



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 New Pacifica W-ELCA President

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Dear Women, I thank God for all of you. You are the keepers of the treasure we have called Women of the ELCA.

This month, I want you to know that your Board has all been assigned tasks for the convention. We hope you are looking forward to the convention as much as we are. Remember it is November 1,2,3 at the Ayres Hotel in Costa Mesa/Newport.

The registration form is in this issue of the Pacifica Partners. Don't wait.

I see the Synodical Women's Convention as a mixture of business of the women, (which every organization has), a self- spiritual awareness, and communion and celebration of the women of our church. It is a time to connect with God, each other, and ourselves. You will go home with lots to think about and talk about. Some of the things that happen may be "old school" for you, some may be new thoughts, new ideas, and some things you will feel glad we tried it, but you don't plan to use it at all. All these feelings are perfectly okay. We have met the expectations we have when you have feelings rather than being indifferent. We look forward to celebrating with all of you. Whenever we get together it is a celebration. PEACE is our theme and is such an important word. We are referring to the Peace we get from knowing our LORD.

When you are out and around town, you can start buying "back-to-school supplies" and "cleaning supplies" for our "Love Gifts" offerings. Specific lists will be out in future Pacifica Partners.

This summer rejoice with the summer Bible Study. Hunger is an interesting topic. The topics are: Hungry Hearts, Do We Have Enough, and All Ate and Were Filled. These are in the Gather Magazine.

If you have not been to the Bible Study in the OC at Our Savior's, San Clemente, you need to plan now to attend. The author of our new study, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kay Ward, a prominent member of the Moravian Church, will be there to tell us about the study. Yes, many will have already done the first study by September 21st, but it is always so interesting to have the author share her intent with all of us. For some studies it is obvious, but not always. The author can share with us a firsthand way of looking at the study. So RSVP by September 1st and send in \$30.00 for a day of insight, celebration, and feeling like a very special child of God.

In peace, Paula Rennegarbe,
President Pacifica SWO of the Women of the ELCA



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 Board /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
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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 _____

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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 (*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:

Juli Patten, Convention & Triennial Nominations Chair
84-740 Kili Drive, #1123, Waianae, HI 96792
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The Women of the ELCA have been instrumental in growing a pastoral candidate. Today in the mail I received two envelopes, the first was my admissions letter from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkley California. The second envelope was from the ELCA. I have never received an actual letter from the ELCA before so it was a bit intimidating. I even made my husband open it. I expected to hear we regret to inform you... or something along those lines. As my husband began to read tears of joy formed in my eyes. So it reads. . . "On behalf of the scholarship committee, it is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to receive a full tuition scholarship". I think I started screaming and jumping and hugging at the word selected. This journey towards my dream of becoming a pastor would not have been possible if it weren't for the love, support and prayers of the Women of the ELCA. I wish to thank each and every one of you especially the women of Pacifica and the SWO board. I joined WELCA to grow my faith, to be a bold Lutheran woman and you have helped me attain this and so much more. Please continue to pray for me as I pray for you.

Mahalo Nui Loa (Thank you very much) *Juli Patten*



LOVE GIFT RECIPIENTS

Coachella Valley School Children: **"School Supplies"**

**Pencils · Sharpeners · Erasers · Sissors · Composition Book ·
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)**



It is time to start preparing 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 and the Triennial Gatherings. 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)!

If you have any questions, please contact Harriet Bower, SWO Board Member
(714) 842-3750 home or email: jhbower@verizon.net





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. We will have more information on those by the end of October.

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 are planning 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.

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

2014 Triennial Gathering ~ Get your group together

by Eva James Yeo and Karen Ronchetti, Triennial Promoter, Pacifica Synod

Can't you hear it...the fun and laughter of women gathering together to revitalize and lift their spirits as they travel to the next triennial! The Ninth Triennial Gathering will be held July 24–27, 2014, in Charlotte, N.C. Enriching workshops, stirring worship and engaging Bible studies will mark the weekend.

This is a gathering you can't afford to miss! There will be a variety of interactive learning opportunities to take back home to your unit, ways to impact the city through in-kind gifts, optional tours to learn about Charlotte, and so much more.

Of many generations is our triennial theme, and it's also a three-session Bible study that looks at biblical women from several generations. The study, published in *Gather* magazine next summer, will be presented in at the gathering by the author, Dr. Diane Jacobson, professor emeritus of Old Testament at Luther Seminary (St. Paul, Minn.). This will be an inspiring weekend for all generations.

The invitation is open for mothers, daughters, sisters and best friends. If you have not made plans yet, now is the time to start saving. A triennial promoter will be available at your next synodical convention to share information and will have other surprises to help you get started. You can get started by sharing the date of the event and make plans to travel together to represent your unit and synod.

Groups attend triennial gathering

While the triennial gathering is an inspiring event for individuals, it is much more when you attend as a synod. Imagine this, the inspiration, renewal and response is multiplied, thus producing real and lasting change. At the Triennial in 2011 Spokane, Pacifica Synod sent 37 women, who experienced all of the above. We try to travel at least in pairs and room together, attend workshops together, all the while meeting other “sisters” from all aspects of life, including sharing a meal with our sister synod, Nebraska. What a wonderful time had by all.

During the Gathering, we were fortunate enough to even hear the soon-to-be Noble Peace Prize recipient Leymah Gbowee speak with such power. The choir sang the most uplifting, spirit moving songs and the CWO board kept us on our toes. So, what's holding you back? Plan now to attend the Ninth Triennial Gathering. Registration opens in September. If you have any questions, please contact *Karen Ronchetti*, your Triennial Promoter and she will direct you in the right direction. Email: welca@verizon.net or phone (714) 654-8919



Sharon Heck presented information on the 1,000 Day's Movement to the women in the Rejoice, Saddleback, Son & Surf Clusters of Pacifica Synod.

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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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

Food for body and soul

Before we receive Holy Communion, we pray the Lord's Prayer, asking God to "give us this day our daily bread." We open our hands to receive Christ, who is the bread of life. Christ's gift of Holy Communion invites us to imaginatively re-frame how we think about our common, ordinary meals. Rejoicing in the gifts.

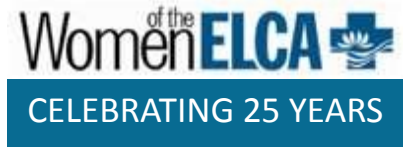


Calendar of Events, Purpose Statement & Keep in our prayers...

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| June 22, 2013 | SWO Board Meeting
Location: Ayres Hotel, Costa Mesa/Newport
Time: 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 |
| 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).

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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) 431-11

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

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