



Romans 12: 10-11

*"Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in Spirit,
....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
Thrivent Bluid Bible Study Great Fellowship

Please welcome to our convention :

DIANE BRAUER - Churchwide Representative

PASTOR KIMBERLY KROGSTAD - Chaplain

BARBARA MARTYN, Diaconal Minister

- Bible Study Leader

Letter from the President

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Planning really takes place right up until the start of a convention. But in this issue we are updating you with as much as possible so that you will now have the opportunity to register and set your personal plans to attend. Included here are an invitation to attend with as many additional details as we have available, and a registration form. And a flyer for you to hand out as invitations and to hang wherever it will be noticed. You are welcome to reproduce any of the forms. And many, many thanks to Susan Downer of Eden Lutheran for her additional art work and formatting of these forms!

NOMINATIONS: Please note that our chair of the nominations team has changed. Don't worry, anything you sent to Jan was received and will be passed to the new chair. Tina Gates, from Hope Lutheran in Palm Desert, has consented to take on this task. Jan will continue to be involved and will represent the San Diego area but she has had to go to Minnesota for perhaps several weeks to be with her aging parents. She can communicate via email but did not feel she could perform this task as fully as she would like. Our prayers go with Jan and we welcome Tina!

At the Inland Empire cluster event in June, I said that you do not have to ask someone's permission to send the nomination team a name you feel would serve well on the synodical board. That comment got a laugh - but at the same time, I'm very serious. Some people say yes when they shouldn't and others say no very quickly! In this case when a name comes to the team, a letter of call is sent to that woman. The letter indicates her name has come forward as one who has the qualities needed, but it also gives some details of what serving on the board or as secretary or treasurer means. In other words, it includes a job description. Then that woman is invited to prayerfully consider the nomination. She will be called back by a member of the team and given a chance to give an answer and/or to ask further questions. After saying yes, she will be asked to fill out a form describing herself using some specific questions and to submit a photo. These will be in the convention booklet and posted on a poster you can all see when you arrive.

Nominations can be made from the floor of the convention. But there will be a specific procedure. To nominate someone from the floor, you will need to have the permission from that woman and she will need to have filled out the form with her information and submit it to the chair of the nomination team by a time that will be announced during the Friday evening business session. Only a delegate may present that nomination and the nomination chair will make the nomination during the business session.

REGISTRATION: Then I would like to comment further on the registration process. There are a couple of things to note. You will register on your own this year for a room at the Marriott. When we hold a convention in a hotel, the contract usually involves guaranteeing a certain number of rooms and we also experience women who register with us but not the hotel or with the hotel and not with us. So in the past few years we have had an all inclusive rate with double occupancy. But this year we have reserved a block of rooms and do have a reduced rate but it is up to you make your hotel arrangements. That way if you have points you would like to use, you may do so, if you live close enough and wish to drive back and forth, you may do so. You may opt for a single room, two to a room, or four to a room.

A second item to note is that we did not list an early bird date. October 14th is the last date you will be guaranteed a room. If you register later and there is room available, you will still get the reduced rate, but if there is no more space available, you will need to look elsewhere. So while there is not a monetary incentive to register early, it would help us tremendously if you do - especially if you are interested in participating in the Thrivent Build. Usually, by this time, we have a pretty set time schedule for Saturday. But this year, we have some ideas but they could change based on the number of women who would like to participate on site at the Thrivent Build. We are also waiting for a few more details about what it means to volunteer for a couple of hours at a participating home improvement store. Having a large number of women interested in the Thrivent Build will be a nice problem to have, but the earlier we know, the easier it will be for us to finalize the plans. Final numbers for catering are also important so no, you cannot register at the door, but we will take registrations until the week before. Still and again, the earlier the better!!

Have a Happy and Restful Summer as we all continue
Acting Boldly in Christ!
Eunice

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You Are Invited!!
Pacifica Women of the ELCA
November 5-7, 2010

Romans 12: 10-11,

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

Every year we think we've had a top notch event and how can we top it the next year. But again the next year we try to do just that! If you've never come before, this may be just the year for you! If you've come often, you won't want to miss this year!

THRIVENT BUILD:

Last November we were able to connect with a Ronald McDonald House. Because it was a one day event, ending with a banquet, with no facilities to shower and freshen up, we did service but not by getting sweaty and dirty. During our November 2010 Convention in Fountain Valley we will focus both our LOVE gifts and service project on a Thrivent Build (Habitat for Humanity). There are 11 homes being built in the Southern California area and we will have the opportunity to work hands on in the interior of one of the builds. We will also be giving a prayer quilt to each home, and we will help stock kitchens with utensils and pantry items.

While this is a women's event - if there are husbands or partners who would like to work on the Thrivent Build over the weekend while their wife is attending the convention itself, there will be opportunities for that as well. If you would like more information on this unique opportunity, please contact Dona Jenkins at 1-951-237-2987 or email at dona.jenkins@pacificawomen.org.

We can have up to 25 women during a designated time frame - please indicate your desire to participate by checking by the YES on the registration form. There will be other workers there from 8:30 - 3:30 so that the men can work other hours. We will be working on an interior so likely will be swinging a paintbrush rather than a hammer and nails. The house we will work in is less than a half hour drive from King of Glory and is in Long Beach. Car pooling would be great.

Please register early for this project. It will help us tremendously in finalizing the schedule for the day. We don't have complete details yet about volunteering at a home improvement store, but if we have a larger number of registrations for the build, that will be an option.

BANQUET:

In the last couple of years, we have tried holding the banquet at a different time than had been traditional. This year we will go back to tradition and hold it Saturday evening. Details for the program for this event have not been set as yet - our first idea is not able to happen.

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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.

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*

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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: 10/14
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
eunicehanson@cox.net

Mail to: Eunice Hanson
3627 Cerro Ave.
Oceanside, CA 92056

Calendar of Events / Keep in Our Prayers...

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| September 18, 2010 | Bible Study in the O.C. (see page 6 for more information)
Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Clemente
Time: 9am to 2pm |
| 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 |
| October 9, 2010
(note date change) | Harvest Cluster Event
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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

Please keep in our Prayers...

Chicago (ELCA): Beloved author, columnist and speaker Marjorie "Marj" L. Leegard, Detroit Lake, MN, died July 12 after a long history of heart disease. She was 89. Most notable, Leegard was a columnist for "Lutheran Women Today", the magazine of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In an article published about Marj in "Lutheran Women Today," Marj is quoted in the June 2009 piece about her stance as a writer. She considered it a ministry.

God has plans for each of us, for all of our days. We listen as we pray. We listen as we read. We listen as we hear the gospel. While we listen, we hear our names called. There is today a place where you are needed. Where you can be the feet, the hands, the heart, the generosity, the love of Christ in God's creation. "He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless" (Isaiah 40:29). God's children are never discarded. Never useless. Never too old. ("Kettles Covers," May 1995, LWT)



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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.

Bible Study in the OC at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Clemente

Saturday, September 18, 2010

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

A time for Lutheran Women and Friends to come together for Bible Study, Fellowship and Food.

Could you Imagine a world without one of these?



Ladies, join us in welcoming

Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo, co-author of this years Lutheran Woman Today Bible study
as she introduces

"The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity"

Cost: \$20.00 Childcare available Please register by: September 1st

Questions? Contact Kelly Frohner at (949)361-2331 or email: andrewsmom@prodigy.net

Our Savior's Lutheran Church & School

200 Avenida San Pablo, San Clemente 92972 Phone: (949) 492-6164 or email: www.oursaviorsonline.com

Name _____ Church _____ e-mail: _____

Phone # _____ Childcare needed? (please bring a sack lunch for children) _____

of children _____ ages _____

Enclose your check for \$20.00 payable to OSLC rsvp by 09/01/2010 mail to:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 200 Avenida San Pablo, San Clemente, CA 92672 attn: Kelly Frohner

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 18-30 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 20, 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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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

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; *Caf  *, for free website for women 20-35 is part of this website).

www.lutheranwomantoday.org

(This website will access LWT 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.hisrosesandthorns.com

A Christian website of Wanda Scott Bledsoe and Janet Sannipoli

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

Information on Cherish the Children

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..

Sept 5th, 2010 for Pacifica Partners

New Email: welca@verizon.net

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Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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