

# Pacifica Partners



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## Greetings from your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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Let's see how we can continue our "JOURNEY".

Every month I receive Newsletters from other Synodical Women's Organization around the United States and how I enjoy hearing about what they do as Bold Women. So I will quote something that spoke out to me and probably will to you also.

"This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something you have left behind... let it be something good."

In the near future 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 ongoing ministries of the Women of the ELCA. This is a part of our (your) Stewardship focus.

Your Pacifica SWO Board met the last Saturday in June at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Banning CA. What a productive day we had. We are ready for our November Convention, are you? Send in your registrations early so we can finalize those last little things. In this issue is everything you need to know, forms to complete and any questions can be answered by just a phone call to our Registrar, Karen Ronchetti at 714-654-8919.

How many of you get the ELCA Lutheran Magazine? How delighted I was to see and read the July 2012 issue with the article on page 49, <u>My view</u> by Jennifer Michael. Jennifer is President of Women of the ELCA and also will be with us at our Convention in November.

Looking for program resources on **Discipleship**, **Justice and Stewardship**? Go to <u>www.womenoftheelca.org</u> and see great <u>free</u> resources for programs this coming fall.

#### Save the date:

September 15, 2012 "Bible Study in OC" (Orange County) at Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente, CA.

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





# CALLING BOLD WOMEN IN PACIFICA

Are you a bold woman who is just waiting to hear her name called? Well, wait no more. . . your name is being called and it is being called to serve on the Pacifica synodical board. There are many positions in which you can serve this synod.

We all have been given gifts and thank goodness they aren't all the same gifts or we would really be in a pickle, a jam, or a mess whatever you want to call it. God in his wisdom has given us each gifts that differ and gifts that we can bring to the table and share. So how about sharing your gifts? We all have them so you can't say "I don't have any special gifts or talents," because you do have something.

I have been fortunate to have served on two different synodical boards and also as the president. Those are years that will always be with me and ones that I cherish. The friendships that have developed along the way, going to conferences, conventions, gatherings, meetings, retreats and training you name it, your horizons will be broadened and you'll meet some wonderful people along the way. You will never be the same once you step up and say <u>YES</u> I'll be glad to serve! I have three dear friends who served with me on the southwest synod board and we continue to get together five times a year – for our birthdays and Christmas. And we live in – Ventura, Northridge, Burbank and Banning. Distance does not stop us from gathering. I still have connections with women across the country and through email we still keep in touch. We are all just a big family of sisters.

This is a calling that has no age limit. You're never too young nor too old. We are all women called to serve and through our service we grow in our faith and we become stronger and bolder! I use to be very shy, people find that hard to believe but because I got involved in this wonderful organization when I was pregnant with my daughter robin, who will soon be 49, I have never looked back. The women of the ELCA has given me so much to be thankful for and I want so much for you to experience that same wonderful feeling of growth and thanksgiving.

I hope to hear from you with a resounding <u>YES</u> that you wish to serve on this synodical board.

Helen Riggs, Nomination chair

Job Description: All positions to attend the 3 planned board meeting as well as any special called meetings.

**VP**: Helps the president. Chair Convention Planning Team. Take notes when secretary is absent. **Secretary**: Take notes of all meeting and distribute to all board members.

**Treasurer**: Make deposits monthly. Keep accurate records of all financial transactions. Knowledge of Quick Books helpful. Reports to President and churchwide.

**Board Members**: Work with members of board to plan March event and annual convention. Mentor cluster units, attend cluster events.

NOTE: President & Vice President are nominated from the floor during the first Business Session

#### "...it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need...

#### 2 Corinthians 8:13-14

Economic crisis can teach us many valuable Stewardship lessons. We are quickly realizing that as individuals and as a society we really did not need everything that we wanted. We are learning to see that we have been abundantly blessed by God. And, hopefully, we are becoming more willing to share our gifts.

Our Unit offerings to Pacifica Women of the ELCA are down. We are having problems reaching our budgeted goals as well as meeting those of churchwide Women of the ELCA.

Offerings can be sent to our Pacifica Treasurer, Inga Sanders on a monthly, quarterly or yearly basis. Regular offerings provide income to support the ongoing work of Women of the ELCA ministry programs and also cover operational costs of this organization. Paficica Women of the ELCA directly sends 50% of your Regular Offerings to churchwide quarterly.

We celebrate and are grateful for your Stewardship towards Women of the ELCA. Does your Stewardship show a story? Does it tell a story of Faith, Hope, Sacrifice and Generosity? We need to shape not only our future ministries but also those of the greater church.

Remember, a part of Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God.

Violet Quist/Andrea Campbell



# Registration

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

Convention

Amount Enclosed

Name of Roommates: Please print

Meals:

Regular



#### Adult Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Deadline: 10/15 Delegates must register by 10/1/2012 Children Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Full Weekend/1 person per room \$324 5 Meals, Registration & Hotel City:\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip:\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Full Weekend/2 persons per room \$225 П 5 Meals, Registration & Hotel E-Mail: Church: Full Weekend/3 persons per room \$199 5 Meals, Registration & Hotel Church City: Full Weekend/4 persons per room \$186 **DELEGATE:** You may be assigned to a Convention Committee by the President. She will notify you. 5 Meals, Registration & Hotel П **NON-DELEGATE**: Check if your Congregation has a unit. -\$5.00 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT (postmarked by 9/20/2012) **REPRESENTATIVE**: Check if your congregation

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Vendor.

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#### REGISTRATION IS NON-REFUNDABLE, BUT IT IS TRANSFERABLE

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Make checks payable to: Pacifica Women of the ELCA

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Huntington Beach, Ca 92646

does not have a unit. You will have a voice, but not a

**SWO Board Members/GUEST**: Pastor, Churchwide Representative, member of unit outside ELCA, and/or

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Contact:\_\_\_\_

Address/City:\_\_\_\_



	Nominee for:		Treasurer 🗆	Secretary		Board Member
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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, 2012.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Helen Riggs, Nominations Chair

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Women of the ELCA 2012 Convention and Gathering Ayers 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:

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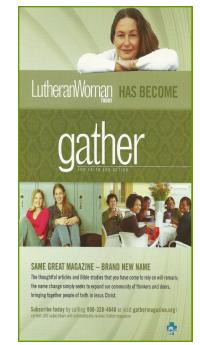
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AGE GROUP:	□ 13-25	□ 26-35	□ 36-45	□ 46-55	□ 56-75	□ 76-90
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(949) 463-6642 (home & cell)

Email: inga.sanders@gmail.com



Please welcome Vanessa Lancaster to the SWO board. After prayerful consideration of all applications received, she was chosen to complete the 1 yr term that was vacant. She attend Eden Lutheran, Riverside and is the daughter-in-law of our own churchwide rep, Dona Jenkins.





Have you read any of these publications lately?





## CELEBRATE 25 Years!

WHEN: Now is the time. From June 1, 2012 thru 5/31/2013

Invite \* Inform \* Plan \* Create

WHERE: Any congregational/intercongregational units, Cluster Gatherings, Synod Events (Try for a display at your synod As-

sembly) and other opportunities that gather the Women of the ELCA

WHAT TO DO: Make a plan: Use "25" in some way. Be creative. Collect quarters. List "25" suggestions or ideas or memories and

hopes for the next 25 years

WHY: A party usually calls for a gift.

Promote the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal.

Donations will be divided:

50% CW - Tell the history (see Gather Magazine, June 2012 - "25 Years: Women of the ELCA - We Make a

Difference" by Kathy J. Magnus) More to come on this.

Go to www.womenoftheelca.org

50% ELCA Malaria Campaign – Help eradicate Malaria by 2015.

Go to <a href="www.elca.org/Our">www.elca.org/Our</a>-Faith -In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-Malaria-Campaign. Like - Save a life every 45 seconds by collecting \$2 from each person.

IDEAS: Give Birthday party, teas, style show – 25 years of fashion or, 'no-sew' blankets, do what works for you and

your group – then take an offering (wherever 2 or 3 are gathered....)

Write an article, poem or your thoughts.

THEN: Share your ideas with others.

RESOURCES: Use the websites.

Look for articles in Gather, Café, Bold Connections, Interchange.

Look for new CW commemorative brochure Contact me Your Region 2 Advisory Committee at

dianne.tillman08@gmail.com

# Purpose Statement & Address changes Cluster & Synodical Messages

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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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Bible Study in the OC at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Clemente Saturday, September 15, 2012 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Start your fall women's Bible study here!

Join the ladies of Our Savior's in welcoming







Dr. Audrey West author of the 2012/2013 Gather magazine study

"Gathered by God"

Cost: \$25.00 Childcare available Please register by: September 1st Questions? Contact Kelly Frohner at 949-361-2331 <a href="mailto:andrewsmom@prodigy.net">andrewsmom@prodigy.net</a>

Our Savior's Lutheran Church & School 200 Avenida San Pablo, San Clemente 92972 949-492-6164 www.oursaviorsonline.com

Name	Church_
Phone #	e-mail
Childcare needed? (please	bring a sack lunch for children)
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	"Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think and Sent to Serve"

#### 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.



Bishop Finck and SWO President Andrea Campbell from Pacifica Synod Assembly 2012

## Calendar of Events

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July 28, 2012 Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Cluster Planning Meeting

Location: Newport Harbor Lutheran Church

Time: 9am-11am

September 15, 2012 Bible Study in the OC with guest speaker Audrey West

Location: Our Savior Lutheran, San Clemente

Time: 9-2:30 Cost: \$25.00

See page 10 for registration and event information

October 2012 Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Cluster Event

More information to follow

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: Ayers Hotel & Suite

Ontario Convention Center

See inside Pacifica Partners for details

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What's in a name? Café is a magazine for young adult women who want to build their faith.

*Café* is an on-line magazine for young adult women. It incorporates a Lutheran perspective for women of Christian faith or simply for any woman who is interested in how faith relates to the issues that women face today.



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### Informational Web Sites for "your" use...

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www.pacificasynod.org Pacifica Synod

www.elca.org This will access the national church wide office

www.womenoftheelca.org (Note: New domain name for 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.serry.org Catalog of items that support Lutheran World Relief, including Fair

Trade Chocolate and Fair Trade Coffee.

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.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 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

# Pacifica Partners for August will be a SPECIAL ISSUE ONLY—Convention News

September issue deadline is..

August 5, 2012 for Pacifica Partners

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