



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

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and can also be found on www.Pacificawomen.org

From your New Pacifica W-ELCA President

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Happy summer to all of you! I pray that all the different activities will be fun for you. One thing is trying to stay cool. It has become very humid by the ocean.

There will be a few things happening this summer or early fall that you might want to know about.

One thing you might want to do or at least think about. I downloaded the aps from the iStore for the Gather Magazine on my iPad. It is really fun to read on the iPad, probably because the light is always on. There is one copy of the magazine that can be downloaded free as an example and then if you are a subscriber you can have it downloaded each month. Check it out!

July 13, 9:00-11:00 am, there will be a meeting for the Unit leaders of Saddleback, Rejoice, and Son and Surf at Newport Harbor Lutheran Church for the purpose of planning the fall event. So if you are one of these people, please plan on attending.

“God’s Work- Our Hands” is a theme for church wide. There is going to be a special Sunday, September 8th, designated to activities that people think to do on that day all across our country, on the same day. It does not have to be anything in particular....just a way to help others. Think about it. What could your unit do? It could be something like cleaning out the storage of the Women of the ELCA, washing toys for the preschool in your congregation or neighborhood, or visiting with a shut in. The next time your unit gets together, talk about it. You can order t-shirts of a bright yellow that has printed on it ‘God’s Work – Our Hands’. You can order these from www.oldlutheran.com. They are \$6.50 for each one. It might be fun.

I hope many of you are planning on attending the Convention in November. (Nov. 1-3). You can send in your registration any time now. We need to have at least 25 rooms reserved in order to get the best deal possible from the hotel. It will be wonderful. Honest! I like to think of convention as a time to “reboot” so to speak. It is a time to do the business of the women, yes, but it is also the time to come with an open mind and plan to fill it up with music, prayer, bible study, workshops, hands on activities that will be share with others, learning, and many more things.

I just order a book tonight....”Courage to Think Differently”. Just think how often Jesus ask people to think differently? Thinking differently is not always popular. Does God paint outside the lines? He sure does. I will tell you more about this after I have read the book.

Another outing you might want to plan is going to the Triennial Convention and/or Gathering.

There are so many opportunities and so little time and money. Let your SWO help you with some of this. You’ll have to come to the convention to find our more.

I hope and pray that you will use this summer to create memories in your family. Do not forget to tell your family how much Jesus Loves them. We all need to hear that from time to time.

Paula Rennegarbe,
President of the Synodical Women’s Organization of the Pacifica Synod.



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

(808) 590-8262 hm & cell

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

(949) 463-6642 (home & cell)

Email: inga.sanders@gmail.com

9th Triennial Convention of Women of the ELCA Delegate Nomination Form (One per Unit)

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The Ninth Triennial Convention dates are July 22-24, 2014, just prior to the Ninth Triennial Gathering, in Charlotte, North Carolina. 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 (<i>include City and Zip</i>): _____			

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:

Juli Patten, Convention & Triennial Nominations Chair
84-740 Kili Drive, #1123, Waianae, HI 96792
(808) 590-8262 hm & cell, email: alohaboo@hawaii.rr.com



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. Hotel room blocks have been created for the gathering by Women of the ELCA Churchwide and the Charlotte CVB.

It's an inspiring weekend for mothers, daughters, sisters and best friends you call sisters. You just can't afford to miss the powerful messages that will revitalize your spirit and lift your soul.

Early registration packets should be coming to you mid September. Stay tuned and keep saving your money!

Our goal is to have all of Pacifica stay in one place this year, so with that said, I would like to know who is attending and whom you plan to room with (by the end of August) so we have a better idea of how many rooms we will be needing in our block. Thank you to those of you who have already contacted me, this really helps to identify all who have "pre-registered". If you still are "thinking" about going, it's a wonderful experience!

EXCITING NEWS FLASH!!

Rev. Susan Sparks: an attorney, pastor and comedian currently serves Madison Avenue Baptist Church in NYC. Her book, "2010 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

welca@verizon.net



Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf
Clusters present:

"You Clothed Me"

Matthew 25:36

"I needed clothes and you clothed me"

September 14, 2013

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos

\$6.00 at door

Registration 8:30am with Brunch & Program 9am

Please RSVP: Lois Moising (714) 593-6233

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

Our Savior's Lutheran Church & School
200 Avenida San Pablo, San Clemente 92972 949-492-6164
'Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think and Sent to Serve'
www.oursaviorsonline.com

Name _____ Church _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

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

of children _____ ages _____

Enclose your check for \$30.00 made out to OSLC rsvp by 09/10/2013 mail to:
Our Savior's Lutheran Church 200 Avenida San Pablo San Clemente CA 92672 attn: Kelly Frohner

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

FEATURING CJ RAPP

"U.R.O.C.-University of Refining Our Character"

Armed with a mission to encourage, equip, and empower women to be all they can be in Christ, CJ has established Unfading Beauty Ministries, Inc. and Infusion Publishing. She has boldly stepped up to take on the issues women face, tenderly sharing God's truth from the Bible. Her passion for God's Word is matched by her desire to see lives transformed by its truth - to know who we are in His sight and how He wants us to live in this mixed up world. Tossed, tumbled, and still trusting! We live in uncertain times when people everywhere are facing difficult circumstances and yet James tells us to consider it pure joy when we encounter trials. Why? Because through the midst of our circumstances, God calls to us, beckoning us to draw closer and hold on tighter ... to walk by faith through life's ups and downs and not by sight. His ultimate goal is to have an intimate, trust filled, vibrant relationship with you. In the midst of our difficulties, do we press closer or do we pull back? Based on timeless principals from the book of Ruth, U.R.O.C. will encourage you as you withstand, are refined by, and overcome the trials of life. This will be an encouraging evening ... come and bring your friends for a spiritual boost!

A donation of \$10 will be taken at the door.
Everyone is welcome! No reservations necessary.

Friday, July 26, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.
In the Sanctuary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
4800 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine

BRING YOUR FRIENDS FOR A SPIRITUAL BOOST!

For more information, contact the church office at (949) 552-1918

Consider Being a Delegate to the 2014 Triennial Gathering

Three delegates to the 2014 Triennial Gathering will be elected at the Synodical Convention in November. The 9th Triennial Gathering will take place at Charlotte, N.C. July 22-24, 2014. The Triennial Gathering is the highest legislative authority of Women of the ELCA.

Delegates you will represent all the women in the Pacifica Synod and cast votes on their behalf. The delegates are expected to be at all convention business meetings, to listen to discussion of issues that require a vote, help set the budget, elect the executive board and officers, and hear committee reports and vote on their recommendations.

Prior to the convention, delegates receive the convention program and reports so they can arrive prepared to thoughtfully vote on the issues. Churchwide is responsible for your transportation, most meals and room (shared with another synod delegate). The delegate's responsibility ends when the business meetings are over, but most stay at their own expense for the Gathering that follows.

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

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| September 14, 2013 | Rejoice, Saddleback & Son and Surf Cluster Event
Location: Bethlehem, Los Alamitos
Time: Reg/8:30am, Brunch & Program/9am |
| September 21, 2013 | Bible Study in the OC
Location: Our Savior Lutheran, San Clemente
Cost: \$30.00 (<i>Flyer inside and on Website</i>) |
| October 12, 2013 | Harvest/Sonshine West Cluster Event
Location: San Marcos Lutheran, San Marcos
Time & Details: TBA |
| 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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***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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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..
August 5th, 2013
for Pacifica Partners
Email: welca@verizon.net***



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