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# *Pacifica Partners*

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## *November 4-6, 2011*

### *Women of the ELCA Annual Convention*

### *Hampton Inn, San Diego, CA*

*Theme: God's Promise, Purpose, Prayer and Praise*

*Bible verse:*

*Psalms 138:8 God made each of us for a purpose*

*Bring your laughter, prepare to have fun  
and  
dust off your best Hawaiian dress!*



# Greetings from your Pacifica W-ELCA President

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

I would like to focus on the Women of the ELCA INTERCHANGE for April 2011 that I received today and immediately read all eight pages. It contains a wealth of information and I loved the Top Ten Reasons to go to the Eighth Triennial Gathering in Spokane, Washington, July 14-17, 2011.

Think this over:

*Singing will never be the same after you hear 2000 women sing the song "Halle, Halle, Halle".*

*Ideas for study, service, support, advocacy and giving*

*Resurrection after hearing speakers*

*Dance and sing with no worries.*

*Bringing Prayer Shawls you or a sister knitted with blessings and prayers*

*Dynamic preaching*

*Key speakers, workshops galore*

*Offerings joined together to support the ministries of Women of the ELCA.*

*New friends, build connections to expand worldwide*

*You will be renewed. You will respond. You will rejoice!*

So please join our 4 Pacifica delegates and myself and our additional 20 ladies attending. Registration is still open on-line for our 8th Triennial Gathering "**Renew, Respond, Rejoice!**" in Spokane, Washington from July 14-17, 2011. Be sure to make your hotel reservations soon. 1700 Lutheran women have registered. What a wonderful uplifting and fulfilling journey you will experience. Please drop Karen Ronchetti, Vice President or myself a line if you are going. Registration is \$325.00 (adult).

Go to: [www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial11](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial11).

Registration packet, information and hotel choice forms are all there for you.

In the mail this past month you received my special letter asking for each Congregational Unit to join in the Triennial Convention Offering. Did you receive it? If not, see a copy of my letter in this newsletter. By contributing your unit will be making a difference for the amazing projects and to the life and ministry of Women of the ELCA.

Once again I ask for your special prayers as these offerings are collected to support ongoing ministries of the Women of the ELCA churchwide organization (50%), Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia (ELCMA) 25% and ELCA Outdoor Ministries (25%).

**Coming up event**-don't forget to stop by our Pacifica Women of the ELCA display booth at Synod Assembly, May 19-21, 2011 at Marriott Hotel, Irvine.

**Looking ahead**: Summer Bible Study in Lutheran Woman Today (June and July/August issues) invites you

**Save the date**: Nov. 4-6, 2011 Pacifica Women of the ELCA annual convention, San Diego, CA.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for your Pacifica Board. Don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

*Blessings,  
Andrea Campbell*



# 2011 Convention Scholarship Form

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***Women of the ELCA  
2011 Pacifica Synod Convention  
Hampton Inn, San Diego  
November 4-6, 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 full registration for the day. 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 full registration for the day. 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, 5 meals (Friday evening, 3 meals on Saturday and Breakfast Sunday and full registration.

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, 2011** to:

Inga Sanders, 16370 Jupiter Circle, Westminster, CA 92683

(949) 463-6642 (home & cell)

Email: inga.sanders@gmail.com

# Triennial Gathering News & Information

***Pacifica Women you are invited to join us to...***

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## Prayer Shawl Collection

Get out your knitting needles and crochet hooks and create a prayer shawl. The shawls will be given to ministries in our host synod, the Eastern Washington–Idaho Synod. Let's see how many prayer shawls Lutheran women can amass at the gathering! "Shawls. .. made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify." Janet Bristow, co-founder of [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com), reminds us of this.



This is a great project for individuals or women working together in congregational units. Whether you've been making shawls for awhile or just now want to start a group, you can participate. Begin your shawls with a prayer of dedication and complete them with a prayer of blessing.

These prayers and a special label to print and use are available at [www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering) or by calling 800-638-3522. Women who cannot attend the gathering in person are welcome to create prayer shawls too. Shawls can be brought to the gathering and deposited in the Exhibit Hall, Camp Dianoigo. Shawls can also be mailed to the Eastern Washington–Idaho Synod Office for arrival between June 1 and July 1, 2011.

Mail to: TG11 Prayer Shawls, Eastern Washington–Idaho Synod, 314 S. Spruce Street, Suite A, Spokane, WA 99201-5823.

*"Go with an open heart, open ears, and open mind. Be prepared to leave as a different woman, one who has grown in her faith walk and ready to share. Once you go, you're hooked!"*

Gwen Edwards, 45, Bellevue, Nebraska



Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

## Revitalize Yourself in One Transformational Weekend

Eighth Triennial Gathering • July 14-17, 2011 • Spokane, Wash.



Are you looking for a life-changing experience that will inspire you to live out your faith? Escape from the busyness of your life and renew your spirit.

Participate in workshops, exhibits, worship services, city tours and many other activities. Speakers include peacemaker Leymah Gbowee, whose interfaith efforts brought peace to civil war-torn Liberia.

**CONNECT** with Lutheran sisters from around the country. Enjoy fellowship. Seek support. Meet women like you.

**CELEBRATE** your Christian faith. Revitalize and grow in faith. Witness powerful speakers, absorb soul-stirring music and interact in enriching Bible studies. Rejoice!

**DISCOVER** your heart for service. Learn how to use your gifts and talents to nourish your community within and beyond church. Respond to your calling. Make a difference.

"The intergenerational connections made between women of faith were amazing."

—AMY SANTORIELLO, 34, ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

"It's important for women to take time to renew themselves. I was inspired and refreshed."

—LORI BLACK, 45, ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ASHTON, ILL.

"It's fellowship with family time. I encourage mothers to invite their daughters and daughters to invite their mothers."

—SUSAN HUMPHREY, 55, JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH, TULSA, OKLA.

### Find out more!

[www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial)  
1-800-638-3522 ext. 2730



Women of the ELCA

## Quilt Challenge (for more information, go to [www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/triennialgathering))

Make a quilt interpreting the theme, Renew, Respond, Rejoice! The challenge comes not only in interpreting the theme but also in working within certain rules. The quilt must interpret the gathering theme, Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

1. Finished size of the quilt must be 40 inches square.
2. Traditional or original patterns may be used. Credit must be given when using the pattern or design of another.
3. Quilts may be pieced or appliquéd or a combination. They may include surface embellishment techniques (e.g., dying, trapunto, stenciling, whole cloth, embroidery, batik, painting, embossing, etc.).
4. Each quilt must be quilted, not tied. Both machine quilting and hand quilting are acceptable.
5. Each quilt must have a sleeve attached to the top back for hanging. The sleeve opening must be 4 inches wide after it is attached to the quilt and must be attached in a way that it will not show when the quilt is hanging.
6. A fabric identification label must be securely sewn to a bottom back corner of the quilt (a paper label pinned to the quilt is not acceptable) with the name, address and telephone number of the entrant.
7. The challenge is open to all women who are members of ELCA congregations. The quilt must be the work of a single individual; no group or two-person quilts will be accepted. Quilt(s) must be constructed and quilted by the person named on the entry blank. The quilter need not be planning to attend the 2011 Triennial Gathering in order to participate in the quilt challenge.
8. Limit of 2 entries per person. Entry fee is \$5 which includes return shipping. Quilts may be picked up on site with proper identification at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2011, in the exhibit hall. If you are unable to pick up your quilt(s), you must notify Women of the ELCA in writing with the name of the person picking it up; that person must also show identification. Those quilts not picked up will be shipped to the entrant following the gathering.

All quilts must be received in the churchwide office by May 1, 2011, along with a completed entry form. [Download and print the entry form](#). Mail quilts to: Women of the ELCA Quilt Challenge, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631.



April 2011

Greetings, Sisters in Pacifica!

This is the year of our churchwide Eighth Triennial Convention and Gathering of Women of the ELCA. Hopefully, you all know by now, we will be meeting in Spokane, Washington under the theme, “Renew, Respond, Rejoice” July 14-17, 2011. We have twenty five women, including our five delegates, who will be attending. We have been challenged to have fifteen more register by June 15<sup>th</sup>. I’ve heard of a few more who are planning to register by that deadline. To get all the information go to [www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial11](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/triennial11). We’d love to have you join us! There is no better way to really come to understand what our organization is about and what we accomplish and support.

Individual women will have the opportunity to give an offering during worship times in Spokane. Each synod is also challenged to bring a special offering from their units. This offering will be taken during the business sessions which are July 12-14 prior to the Triennial Gathering time. The offerings collected are designated as follows: 50% to the Women of the ELCA churchwide organization for ongoing ministries; 25% to the Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia (ELCMA) and 25% to ELCA Outdoor Ministries. These designations were made by action of the churchwide executive board and are in response to memorials passed at the Seventh Triennial Convention in 2008 in Salt Lake City. As women, we have always worked to make a difference and this is one way we can glorify God and make a difference in the lives of women and children worldwide! We are making it possible for every unit to contribute to the triennial offering because I know how much you care about the ministries it will support.

This letter is being sent to the last named contact we have in our system. If someone else should now receive it, please pass this on – and notify me of the correct current contact for your unit. You may submit your unit’s offering to our Pacifica Synod treasurer;

Inga Sanders  
16370 Jupiter Circle  
Westminster, CA 92683

***Checks should be made payable to Pacifica Women of the ELCA but clearly marked as Triennial Offering.*** We will then bring one check from our synod to the convention. Large or small, all offerings will be thankfully received!

Acting Boldly in Christ!

*Andrea Campbell*

Andrea Campbell, President  
Pacifica Women of the ELCA

# Happenings . . .

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## Son & Surf, Saddleback & Rejoice Cluster Event-April 5, 2011



*Bold singing!*



*Pretty!*

## Inspirational Speaker, Karen Merkel



*Fun by all!*



## Love Gifts for... "Working Wardrobes"

## Paula's "bridal veil", lifted



## "Bible Study in the OC" at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Clemente Saturday, September 17, 2011 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

*Start your fall women's Bible study here!*



*Join the ladies of Our Savior's in welcoming*

Rev. Patricia Lull, author of the 2011/2012 Lutheran Woman Today Bible Study

## "To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark"

Cost: \$25.00 Childcare available Please register by: September 1st  
Questions? Contact Kelly Frohner at 949-361-2331 [andrewsmom@prodigy.net](mailto:andrewsmom@prodigy.net)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church & School  
200 Avenida San Pablo, San Clemente 92972 949-492-6164  
[www.oursaviorsonline.com](http://www.oursaviorsonline.com)

Name _____	Church _____
Phone # _____	e-mail _____
Childcare needed? (please bring a sack lunch for children)	
# of children _____	ages _____
Enclose your check for \$25.00 made out to OSLC rsvp by 09/01/11 mail to: Our Savior's Lutheran Church 200 Avenida San Pablo San Clemente CA 92672 attn: Kelly Frohner	

*"Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think and Sent to Serve"*

## Sonshine/West Cluster Spring Event Saturday, May 14, 2011

## "Madame Alexander First Lady Dolls"

With Avaluee Smith

She will tell us "accurate stories" about our first ladies and the Presidents with her collection of Alexander Dolls in their inaugural ball gowns.

Registration: 9:15 am - \$5.00 - Breakfast/Brunch  
Each Church to bring a Breakfast Dish  
Program to follow

Love Gifts: National Stand Down for Homeless Veterans  
Suggestions are - Socks, Usable Clothes, Blankets, Towels, Wash Cloths, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Disposable razors, Toiletries for Men & Women.

Clairemont Lutheran  
4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego 92117

Rsvp by May 9th: Joyce Boutte - 619.463.6734



*Save the date!*

Saturday,  
June 18, 2011

## King of Kings Fashion Show

By Martin and CO

2993 MacDonald Street + Oceanside, CA 92054  
Telephone: 760-757-2525 (M-F, 7:30 - 4:00)

Proceeds will be given to WELCA community programs

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Address changes and corrections should be sent to the Secretary:

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84-740 Kili Dr. #1123  
Waianae, HI 96792  
Email: [alohaboo@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:alohaboo@hawaii.rr.com)

Just a quick reminder from the editor...

We are currently updating our contact information regarding your unit and church. Even if you have "no" changes, would you please drop me a line at: [welca@verizon.net](mailto:welca@verizon.net), so I can be sure all is correct in our database. I have had many returns both mail and email and just want to make sure everyone is getting all the current information.

Thank You, Karen



**Do you  
know  
where  
your  
"Cluster"  
Banner  
is ????**

**If so, please let  
Karen know @  
[welca@verizon.net](mailto:welca@verizon.net)!**

**(would like to use them at  
Convention in November)**

***Information needed...***

If you have someone in your family, a friend or a church member that has military overseas, I would like their address ASAP.

My daughter and I are creating care packages for these "special" men and women.

Please send their names, address to:  
[welca@verizon.net](mailto:welca@verizon.net)

Thanks, Karen Ronchetti, SWO Vice President

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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.*

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| May 14, 2011       | Sonshine/West San Diego Cluster Spring Event<br>“Madame Alexander First Lady Dolls” with Avalee Smith<br>Location: Clairemont Lutheran, San Diego<br>Time: 9:15am(includes Breakfast/Brunch)<br>Cost: \$5.00, see page 6 for more information         |
| May 19-21, 2011    | 24th Annual Synod Assembly “Come to the table”<br>Location: Marriott/Irvine<br>Thursday 10am Forums - Saturday 11:30am Closing Worship<br>Any questions, please call Pacifica Synod - ELCA/Lutheran Center for Mission and Learning<br>(714) 692-2791 |
| June 18, 2011      | “Fashion Show”<br>Location: King of Kings Lutheran Church, Oceanside<br>For more information, see page 5 or call church (760) 757-2525  |
| July 9, 2011       | Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf President’s Planning Meeting<br>Location: Newport Harbor Lutheran<br>Time: 9am   |
| July 14 - 17, 2011 | Women of the ELCA 11th Triennial Gathering<br>Location: Spokane, WA<br>See page 5 for more information  |
| September 17, 2011 | Bible Study in the OC<br>Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente<br>Time: 9am - 2:30pm<br>More information to follow   |
| October 1, 2011    | Rejoice, Saddleback and Son & Surf Fall Cluster Event<br>Location & Time: TBA   |
| November 4-6, 2011 | Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention<br>Location: San Diego<br>More information to follow  |

## Letter from God...

*When you get your mail, what do you open first. The printed envelope addressed to “Current Occupant” or the handwritten envelope addressed to you? Chances are, you eagerly open the handwritten envelope first, because it’s just for you. It’s personal.*

*God personally addresses a “letter” to each of us in His Word. He invites us to eagerly open it, read it, study it, and apply it to life. In His Word, God delivers Good News to us as He demonstrates Jesus’ victory over the sin that riddles our world and the sin that infects each of us personally. God makes Himself personal to us by assuring us of His presence wherever we find ourselves, whether living happily and at ease or burdened by need and hardship. Though the Holy Spirit remains the fount of faith for all of us, this same Spirit moves us as we use our personal talents, gifts, resources, and opportunities to serve God and others with joy and gratitude. Like a handwritten letter from a loving Father to a beloved child, God’s Word comes to each believer as a personal message of mercy, love, and compassion. Open His letter to you. Read it, study it, and **do** take it personally.*



# PACIFICA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## 2010 Synodical Board Members

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## *Informational Web Sites for “your” use...*

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[www.pacificasynod.org](http://www.pacificasynod.org)

Pacifica Synod

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

This will access the national church wide office

[www.womenofheelca.org](http://www.womenofheelca.org)

(Note: New domain name for churchwide website of the Women of the ELCA; *Caf  *, for free website for women 20-35 is part of this website).

[www.lutheranwomantoday.org](http://www.lutheranwomantoday.org)

(This website will access LWT 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.

The deadline is..

*June 5th, 2011 for Pacifica Partners*

Email: [welca@verizon.net](mailto:welca@verizon.net)

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