North Carolina
of many generations

Start saving now! You can't afford to miss the powerful messages that will revitalize your spirit and lift your soul.

Women of the ELCA

For more information visit womenoftheelca.org or call 1-800-638-3522 ext. 2730

JULY 24-27, 2014
Ninth Triennial Gathering
of many generations

It's time to do something for yourself. No excuses allowed.

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.

FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE



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.

WORSHIP, LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, FILM SCREENINGS, OPTIONAL TOURS AND MORE

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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

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GOD PROVIDES by turning these items into extraordinary gifts, wrapped in love.

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Women of the ELCA!

Our Hands Reaching Out



"Let thy hands be ready to help me
 for I have chosen thy precepts."
 —Psalms 119:173.

Harvest/Sonshine West Cluster Event

Program — **Lutheran Disaster Response**
 Bible Study — Paula Rennegarbe

Love Gifts — Free-will Offering to
 Lutheran Disaster Response

Saturday, October 12, 2013
 10:00 am — 1:00 pm

San Marcos Lutheran Church
 3419 Grand Avenue, San Marcos, 92078

\$5.00 Registration — Includes Brunch

Reservations by October 7 to Sue Check
 760-598-6773. Rockcodbob@hotmail.com

On Oct. 5, 2013, Elizabeth A. Eaton became the fourth presiding bishop of the **ELCA**. Bishop Eaton was installed at the University of Chicago's Rockefeller Chapel.



"The office of presiding bishop is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
 — Presiding Minister Mark S. Hanson



Elizabeth A. Eaton is formally presented as ELCA presiding bishop.

Calendar of Events, Purpose Statement & Keep in our prayers...

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| October 12, 2013 | Harvest/Sonshine West Cluster Event
Location: San Marcos Lutheran, San Marcos
Time & Details: 10am to 1pm (<i>flyer inside</i>) |
| October 19, 2013 | 40th Annual Apple Festival Bazaar
Location: Bethlehem Lutheran, Los Alamitos
Time: 8am to 1pm |
| October 19-20, 2013 | King of Glory Women's Retreat at Luther Glen |
| November 1-3, 2013 | Pacifica Women of the ELCA Annual Convention
Location: Ayres Hotel, Costa Mesa/Newport |
| 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).

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Pacifica Synod

www.elca.org

This will access the national church wide office

www.womenoftheelca.org

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

www.gather.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.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

Information on Cherish the Children

www.giveamminute.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.
(562) 431-1112

***The deadline is..
November 5th, 2013
for Pacifica Partners
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