



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

Registration, Nomination, Scholarship & Triennial Delegate Forms are in this issue
and can also be found on www.Pacificawomen.org

From your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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I greet all of the Women of Pacifica Synod. I pray all have enjoyed the “summer”, which is still going on until near the end of the month. Thus we are in September. This is when the children in our lives and/or neighborhoods return to school. One of the things I was honored to do as Associate in Ministry was to teach and direct in a mission school and daycare in Odessa, TX. Of the 35 years of teaching I spent 20 of them at this school. In today’s world the children need our prayers. They need to know that we are with them in whatever they are going through. We send them off to school with our prayers.

After Odessa, we moved to Haskell, TX. There I worked with the high school Sunday school students, 3rd thru 12th grades Bible Camp, and Children’s Church. Each allowed for different kinds of encounters with children. We need to “adopt” children and without them knowing it, pray for them. We need to pray for good days of listening, hearing, and getting along with others. They need to feel great about that. I am hoping with this Pacifica Partners that you will see the children in your lives as someone who needs your prayers.

There are a couple of very exciting events coming up in September. On the 14th the cluster of Rejoice, Saddleback, and Son & Surf will have a special event. The event will be at Bethlehem LC in Los Alamitos. It will be from 8:30-11:00. Come if you can. You do not need to be in these clusters in order to come. The program will be the director from Precious Life Shelter. This is a wonderful program.

Don’t forget the Bible Study on the 21st at Our Savior’s LC in San Clemente. This is always a very special day. They will begin at 9:00 and go to 2:30. You don’t want to miss it. Our new Bible Study is about twelve women from the Bible. And they aren’t all the ones that you would expect having been chosen. There is one that I definitely want to learn more about.

Remember to sign up for our convention in November. And don’t forget you can sign up for the Ninth Triennial Gathering starting September 16th at www.welcatg.org.

In peace, Paula Rennegarbe



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).

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

Make checks payable to: Pacifica Women of the ELCA
Contact Karen: (714) 654-8919 cell
welca@verizon.net

Mail to: Karen Ronchetti or Harriet Bower
8305 Magic Circle
Huntington Beach, Ca 92646

2013 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 September 15, 2013.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Juli Patten, Nominations Chair

84-740 Kili Drive, #1123, Waianae, HI 96792

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alohaboo@hawaii.rr.com

SWO Convention Scholarship

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2013 Women of the ELCA Convention and Gathering
Ayers Hotel & Suites, Costa Mesa/Newport Beach, Ca
November 1-3, 2013



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 _____

2013 Convention Scholarship Form - continued

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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 **September 15, 2013** to:

Inga Sanders, 9871 Vicksburg Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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Email: inga.sanders@gmail.com

9th Triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA, Charlotte, North Carolina

Delegate Nomination Form (One per Unit)

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During our business sessions at the Ayres Hotel in Costa Mesa/Newport Beach on November 1-3, 2013, we will elect three delegates for the 2011 Triennial Convention in Charlotte, NC. Your president will also be a delegate.

Delegate expenses are paid by the churchwide Women of the ELCA.

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): _____

- Please check all that apply:
- ☐ First time Triennial Convention Delegate
 - ☐ Person of Color or primary language other than English
 - ☐ Has been a Triennial Convention Delegate in the past
 - ☐ Under age 40
 - ☐ Member of an Active Unit

Information about your involvement with and for Women of the ELCA in the past three years:

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 September 15, 2013.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

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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.**

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.

Together we'll explore how newer generations of women are redefining women's ministries and joining forces with more traditional leaders to live out our mission of acting boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ. Featured speakers and workshop leaders will spark our conversations, drawing on their experiences, successes, failures and lessons learned. We'll continue the conversations in our central gathering place, the exhibit hall, where you can connect, shop, meet authors and speakers, gather resources and more.

Sure, you'll get a lot out of this event, but you'll have opportunities to give, too. You can share with others in North Carolina and around the world through in-kind gifts and service projects. You can support scholarships for women here and abroad through offerings collected at worship. Your offerings will also support Katie's Fund and strengthen its support of leadership development, global connections and living theology.

To extend the fun and learning, attend one of the three movies we're screening or pick an optional tour. You can even plan your own adventures. Charlotte, "The Queen City," has a lot to offer!

Ninth Triennial Gathering—July, 2014

By Karen Ronchetti, Triennial Gathering Promoter for 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 you 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!

EXCITING NEWS FLASH!!

Rev. Susan Sparks: an attorney, pastor and comedian currently serves Madison Avenue Baptist Church in NYC. Her book, "Laugh your way to Grace," was named one of the best spiritual books of 2010. She will be holding a workshop.

Also, Becca Stephens, an Episcopalian priest serving a chaplain at St. Augustine's at Vanderbilt University and has appeared on CNN, NPR, and PBS: author of , " Snake oil, The art of healing and truth telling,"; will conduct a workshop.

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

By Tina Gates, Board Member, Hope Lutheran, Palm Desert

Hope member, Junelle Pearson flew to Tanzania on Tuesday, August 27th with over 100 Lovey Dolls made by the Pacifica Women of the ELCA. These dolls along with beanbags to stitch and travel sewing kits will be given to the orphaned children there. Lovey Doll kits have been included, so the children can learn to make them too. These simple and effective items provide both practical educational tools and loving messages that someone cares. Thank you for your part in making the Lovey Dolls and keep 'em coming!



Women of the ELCA!



"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

Bible Study in the OC
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Clemente
Saturday, September 21, 2013
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

gather

FOR FAITH AND ACTION

2013 -2014 Bible Study

In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women
by Kay Ward

Join us in September with author, Rev. Dr. Kay Ward, for the introduction of this 9 session study as we learn more about several Old Testament women and a little more about ourselves.



Join our vibrant community of thinkers and doers!



Cost: \$30.00 Childcare available Please register by: September 10th

Questions? Contact Kelly Frohner at 949-361-2331 andrewsmom@prodigy.net

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Name _____ Church _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

Childcare needed? (please bring a sack lunch for children)

of children _____ ages _____

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

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- September 21, 2013 Bible Study in the OC
Location: Our Savior Lutheran, San Clemente
Cost: \$30.00 (Flyer inside and on Website)
- October 12, 2013 Harvest/Sonshine West Cluster Event
Location: San Marcos Lutheran, San Marcos
Time & Details: 10am to 1pm (flyer inside)
- 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



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Have you registered for the November Convention yet?
Have you decided to go to the
9th Triennial next July in Charlotte, NC?
Two amazing opportunities!, one word...YES!

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

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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.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 is..
October 5th, 2013
for Pacifica Partners
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