



*Pacifica Women of the ELCA
25th Annual
Convention and Gathering*



Nov 2-4, 2012

*Ayres Hotel & Suites
Ontario Convention Center*

1945 E. Holt Blvd., Ontario, California 91761

*Election of SWO officers and board
Chaplain for the weekend, Pastor Sandy Niiler,
Christ Lutheran, Cullman, Alabama*

*Jenny Michael, Churchwide Representative
Energetic Bible Studies and Informative workshops
Saturday evening banquet entertainment: "Jillleen"*

Registration and more convention information inside

Greetings from your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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Gather and Celebrate

Two wonderful words as we continue our journey this fall season.

Women of the ELCA are starting a new Bible Study in our GATHER Magazine called, “**Gathered by God**”. I had the opportunity of gathering with the ladies within my own Faith Circle here at Bethlehem Lutheran, Los Alamitos, CA. this past Tuesday. What a great lesson and discussion we had as I begin to learn from these Biblical gatherings. I hope that some of you were able to join with me Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 in San Clemente to meet the author of this years’ Bible Study, Audrey West at “Bible Study in the OC”.

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Women of the ELCA during this year June 2012 – May 2013. Let us hear what you plan to do, send pictures of the celebration to our Pacifica Partners newsletter editor, Karen Ronchetti.

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary appeal. Consider a special offering above and beyond your regular offerings. Celebrate 25 years of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ...Creating a just world, supporting global sisters and bringing about health and wholeness. Every dollar goes to support Women of the ELCA (50%) and the ELCA Malaria Campaign (50%).

Celebrate our 25th Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention “Blessings Miracles Promises” November 2-4, 2012 in Ontario, CA. I invite you to gather with our community of Christian women who have supported one another for 25 years. I hope you will share your gifts and talents. Please see the registration information in this and previous issues. Remember the early bird discount is ending soon. Delegates, we need your registration ASAP.

Special notice: 2012-2013 Stewardship Guide from Churchwide Women of the ELCA will be arriving by mail. Be sure to look for or ask within your unit (a mailing is sent to the church, President or contact person) for this wonderful guide which includes a special 25th anniversary Thankoffering Service.

Third notice:

Another way to get involved is the **LWR Quilt Campaign---**

500,000 mission quilts by 2013

Tied in Faith. Sent in Hope. Wrapped in Love.

Request a copy of the Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide by calling (800) 597-5972 or visit lwr.org/quiltcampaign to download information on instructions, tips, packing and shipping.

A reminder: I ask for your special prayers as each Congregational Unit will receive a special Praise Offering envelope that will either be returned by mail or sent with your delegate and collected during our Convention in November to support on-going ministries of the Women of the ELCA. This is a part of our (your) Stewardship focus.

Save the date:

- November 2-4, 2012 **Blessings Miracles Promises**... Pacifica Women of the ELCA annual Convention, Ontario, CA.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for your Pacifica SWO Board.

Blessings,
Andrea Campbell



Make time to nurture your relationship with God and grow in faith!

Registration

Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering
November 2 - 4, 2012



Convention

Registration Deadline: 10/15

Delegates must register by 10/1/2012

(Per person, per room)

Full Weekend/1 person per room \$324 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/2 persons per room \$225 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/3 persons per room \$199 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekend/4 persons per room \$186 ☐
5 Meals, Registration & Hotel

Full Weekends-Spouse/partner \$169.30 ☐
5 Meals, Hotel (no discount)

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT **-\$5.00**
(postmarked by 9/20/2012)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name of Roommates: Please print

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Meals:

Regular ☐ Vegetarian ☐

Please Print Clearly

Adult Name: _____

Children Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Church: _____

Church City: _____

☐ **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 Members/GUEST:** Pastor, Churchwide Representative, 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
8305 Magic Circle
Huntington Beach, Ca 92646

2012 Pacifica Convention & Gathering News...

Faces for the weekend

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2012 Convention Chaplain:

*Pastor Sandy Niller,
Christ Lutheran Church,
Cullman, Alabama*

*Jenny Michael, Churchwide
Rep, and workshop leader*



*Current SWO Board Member Paula Rennegarbe,
retired AiM, will inspire us with as our Friday
evening Bible Study leader.*



*Dona Jenkins, former SWO Board member,
will be just one of our exciting workshop
leaders for Friday.*

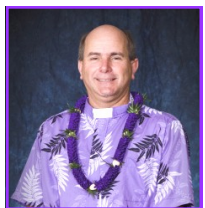


*"Jilleen" has been chosen as our entertainment for our Saturday night banquet.
She brings her music and speaking ministry to us for a fun filled evening.
Regeneration for the heart, mind and soul. Mark 12:30*

One Pot One Hope

Hukilau Conference E.L.C.A.,

"Love Gift Recipient"



*Pastor Dave Kieffer,
Christ Lutheran Church, Mililani, HI*

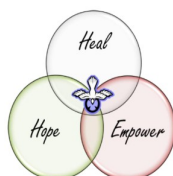


Fresh oranges, granola bars,
and water. Add hot chili and
rice and a peanut butter and
jelly sandwich, and *viola*, a
healthy **One Pot** lunch.

Central City Lutheran Mission in San Bernardino
(CCLM) is one of our "Love Gift" recipients.

Our Mission

*By the Grace of God, CCLM is a
community of healing, hope, and
empowerment in the heart of the city.*



Pastor David Nagler, CEO

Convention Schedule (tentative) & Love Gift Items

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Friday

1:30pm	Registration opens
2:00-3:00pm	Session 1 Workshops: a) Communications and b) Resources
3:15-4:15pm	Session 2 Workshops: (same as above) *
	* (This gives everyone a chance to attend both workshops)
4:30pm	Orientation - Scholarship Balloons/Becky - Triennial/Karen
5:00-5:45pm	Dinner
6:00-6:45pm	Bible Study with <i>Paula Rennegarbe</i>
7:00pm	Worship, Start of Convention (No communion)
7:45pm	First Business Session
(approx.) 9:30pm	"Open House" in SWO Board Suite

Saturday:

6:30-8:30am	Breakfast
9:00am	Bible Study with <i>Pastor Sandy Niiler</i>
10:00am	Second Business Session
12:00noon	Box Lunch
1:15-2:00pm	Session 3 Workshops: a) Human Trafficking and b) Lovie Dolls
2:15pm	Movie Pray the Devil Back to Hell (72 minutes) plus Q&A
4:00-4:45pm	Session 4 Workshops: c) Human Trafficking and d) Lovie Dolls
5:30pm	Bishop Finck
6:30pm	Banquet:
	Central City Lutheran Mission, One Pot One Hope
	Jilleen- Entertainment (8:00)

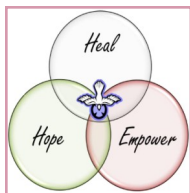
Sunday:

6:30-8:30am	Breakfast
9:00am	Third Business Session
10:00am	Worship, Installation of New Board

LOVE GIFT RECIPIENTS

Central City Lutheran Mission

One Pot, One Hope



Place in "gallon" bag:

Toothbrush & paste

Comb

Wash Cloth & Bar Soap

Regular size Shampoo

Hand Towel (to be wrapped around Gallon bag, tied w/yarn or rope.

Karen will have extra yarn for tying).



Pacifica SWO Seminarian Scholarship

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If we've heard and read it once, we've heard and read many times that the mission of Women of the ELCA "*is to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.*"

One single day spent at a Triennial Convention will convince you forever that yes, at the churchwide level our organization is rich in the opportunities it provides for service, study and advocacy*. And, from the perspective of the board of the Pacifica Synodical Women's Organization (SWO), we too work to provide opportunities to mobilize you to *act boldly*. From experience, we know you are always ready for new opportunities just by the way you enthusiastically keep coming to events and by the way you always are so generous with love gifts when called upon.

Sometimes, though, the best ideas for acting boldly aren't the board-programmed ones. Sometimes the best ideas come from YOU!

Let me digress. Every year when we have our annual gathering/business meeting in November, there's an opportunity for YOU to present resolutions for consideration by the SWO. Recalling a little bit of parliamentary procedure, a *resolution* is the way that you, our members, can bring to the rest of us a request for action on something that's important to you. If you bring a resolution and the others agree that it's important by voting to adopt (approve) it, then it becomes a course of action for us to follow. Said another way, a resolution is a "grass roots" kind of thing—it's members making a call for action instead of waiting for a board to hopefully one day think up the idea.

That's exactly what happened last November on the final day of our meeting in San Diego—a resolution was presented and adopted that calls Pacifica women to bold new action in a way that will in turn mobilize other women to act boldly on their faith! Why would we take such an action? From the "Whereas" part of the resolution (and substituting "Because" to make it more readable), these are the reasons we agreed upon:

- *Because Pacifica Women of the ELCA are in full support of the ordination of women, and*
- *Because we have nurtured, mentored and prayed a number of our own Pacifica women to this end, and*
- *Because a woman's journey toward ordination requires not only a heart for answering God's call, but the financial means for the eight or so years of college and seminary education, and*
- *Because it is likely that women who embark on this journey have limited financial resources and huge expenses.*

And, from the "Resolved" part (i.e. the action part) of the resolution, this is what we agreed should be done:

- *That Pacifica Women of the ELCA continue to prayerfully nurture, mentor and support the women in our synod who feel that God is calling them to ordained ministry, and*
- *That Pacifica Women of the ELCA establish a scholarship fund for women whose home ELCA congregations are in the Pacifica Synod, and*
- *That the Pacifica Women of the ELCA synodical board explore, activate, promote and administer said scholarship by our 2013 synodical convention.*

This year, the board has been working on plans to put the scholarship in place, and at our November convention in Ontario we'll present the plan to you and launch some fun fundraising ideas. We hope you'll be as excited as we are about having a part in "growing a pastor" from among our Pacifica congregations.

And that, dear sisters, is a beautiful picture of YOUR ideas on ways we can mobilize other women so that all are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ! Keep the ideas coming!

Becky Shurson

*From "About Us" page, <http://www.womenoftheelca.org>

Nominee for: ☐ Treasurer ☐ Secretary ☐ Board Member

Please Print Clearly

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____
Street & Number 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 30, 2012.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Helen Riggs, Nominations Chair

5446 Trevino Way, Banning, CA 92220

(951) 845-2989

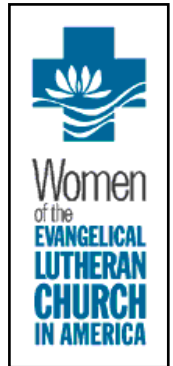
Helen.riggs1@verizon.net

2012 Convention Scholarship Form

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Ayres Hotel & Suites, Ontario, Ca
November 2-6, 2011*



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 30, 2012** to:

Inga Sanders, 16370 Jupiter Circle, Westminster, CA 92683

(949) 463-6642 (home & cell)

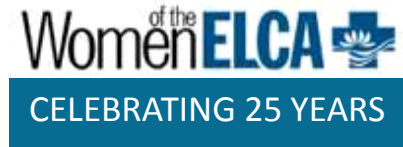
Email: inga.sanders@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

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- September 29, 2012 Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Cluster Event
Location: Our Redeemer, Garden Grove
Time: 8:30 registration, \$6 at door (see page 11 for more details)
- October 13-14, 2012 Annual Craft Show
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church
Time: Sat., 9-3pm and Sun., 9-2pm
Contact: Karen Ronchetti (714) 654-8919
- October 20, 2012 39th Annual Apple Festival Bazaar
Location: Bethlehem Lutheran, Los Alamitos
Time: 8am - 2pm
- October 20, 2012 LSS Walk
Location: start at King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley
- November 2-4, 2012 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention
Location: Ayres Hotel & Suite
Ontario Convention Center
See inside Pacifica Partners for details
- May 2-4, 2013 Synod Assembly - San Diego
- April 30- May 3, 2014 Synod Assembly - Hawaii



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 PARTNERS provides news and information to congregational units of the Pacifica Synod. *Pacifica Partners* is published monthly except for July/August and November/December, which are combined issues. Copies are distributed as a courtesy to each congregational unit (CU) in the Pacifica Synod. It is also sent to Women of the ELCA churchwide office, other SWO presidents, Synodical Bishop, current and former board members.

Address changes and corrections should be sent to the Secretary:

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*Sun and Surf, Saddleback
Women of the FLCA
and Rejoice Clusters*

Fall Event

September 29, 2012

*"I Planted the Seed, Apollos Watered It
But God Made It Grow"*

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 1:3-6

Hosted by:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

12301 Magnolia Street

Garden Grove, CA 92841

(714) 539-9541 (church)

[Diana Young, President ~ (714) 534-6993]

***Guest Speakers: Patty Swaaley
and Mary Lou Ledgerwood***

***University of California Co-operative Extension
Master Gardeners***

Registration is \$6.00 and begins at 8:30 A.M. (with coffee)
9:30 A.M. Breakfast and Program

Love Gifts to: Mary's Shelter

- **Toddlers:** diapers, mattress pads, pacifiers, baby wipes
- **Mothers:** scrap books or photo books, disposable cameras, alarm clocks, gift cards for CVS and / or Target
- As always, checks or cash are needed

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***Eligible to serve 1 year of 2 year term)**
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Mentor: Raincross Cluster



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