



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



Nov 2-4, 2012

*Ayers Hotel & Suites
Ontario Convention Center*

1945 E. Holt Blvd., Ontario, California 91761

Election of SWO officers and board

Special guest and Chaplain for the weekend, Pastor Sandy Nüller,

Christ Lutheran, Cullman, Alabama

Saturday banquet entertainment:

"Jillleen"

Registration and more convention information inside

Letter of Invitation



Dear Sisters in Christ,

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

Every year we think we've had a top notch event and what can we do better this next time.

Well I hope that all Pacifica Women of the ELCA will join with me November 2-4, 2012 in lovely Ontario, 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!"

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 think we did that this year!

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

God's peace and blessings,

Andrea Campbell

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President, Pacifica Women of the ELCA

Greetings from your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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My journey once again ended this morning as I attended the conclusion of my Faith Circle's Bible Study, Session 9 from Gather Magazine. We were told that we have had the opportunity to read nearly 700 verses of the Gospel of Mark. I listened, studied together, taking in the comments of others and thoroughly enjoyed learning what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Thank you to Rev. Patricia Lull, author of this Bible Study.

I am looking forward to the new September 2012-May 2013 Bible Study, "Gathered by God" written by Audrey West. We will have the opportunity of studying and meeting her at the "Bible Study in the OC" at Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente, CA on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Look for registration information forthcoming.

Are you a:

STRONG, BOLD Lutheran Woman?

Have you ever considered serving on the Pacifica Synodical Women's Organization Board?

Or

Serving as a Triennial Delegate (July 2014 Charlotte, NC)

Think about it!

Our November 2-4, 2012 Convention is now ready for you to respond too. Your CPT has chosen the Inland Empire as the place and the site is The AYERS Hotel and Suites, Ontario, CA. Lots of room. I think everyone will be happy. Please see enclosed information and more to come next month. Don't forget that Scholarships are available.

Please keep our SWO Board and Convention planning team in your prayers the next coming months. There is so much to do in preparation for this event.

I hope to meet and greet some of our Pacifica Women of the ELCA ladies at the Pacifica Synod Assembly May 17-19 at the Marriott Hotel, Irvine, CA. We will have a display table with information, hand-outs and goodies. Please stop by and say hi. At this time, I will present our annual report and also present our gift to Pacifica Synod/Bishop Murray Finck.

25th Anniversary of the Women of the ELCA:

Beginning June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our organization. How are we going to celebrate this in Pacifica???? Any ideas? What have we done in Pacifica these past 25 years? Anyone want to chair a special committee? Of course we will be celebrating at our Convention in November as we already have a surprise in the works.

*Blessings,
Andrea Campbell*

"Happy Mother's Day"



Our churchwide Representative for 2012 Pacifica Convention & Gathering

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Jenny Michael

President, Churchwide Executive Board 2011–2014

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Jenny Michael was elected president of the churchwide executive board of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at the 8th Triennial Convention in July 2011.

Previously, Jenny served as a churchwide executive board member during the last triennium. She has also served as president of the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization, president of the Tampa Conference, and leader of her own congregational unit. While living in Tampa, Jenny assisted on planning committees for women's events with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Florida and has participated as a leadership resource for her synod.

As a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pensacola, Florida, Jenny is an active member of her congregational unit and sings in the choir. She currently volunteers on the Worship Committee and Evangelism Committee at her home church. Additionally, she has led retreats and workshops, and provided leadership training and programming for Women of the ELCA.

A few years ago, Jenny worked for a short time as a government contractor in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. While in Cuba, she was given special licensure by the Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod to serve the small, but faithful Lutheran community church there as a Lay Minister of Word and Sacrament since there were no ordained chaplains available on the base. She preached each week and was responsible for many pastoral duties in the absence of clergy.

Jenny enjoys reading, taking her pug, Squishy to the "doggie beach", and sharing in women's discussion groups. She loves to travel and enjoys meeting new people. Being from a family of four girls and parents who fostered a strong image of how women shape our world, she says she puts the "G-r-r in GIRL!" Jenny is always interested in encouraging every woman to discover her gifts of leadership. She is committed to supporting women as they seek to live out the Gospel in their lives every day.

During this triennium, Jenny is especially excited about the possibilities to grow the mission and ministry of Women of the ELCA. She is looking for you to share with her how best we can make this happen!

Registration

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



Convention

Registration Deadline: 10/15

Delegates must register by 10/1/2012

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

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 Nomination Form

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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 15, 2012.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Helen Riggs, Nominations Chair

5446 Trevino Way, Banning, CA 92220

(951) 845-2989

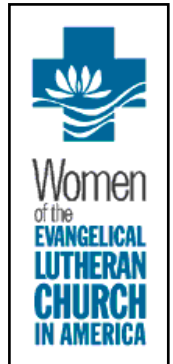
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2012 Convention Scholarship Form

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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:

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, 2012** to:

Inga Sanders, 16370 Jupiter Circle, Westminster, CA 92683

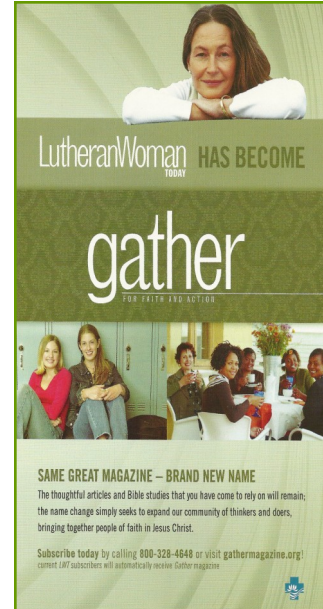
(949) 463-6642 (home & cell)

Email: inga.sanders@gmail.com

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Have you read any of these publications lately?

Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Cluster Event that was held 4/14 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fullerton. Speaker was Pastor Cheryl Corneliussen, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Orange. Love Gifts were collected for La Habra Community Resource Center.



Have you worn one or do you own one of these hats?

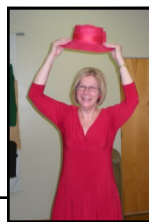


Big Bear, Mariposa & Raincross Cluster Event

Held on April 14th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Banning, 36 women gathered for "Hat's off to you". Greeted by SWO board member Verlette, devotions given by Pastor Paul Scheitlin. All the ladies brought their singing voice for a round of "Hats".

Russie Frieze narrated the event and started off with a brief history of ladies hats. Wearing a hat was started by the Milliners, who made the first women's hat.

However, since we now live in a busy world, can we be still long enough to hear God speak words of encouragement, support, comfort, wisdom, and grace. It's a choice we make to take more time for God. HE knows the many hats we wear, but HE also knows we need HIM. The secret is to lay all of our hats at his feet daily, and let HIM rearrange them. HE, the Divine Hat Maker, who gave us these responsibilities.



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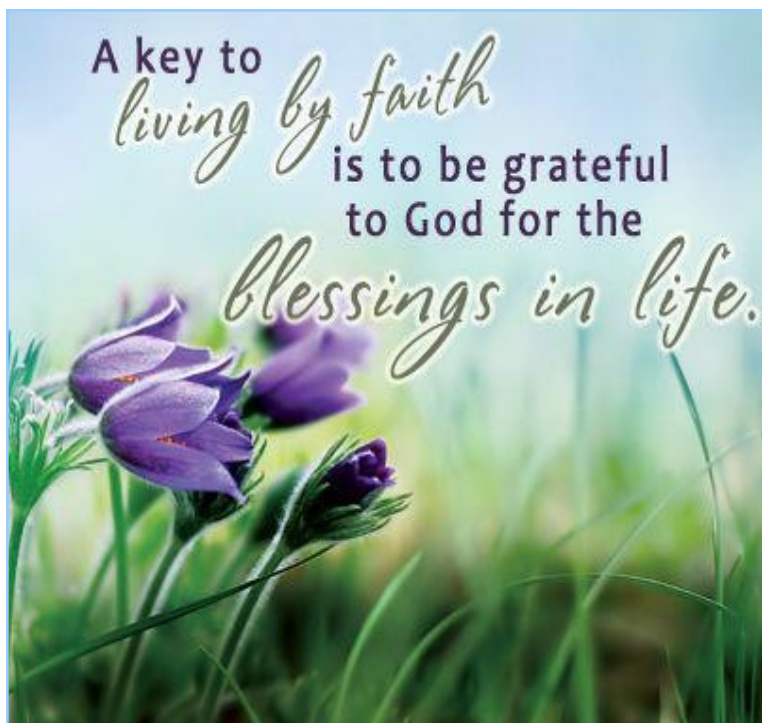
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Address changes and corrections should be sent to the Secretary:

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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.*

Find us on Facebook 

Asking God for You by Holley Gerth

Lord, When we're weary, You're our strength. (Isaiah 40:31)

When we're afraid, You're our courage. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

When we're uncertain, You're our hope. (Psalm 42:5)

Whatever our circumstance, You're all we need...and more. (Philippians 4:19)

Asking God to meet your needs, encourage your heart, and fulfill all His plans for you.



Calendar of Events

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May 12, 2012 Victorian Tea
Location: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Garden Grove
Time: 11am
Reservations: Michelle Timothy (714) 539-5202

May 17-19, 2012 Pacifica Synod Assembly
Locations: Irvine Marriott
More information: www.pacificasynod.org



May 20, 2012 Friendship Tea
Location: King of Kings Lutheran Church, Oceanside
Contact: Loretta Gerken (760) 476-3634

June 9, 2012 First Ladies Dolls
Location: King of Kings Lutheran Church, Oceanside
Contact: Loretta Gerken (760) 476-3634

June 23, 2012 SWO Board Meeting
Location: Our Savior, Banning

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

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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2011-2012 Synodical Board Members

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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.serrv.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

The deadline is..

June 6th, 2012

for Pacifica Partners

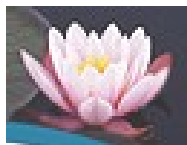
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