



# Pacifica Partners



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*Romans 12: 10-11*

*"Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in  
....serve the Lord"*

## *Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention 2010*

November 5-7, 2010

**King of Glory Lutheran Church  
10280 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA**

**Worship      Election of Officers      Workshops**  
**Bible Study      Silent Auction      Great Fellowship**

**We welcome for our  
Saturday Evening Banquet.**

**Lee Ezell,  
Inspirational Author and Speaker**



# Letter from the President

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**ININVITE! VITE! INVITE!** How often have you turned down a personal invitation? When someone takes the time to talk with you personally and invite you to go with them to one event or another, does it not seem more special - and harder to say no? We know that for those who are not Christians, coming to know Christ as their personal Savior probably was a result of a personal invitation to church or some other event and then the Holy Spirit led them to Christ. But it started with an invitation. So too, it takes personal invitations for women to come to convention. Some women have always been part of this organization and will come. Invited or not - they just know that is where they want to be the first weekend in November! There are many others who do not fully know and understand just what our organization is and does. They do not see the connection because their mother was not involved or even maybe what they see in their own congregation seems like something that does not appeal to them.

In the past we have sent a mass mailing - through the post office - inviting women who have attended in the past. Today's economics say it is better stewardship to email and put the invitation on our web site. Even a mass mailing does not reach those who have never attended. So the invitation has been out - the challenge is for those who have received an email notifying them that our latest newsletter is available on the web site and that it contains the invitation and registration form, that they in turn make sure that information is more widely publicized. There is a flyer, post it in your churches where all can see. Make copies of the information and personally hand them to women you feel will or should come! Target a woman who is not involved in this great organization and personally invite her and follow up with ways to make that happen. There is scholarship money available - our treasurer says that as of now, she has only received three applications.

I have always felt that especially in the 1960's decade, many families left the church. Eventually, many came back but it left a gap in the continuity of daughters seeing their mothers involved to an extent that they too just naturally followed in their mothers' footsteps. The only way that gap can close is to invite women to become a part of Women of the ELCA so they too will again become models for their children to follow.

The Women of the ELCA as an organization can mean many different things to many different women. So coming to our Pacifica Synod convention will give a wider perspective of all this organization offers. Coming to the Triennial Convention and Gathering in Spokane WA in July of 2011 gives an even broader and more complete perspective. Some women get involved at their local unit, then attend and become involved in the Cluster, then Synod, and finally, perhaps a Churchwide Triennial. But others have begun by attending a Triennial and being so infused with enthusiasm, that they take that back to their local units and transfer that enthusiasm there and then work their way to Cluster and/or Synod and back to Triennial.

So again, invite, invite, invite! Don't forget women of every age!

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**THRIVENT BUILD:** As I write this, I'm not sure of the status of women actually working on a house. All along in our planning, I have envisioned this to be a half day servant event. I remember my daughter working on a house during the San Antonio Triennial for a half day. We also have important business and elections to conduct, Bible Study and Worship, and we have just a weekend, so the half day would be just right. But now I have been made fully aware that to experience the actual build, they must arrive at the site at 7:30 am and stay until 3:30pm which means they won't be able to also be delegates. Last month I wrote about needing to receive registration forms so that we would have a number and can better determine the time schedule for Saturday. To date, I have few registration forms. I need to know quickly if there are women interested in swinging a paintbrush or doing other interior work. Please email or call me even before sending your registration form and dollars.

In our recent communications we have discovered also that we had been talking with the Greater Los Angeles area but that there is also a group in Orange County. The site in OC does have room for ten women - if we can confirm them very soon. Those ten women will miss our Sat am Bible Study but would be back in time to shower and change for worship and the banquet. If we don't have ten volunteers, we likely will schedule the day a little differently.

We have also been getting a bit more information on whether it is feasible to work at what is called home improvement stores or "ReStores". This is not Home Depot or Lowes but rather thrift stores having items for home improvements. The work will involve cleaning and organizing and helping customers etc. We had first planned that this might be an alternative for those husbands who come along or teens age 14 and above (must be 16 to work on the house) and/or for women and husbands who volunteer over the number needed for the house build. The addresses we got seemed out of reach but we now know there are two very close in Orange Co. Unlike the Greater Los Angeles Area, the hours we might work there are not given "Lutheran Volunteer" hours in the Thrivent Build system. Doesn't mean we can't work there but again, they need to know so they can determine their schedule.

If you are looking for a very worthwhile hands on project, register immediately and indicate your willingness to work on the build site or a ReStore. Otherwise, the whole rest of the convention weekend will also be so worth your time and money! Come join us!

See you all in November!

Acting Boldly in Christ!

Eunice

# Time Schedule for Convention

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## **Friday:**

We are working on planning activities for those who arrive early - perhaps a workshop that will be repeated on Sat, a beachwalk, prayer quilt tying, etc

3 pm Registration begins.

Dinner

Bible Study

Business Session - election of new president and first ballot for vice president.

## **Saturday:**

Still mulling the time table for this day. It will contain a business session, the Thrivent Build, workshops, worship and close with a banquet.

Banquet Entertainment - **Lee Ezell**

## **Sunday:**

Breakfast

Final Business Session w/installation of new board.

Worship with King of Glory

## **Names to remember:**

Chaplain – Pastor Kim Krogstad, **Christ Lutheran, San Clemente**

Bible Study Leader – **Diaconal Minister Barbara Martyn, First Lutheran, Fullerton**

Churchwide Rep – **Diane Brauer, current member of executive board**

## **OFFERING:**

We will receive the unit Praise Offering during the Saturday business session. Individual offerings will be taken during worship on Saturday and may also be received during Sunday morning worship as long as it is clearly marked Pacifica Women of the ELCA. Fifty percent of this year's offering will go to our Churchwide Women of the ELCA. Another 25% will stay with our Pacifica Women of the ELCA. The other 25% will be divided among our Ethiopia companion synod, nets for malaria, and a fund for Thrivent Build construction materials.

## **SLEEPING ROOMS:**

Since the convention will be held in a church setting rather than a hotel setting, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Courtyard Marriott which is within walking distance from the church. When you are driving to *King of Glory* on I 405, you take the Brookhurst North exit. Then at the first light you turn right onto Slater. At that corner, on the left, is the Marriott-Courtyard hotel (9950 Slater Ave). **This year we will go back to a former tradition where you call the hotel to make your own reservations. The number is 1-888-236-2427. Be sure to ask for the rate for Pacifica Women of the ELCA.** If you live close enough and choose not to stay in the hotel, you may do that. If you have Marriott points you wish to use, that too will be possible. *We have a flat rate of \$94 (which includes tax) per night for up to four per room. You can choose from either two queen beds or one king bed. This special rate will be honored for two days before and 2 days after convention*

# Workshop / Activities / Love Gifts

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## **WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES:**

If you are not going to the Thrivent Build site, there will be activities and workshops at King of Glory.

### **Activities:**

Participate in tying a prayer quilt, assemble housewarming gift baskets, and assemble boxes of kitchen and pantry items.

### **Workshops:**

**A. Nancy Gordon, Director for Center for Spirituality and Aging for CA Lutheran Homes** will present a workshop. She was the speaker at the Orange County Cluster Event. Don't let the "for...Aging" fool you - she is very engaging for all ages!!

**B. Our churchwide rep, Diane Brauer, and Eunice Hanson will present a workshop about Women of the ELCA.** Come prepared to ask questions and receive answers about your units. If you think you no longer have a unit, be prepared to change your mind! If you want help and guidance in developing a unit, come! If you need assistance in reorganizing or rejuvenating your unit, come!

**C. Thrivent Build** will present a workshop with more information on their whole program with Habitat for Humanity. They will speak briefly during a business session but this workshop will give you an opportunity to find out more and to ask questions.

## **SHOPPING:**

We will have **Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade craft items for sale.** Also, we plan to have some Lucinda pins. And we are inviting organizations to bring displays. These opportunities will be available throughout the weekend.

**Love Gifts** - The Love Gifts for the November Convention will be given to Thrivent Build / Habitat for Humanity 15 homes in the Orange County area. The homes will still be in construction during November and the Love Gifts will be much needed items for the families. **House Warming Baskets** (*We'll be putting the items in large laundry baskets*)

- **pot holders / oven mitts • dish and bathroom towels • linens • candles • placemats**
- **welcome mat • coasters • fun little books • cake mixes & other fun foods •**
- **Cleaning supplies: Comet, 409, Windex, laundry detergent (liquid or powder), etc. •**
- **Kitchen Pantry Items: Any item that you would like to have in your pantry. Also food for kids are appreciated. Please be sure that the items are those that "do not" expire quickly.**

**Silent Auction** - you may bring baskets (they will not be used as table centerpieces this year). We've had a wide variety of items – continue that tradition!! This of course funds scholarships for our convention with a portion saved for Triennial scholarship/s.

By the September and October newsletters, we will have further bios on participants and more complete titles and explanations for the workshops and other details. Stay tuned - but meantime, get your registrations in the mail! The earlier we know how many women, teens, and children are coming, the better we can finish our planning for this not to be missed event!

**Come! Come to greet and meet Best Friends! Your faith will be stimulated, you will continue and/or make new everlasting connections, be surrounded by overwhelming love, and have opportunities to put God's words into action.**

**Your Convention Planning Team!**

# REGISTRATION

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### Pacifica Synod Gathering

### 2010

### November 5-7, 2010



## Convention

**Registration Deadline: 10/18**

Meals at King of Glory Lutheran Church

Full Weekend \$205 ☐

5 Meals & Registration

*A MUST FOR DELEGATES*

Saturday Only \$175 ☐

3 Meals & Registration

Children:

0 - Elementary Free

Middle School \$75 ☐

& High School

Special Dietary Needs ☐

Other Special Needs ☐

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Hotel

Marriott @ \$94 (Includes tax)

**1.888.236.2427**

Ask for *Pacifica Women of ELCA* rate.

1 King or 2 queen beds (Up to 4 occupancy)

Includes Parking.

Rate good 2 days before and after.

Adult Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Teens Names & Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Thrivent Build - 16+ years YES !!! ☐

Thrivent Home Improvement Store - 13+ years YES !!! ☐

## In Case of Emergency

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Make checks payable to: Pacifica Women of the ELCA*

*Contact Eunice: 760.945.9716 home - 760.717.2646 cell*

*euncehanson@cox.net*

*Mail to: Eunice Hanson*

*3627 Cerro Ave.*

*Oceanside, CA 92056*

- September 19, 2010      Bishop's Gathering (Mariposa)  
Location: Cross & Crown, Rancho Cucamonga  
Time: 1:30pm
- September 25, 2010      Bishop's Gathering (Sun & Surf, Saddleback & Rejoice)  
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley  
Time: 9am
- October 2, 2010      Son & Surf, Saddleback & Rejoice Cluster Event  
Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos  
Time: Registration 8:30am, Brunch & Program, start at 9am  
Cost: \$6 (at door)  
RSVP by 9/26 to Mary Ann Messick (949) 240-7772 or [capomom@cox.net](mailto:capomom@cox.net)
- October 9, 2010      "Tea-ing-up your Finances"  
Location: Hope Lutheran, Palm Desert  
Time: 10am  
(more information, see page 8)
- October 9, 2010      Harvest Cluster Event  
(note date change)      Location: King of Kings, Oceanside  
Time: TBA
- October 9-10, 2010      Annual Craft Boutique  
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley  
Time: Sat 9-3pm & Sun 9-2pm  
Contact: Karen Ronchetti (714) 654-8919 / [craftshow@verizon.net](mailto:craftshow@verizon.net)
- October 16, 2010      37th Annual Festival Bazaar  
Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos  
Time: 8am - 2pm (lunch is also served)  
Contact: The church office (562) 430-3444 or [www.blcla.org](http://www.blcla.org)
- November 5-7, 2010      Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention  
Location: King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley  
Time: Registration begins at 3pm on Friday

## Reflection...

"I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ" (Philemon 1:6)

We all need the experience of fellowship, of coming together as a community of believers. These experiences are a key part of living the Christian life. And coming together in fellowship and worship encourages our good will and acts of faith in the world around us.

*Taken from Women of the ELCA, September 2010 Interchange*



Purpose Statement

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Address changes / Corrections / Bible Study in the OC

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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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**“Teaing-Up Your Finances”**

**Saturday, October 9, 2010, 10:00am**

**Hope Lutheran Church**

**45-900 Portola Ave. Palm Desert, CA**

We, of course, all trust God as our ultimate security. However, sometimes, do you wonder about your finances in the current economy? Have you questions about making the most of your investments for retirement, your children’s college fund or just living? What do those money buzz words they use on TV really mean? How can I avoid identity theft? **Saturday, October 9 at 10:00am** we have an opportunity in an informal setting with women of all ages to get answers to these questions and more. Join us for an interactive morning where NO question is silly. Stephanie Shields and Karen Martin of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be hosting a Tea Party brunch for the women of Hope and share with us their expertise about women and money. You do not need to be a Thrivent member and no sales presentation will be involved. We will enjoy food, fellowship, financial facts and fun. Bring a friend or relative who has shared concerns about her economic picture. We can feel more confident when we are informed. For information and directions call Tina Gates at 760.346.1273. RSVP to Carol Coscione at 877.257.5719 or email [Carol.Coscione@Thrivent.com](mailto:Carol.Coscione@Thrivent.com)

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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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# 2010 Convention Scholarship Form

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Women of the ELCA**

**2010 Pacifica Synod Convention**

**King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley**

**November 5-7, 2010**

I am applying for:

☐ ***SWO What? Scholarship***

I am 13-30 years of age, a first time gathering attendee, and an active member of an ELCA congregation. If awarded, the scholarship will include registration, my hotel room, and my meals during the gathering. Transportation will be excluded.

☐ ***Mahalo Scholarship***

I am 31 years of age or above, an active member of an ELCA congregation, and a first time scholarship recipient. If awarded, the scholarship will include registration, my hotel room, and my meals during the gathering. Transportation will be excluded.

☐ ***Ohana Scholarship***

I am 18 years of age or above, an active member of an ELCA congregation located in Hawaii (a non-delegate), and a first time scholarship recipient. If awarded, the scholarship will include transportation (to be reimbursed up to \$500.00), registration, my hotel room, and my meals during the gathering.

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, 2010** to:

Andrea Campbell, 6555 Jaluit Street, Cypress CA 90630

(714) 891-2556 (home), (562) 493-1901 (work)

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# PACIFICA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## 2010 Synodical Board Members

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Huntington Beach, CA 92646  
(714) 654-8919  
Email: [welca@verizon.net](mailto:welca@verizon.net)



Nominee for: ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ Board Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street & Number

City, State

Zip Code

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are nominating someone other than yourself:

Has this individual agreed to run for the office indicated? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_

Address? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone? \_\_\_\_\_

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.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

**Tina Gates, Nominations Chair**

**40670 Ventana Court**

**Palm Desert CA 92260**

**760-674-8677**

**tgates@hope-lutheran.com**

## *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.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.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.hisrosesandthorns.com](http://www.hisrosesandthorns.com)

A Christian website of Wanda Scott Bledsoe and Janet Sannipoli

[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 minutes 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..

*October 5th, 2010 for Pacifica Partners*

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

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