



## 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

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Registration forms:

Will be in the May Pacifica Partners and on [www.Pacificawomen.org](http://www.Pacificawomen.org)

# *From your New Pacifica W-ELCA President*

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*Happy Easter! He is Risen, ALLELUIA! He is Risen, INDEED! Blessings to all Easter people! It is wonderful to know that we know what comes next in our lives. No matter what happens to us we do know that ultimately resurrection will follow death. Death had no hold on Jesus. We have much to be thankful for.*

*There are some things that I want to share with you this month from church-wide. One is Rachel's Day, which is a day that we remember the children who are tortured and/or killed by guns or other forms of violence. Violence against children happens every day. They are so vulnerable. The women of the ELCA resolved "that ELCA women encourage their congregations to recognize the first Sunday in May each year as Rachel's Day. What will take place in your church on that Sunday? I hope it is a prayer for all the children of the world. There is an organization, "Cherish the Children" from churchwide that gives many ideas for all the children of the world and those right in our own congregations. Know who valuable they are to us. I encourage all to look that up on the internet and perhaps become involved.*

*Katie's Fund is sponsored by the Women of the ELCA. It is a fund to support leadership development, global connections, and living theology. Presently the Fund is at \$830,000. It is planned to have this Fund grow to one million dollars by July 24, 2014 when the women begin their Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, NC. Everyone is asked to donate to this wonderful project. Every little bit helps. Help to promote Katie's Fund. There will be an article in the May, 2013 Gather Magazine about two women who were inspired by Katie's Fund. Be sure to read it. There is a free download "A Bold Life of Faith" at the Women of the ELCA website. Go to [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org) for this resource. While there, also check "Katie's Fund: A Skit". Be creative and have fun.*

*Look for information about spring happenings in Pacifica Partners. These are gatherings planned for April 20<sup>th</sup> and two events on April 27<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you at the Synod Assembly May 2-4 in San Diego. We will have a table and I hope it will look like it is the place to be. But we need you to help by hanging out there for a little while. It will encourage others to stop by. I will be a voting member this year so I will not be there when voting is going on but I will try to be there when I can. See you there!*

*Please go to page 11 of the March issue of the Pacifica Partners. Our editor, Karen Ronchetti, has put together a wonderful list of websites. Take some time to look them up and see how your unit might use them.*

*Our Bible study author for 2013-2014, Kay Ward, will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Clemente on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Plan NOW to attend. It has always been a wonderful day, and we thank the Women of the ELCA at Our Savior's and Kelly Forhner for hosting this event year after year. The Bible Study is titled "In Good Company: Stories of biblical Women".*

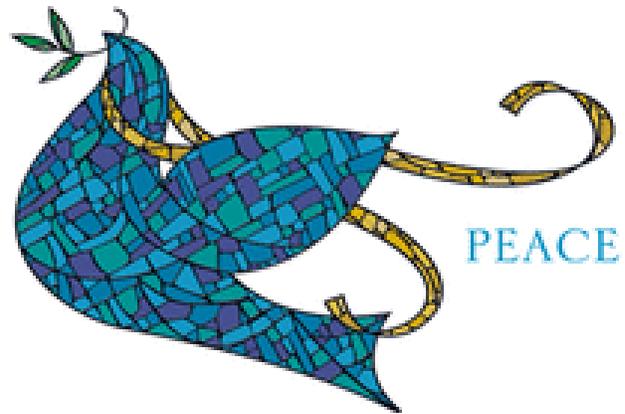
*As bold women of the church, take your faith and let it show. It should be one of those things that people see and say they want some of the same thing and ask you about it. That's your opportunity to share the story of salvation. One person at our Spring Event made the observation that ministry happens when we are interrupted. Allow yourself to be interrupted.*

*In peace, Paula Rennegarbe, President of SWO-Pacific Synod*



*Alleluia! He Is Risen!*

## Letter of Invitation



*Dear Sisters in Christ,*

*It's that time to once again join together for our synodical convention.*

*This year hopes to be even more exciting than last year, including the issuing of our very first Seminarian Scholarship.*

*I hope that all Pacifica Women of the ELCA will join with me November 1-3, 2013 at the Ayres Hotel in beautiful Costa Mesa/Newport, CA. In this place and at this time you will be creating the ministry of the Women of the ELCA. You are the future of our organization. We can share, have fellowship, be spiritually inspired and be ready "to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ!"*

*This year we are offering the lowest prices possible so that all women can have the same opportunity on registration. So, we are asking everyone to please register early as it helps tremendously in finalizing the schedule for day. The convention planning team tries to fulfill all your requests and needs. I believe we can do that this year!*

*See you all there and please bring a friend to share this experience.*

*God's peace and blessings,*

*Paula Rennegarbe*

*Paula Rennegarbe*

*President, Pacifica Women of the ELCA*

**What Do You Believe?**

By Faye Cielinski, SWO Board Member

*This is a story as it was told to me by three friends to whom it happened. They are all members of our prayer team and the leader is an ordained minister.*

*One day they had met at a local coffee house to talk with the team leader about some doubts two of them were having, when a man approached the outside table where they were sitting. He stopped and said to them "I see you are reading the bible". They looked up and saw a man smiling at them. As they smiled back, they notice that his clothes were somewhat worn and soiled and he had a scruffy beard. It was apparent he had been drinking although he did not seem intoxicated. Since he seemed attracted by their bible reading the leader invited him to join them.*

*Obviously pleased to be invited, he pulled up a chair and sat down. One of them asked, "Do you have a favorite bible verse?" He said he did. Expecting that it would be a popular verse that everyone would know, they were surprised when he said, "It is Hebrews 13:2."*

*Since none of them knew that one by heart they turned to their bibles.*

*Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) – "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."*

*After a few more minutes of conversation about faith, and this particular verse, he stood and said "Well I have to be going. Have a blessed day." The three of them stared at each other and then as one turned to look in the direction he had walked. He was gone!*

*What had happened this day?*

*Who had these friends met? Was it just a man who was looking for some companionship and acceptance he rarely gets or could it have been "an angel unawares?" To this day I don't think they are sure.*

*Think about this, my friends. The next time God gives you the opportunity to offer hospitality to a stranger "be not forgetful" to take that opportunity. After all, you might miss meeting an angel.*

**The Nicene Creed**

By Karen Ronchetti and John Beauman for the register's "Faith and Values"

*So, what's so special about Easter anyway?*

*At Easter, Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, a pivotal belief of our Christian faith. What makes it so special to Christians?*

*In a first letter to the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 15:12), the Apostle Paul tells us that if Christ has not risen, neither will we, which would make our faith useless and without merit.*

*At the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, 318 bishops from the Greek-speaking and Latin-speaking portions of the Roman Empire gathered to debate and refute what was defined as the Arian heresy denying the deity of Christ. (Arius, a fourth-century Christian presbyter from Alexandria, Egypt, taught that Christ was a created being and not divine.)*

*But at Nicaea, the bishops debated and reaffirmed the deity of Christ, describing it as such in the Nicene Creed, for conformity of doctrine, reaffirming the nature of Christ with these words: "true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things are made." Thus, reaffirming*

*that Jesus Christ, as the Son of God, is both divine (being co-equal and co-eternal with the Father), and human, being conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary (His incarnation), which we celebrate at Christmas.*

*The first chapter of John's Gospel refers to Christ in a similar way: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

*During the early Church, Christians did not have individual Bibles, and most people were not highly literate—even the clergy often lacked a comprehensive knowledge of the Scriptures, giving rise to a misunderstanding of the Bible. That is why the Council at Nicaea found it necessary to discuss, debate and reaffirm the nature of Christ, elucidating it for us as the Nicene Creed, as a basis for understanding the Christian faith regarding the nature of Christ, as well as restating and affirming His death and His resurrection.*

*Because He is truly man, He could atone, on our behalf, for our sins. Because He is truly divine, His passion and death constituted an unblemished sin offering to a Holy God. And because of His resurrection we have both the assurance of our own resurrection and guarantee of eternal life.*

*Yes, He is risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!*

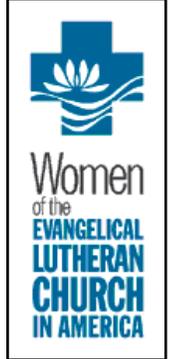


# SWO Convention Scholarship

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2013 Women of the ELCA Convention and Gathering  
Ayers Hotel & Suites, Costa Mesa, 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).*

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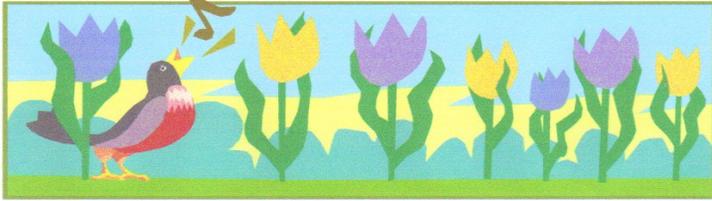
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*Women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church-Banning*

**“How Does Your Garden Grow?”**



*Luncheon & Fashion Show*

**to benefit H.E.L.P., Inc**

*(HELP is a non-profit social service & welfare organization that serves the Pass Area. Gently-used clothing from their boutique will be modeled and available for sale after the fashion show)*

**Saturday, April 20, 2013 @ Noon**

1320 W. Williams, Banning – Fellowship Hall

**Cost: \$8.00**

*Tickets are limited, so make your reservation early by calling Helen Riggs at (951) 845-2989*

*The Sonshine/West Cluster Invites you to*

**Lunch and  
“The Hymns Experience”**

*A new look at the traditional hymns of faith with  
“Jilleen”*

*-a contemporary Christian Recording Artist*

*Love Gifts -  
Non-perishable food items  
for Project Hand  
a L.S.S. food Pantry*



*Child Care Available  
upon request*

**Saturday, April 27, 2013**  
11:30 Registration - \$7.00  
12:00 Lunch with Program to Follow  
St Marks Lutheran Church  
580 Hilltop Drive, Chula Vista 91910  
RSVP By April 22 to JoAnn Longerbone  
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*Guests Welcome*

Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Clusters Present:

**1,000 Day's Movement**

As presented by Guest Speaker Sharon Heck



Luke 1:53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

**Date & Time: Saturday, April 27, 2013**

Registration opens at **8:30 a.m.**

Program begins with breakfast at **9:00 a.m.**

**Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church – Leisure World  
13564 St. Andrews Drive, Seal Beach, CA 90740**

**Cost: \$6.00 (paid at the door)**

**Love Gifts:** A suggested \$10.00 (or more) donation representing 1,000 pennies for 1,000 days. Checks can be made payable to: Women of the ELCA – Pacifica Synod

**Reservations:** Caal or Email Diana Young by April 22, 2013.  
Phone: (714) 534-6993 Email: [dianay1318@gmail.com](mailto:dianay1318@gmail.com)

**Here's how you can get involved:**

- “Like” our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/womenoffaith1000days](http://www.facebook.com/womenoffaith1000days).
- **Start a group** and pledge to have 1,000 conversations. For example, you could give a presentation at your church, share a “minute for mission” in worship, host a party at your house, send a letter with your Christmas cards, or write a blog post.
- **Talk with your members of Congress.** Ask them to form a circle of protection around programs that support nutrition in the 1,000-day window—programs such as WIC, SNAP (formerly food stamps), Feed the Future, and the Global Health Initiative.

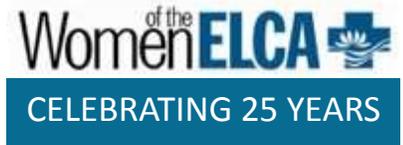


*Calendar of Events, Purpose Statement & Keep in our prayers...*

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- April 20, 2013                    “How Does Your Garden Grow?  
Location: Our Savior, Banning  
(see registration and information on page 7)
- April 27, 2013                    Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Cluster Event  
Location: Redeemer Lutheran, Seal Beach  
(see registration and information on page 7)
- April 27 2013                    Sonshine/West San Diego Cluster Event  
Location: St. Marks, Chula Vista  
(see registration and information on page 7)
- June 22, 2013                    SWO Board Meeting  
Location: Ayres Hotel, Costa Mesa
- May 2-4, 2013                    Synod Assembly  
Town & Country Convention Center - San Diego
- September 21, 2013            Bible Study in the OC  
Location: Our Savior Lutheran, San Clemente  
Cost: \$30.00 (Registration in May PP. Flyer on Website)
- 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        Synod Assembly - Hawaii  
Location: Marriott Hotel, Honolulu
- July 24-27, 2014                Women of the ELCA  
Ninth Triennial Gathering  
Location: Charlotte, NC



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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.*



Pacifica Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the ELCA Pacifica Seminarian Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Application Form

Female:  Yes  No  New Applicant  Renewal Applicant

Contact Information

Full Name: Last First M.I. Preferred Name

Address: Street Address Apartment/Unit # City State Zip Code

Preferred Phone: ( ) E-Mail Address:

Have you been approved for entrance in the ELCA candidacy-for-ordination process?  No  Yes Date Accepted:

Home Congregation Information

Home (Registering) Congregation:

Address: Street Address City State Zip Code

Synod Name: Region No.:

Seminary Information

Have you been admitted to an accredited theological seminary in a M.Div. or other ELCA-recognized program leading to ordination in the ELCA?  Yes  No

Seminary Name:

Date Entered: Part-Time or Full-Time:

Program of Study: Current Year of Study:

Financial Aid Office: Financial Aid Phone: ( )

Street Address City State Zip Code

If this is not an ELCA seminary, list affiliated ELCA Seminary:

Confidential Financial Information

Annual Family Income:  Under \$50,000  \$50,000-\$100,000  \$100,000-\$150,000  Over \$150,000

Number in Household: Number in household who are in college:

Applicant's own anticipated educational expenses for coming school year: \$

Total Financial Aid Received: \$ Balance Needed: \$



Describe any special circumstances affecting your ability to pay for seminary: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ministry Involvement**

Briefly list your involvement with ministries of the ELCA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Future Ministry**

Briefly describe your future ministry aspirations: \_\_\_\_\_

**Future Potential Involvement with Pacifica SWO**

To encourage the prayer and support of Pacifica Women, if selected as a scholarship recipient, are you willing to:

- 1. Be publicly named as a recipient?  Yes  No
- 2. Provide a photo of yourself that may be published in *Pacifica Partners* (the Pacifica SWO newsletter) and/or the website of Pacifica SWO?  Yes  No
- 3. Provide a short devotional that may be published in *Pacifica Partners* and/or the website of Pacifica SWO?  Yes  No
- 3. Share your ministry experiences and insights at an event sponsored by Pacifica SWO if requested and if geographically feasible?  Yes  No

**Certification**

I have completed all sections of this application, and the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Between the application period of January 1 to May 31, send completed application to:

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Application must be post-marked no later than May 31

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This will access the national church wide office

[www.womenoftheelca.org](http://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](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  
(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](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.  
(562) 431-11

***The deadline is..  
May 5th, 2013  
for Pacifica Partners  
Email: [welca@verizon.net](mailto:welca@verizon.net)***



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