



## Mission Statement

*To mobilize women to act boldly  
on their faith in Jesus Christ.*

# Pacifica Partners



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*all anew*  
WOMEN OF THE ELCA

2017 Triennial Registration

Information

*Please note important deadlines:*

Deadline to submit **online registrations** (including **day only registrations**) is **July 12, 2017**. After this date, **day registrations** will only be accepted at the registration desk.

If you need to make hotel reservations for the event and there is no availability within the event block, please contact the hotels directly. Information on various hotel options in the Downtown Minneapolis area can be found by going to: [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org) and click Registration, then click the **HOTEL RESERVATION** for further assistance.

## Run, Walk & Roll

Yes! You will have the opportunity to take part in the fourth 5K Run, Walk and Roll in Loring Park just blocks from the three gathering hotels. The \$30 registration fee supports our health initiative **Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls**. It is the primary means of funding grants for churches that wish to change the lives of thousands of women and girls. Participation has grown since our first Run, Walk and Roll in 2005.

You can also **download the Run, Walk & Roll forms and information sheet**.

It would be great to have Pacifica women ALL walk together! If you are not walking, then maybe you can come out cheer on & support those who are.

**I'm walking, how about you!**

*Just a note: If you need a Registration Booklet, please contact*

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*If you have **KITS FOR THE GATHERING** and **NO ONE** from your congregation is going, please contact myself by the end of June and I will take the kits to Minnesota for the Gathering for you and/or your unit.*

July 1, 2017	SWO Board Meeting - San Diego
July 13 - 16, 2017	Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota Information inside this issue and watch for updates See website: <b>www.welcatg.org</b>
November 3-4, 2017	Pacifica Women of the ELCA Annual Convention Location: Calvary Lutheran, Solana Beach

*The deadline submit articles for the  
Pacifica Partners is..*

*August 1, 2017*

*(combo July & August Issue)*

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## Our Purpose Statement

*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.*



**Convention 2017 "Fully Fact" ... LODGING:** Did you know that rooms are being set aside at the *Grand Pacific Palisades Resort* in Carlsbad specifically for us? Or that you have alternative lodging choices? Sleeping in your own bed is one, staying with a friend or relative is another. Have an RV, camper or boat? Check out local sites or marinas. Use your imagination and search out what works best for you!



LOVE FULLY



LIVE FULLY is the theme and 1 Corinthians 16:14 is

the theme verse for our convention November 3-4, 2017 at Calvary Lutheran in Solana Beach. Are you getting excited??!! This month we are focusing on giving you many more details on what you can collect and bring for our Love Gifts. Every year the Love Gifts that are collected are simply amazing. Tables are piled high! Am sure this year will not be any different. Think those collections certainly are part of loving fully and living fully!!

We are targeting two organizations. One is "Calvary Cares" which is our host church's outreach program. They collect many different items during any given year. But for the time of our convention, they have suggested that food items would be most welcome. There is a flyer and a list of suggestions in this issue.

Healing Hearts Across Borders is the second organization. In this issue there is a flyer and list along with a couple of pictures of the children receiving gifts brought to them by Healing Hearts Across Borders. A spokesperson said he brings a lot of school supplies but there are never enough. Backpacks are a higher ticket item and they would really be grateful to receive these. I know school is almost out for the summer but back to school sales are just around the corner!

We are still working on the service projects that will happen especially Friday afternoon but will continue throughout Saturday as well. One idea is to either make fabric bags for individual children receiving school supplies or decorate a box for the supplies.

Last month I mentioned that our hotel rate will be good for three days prior and three days after our weekend. So if there are those of you who will miss the three day event, consider staying at least Saturday night as well and worship Sunday morning with our hosts at Calvary Lutheran. The beach is nearby for an evening stroll!

In our next issue you will find our registration form. The earlier you can register and the earlier we can know numbers attending, the better we can finalize the myriad of details it takes to make this event special for all!

The Pacifica Synod Assembly was just held in May in San Diego. As president, I was able to bring a greeting and of course an invitation to come join us in November. We also had a display table which Karen Ronchetti set up and manned. And we presented Bishop Andy our gift from our organization to the Pacifica Synod. It was the first Assembly under our new Bishop. The Thursday evening worship was a big highlight for me with incredible music!

Then too, our triennial convention is getting close! Keala Simoes and Laura Ortiz along with myself will be voting members at the convention July 11-13. We believe there will be about 31 of us attending the gathering July 13-16. Here is a challenge to make that 50 attendees! It is not too late – contact Karen or go to [womenoftheelca.org](http://womenoftheelca.org). You can even attend just for one day if you will be traveling in the vicinity and want to check it out. Scroll through the pictures on the website from three years ago – you can't help but catch the excitement and fun and inspiration that happens. Then Phoenix in 2020!

Anew in Christ! President Eunice Hanson



**You Are Invited!!**



PACIFICA WOMEN  
OF THE ELCA

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Gathering

November 3 – 4, 2017

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Pastor Meghan Johnston Aelabouni**

**“Love Fully**



**Live Fully”**

Calvary Lutheran Church  
Solana Beach, CA



*More details to follow*

Love Fully



Live Fully

**Convention 2017 “Fully Fact”** ... Did you know that we plan to run a shuttle and car pools on Friday night from Calvary Lutheran to the suggested hotel, the Grand Pacific Palisades, for those who are uncomfortable driving after dark? We’ll work out the details and share them with you in upcoming issues of *Pacifica Partners*.

## Love Fully Live Fully

**Convention 2017 “Fully Fact” ... SOLANA BEACH, HERE WE COME!...** Did you know that our convention site – Calvary Lutheran Church – is just a hop, skip and a jump to the beach? Woohoo! Plan to come down early on Friday, take a stroll on the beach, and find some lunch before heading to the church! It’s more fun traveling together, so load up your car with convention goers. See ya there!!

## Love Gift Recipient Calvary Cares

“Love Fully  Live Fully”

We have selected Calvary Lutheran, our host for this year’s convention, as one of our “Love Gifts’ recipients. Calvary has an outreach program which provides families with non-perishable food items. Below is a list of “non-perishable” food items to donate. Please avoid items in glass containers.



- Canned meats (e.g. chicken & tuna)
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Rice
- Beans (dry or canned)
- Pasta
- Oatmeal
- Tortillas
- Granola bars/cereal bars
- Canned pasta sauce
- Canned fruit/vegetables





**You are invited!** The women of Faith Lutheran Church, Sun City, invite you to our **Annual Fundraiser – Saturday, June 24, 2017, 10:00-noon**. Funds raised will go to Luther Glen's Build-A-Barn Project, and The Care Project, Inc. for their work with breast cancer patients and survivors. Guest presenters will perform and share the history of hula. Your \$15 donation includes the program, lunch, and gift basket drawing. Tickets will also be available that day for additional special prize drawings.

To reserve your entry ticket, contact Dee Seel at 951-672-0969. It'll be fun!!

## Love Gift Recipient



### "Hearts Across Borders"

Our mission...

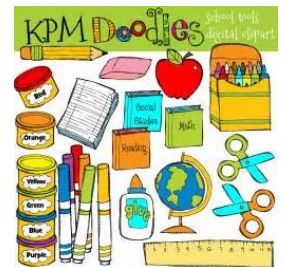
*"to bring healing for the body and hope for the heart to the poor in Tijuana, Mexico."*

### "School Supplies"



bring "kits" with small items, such as:

- pencils
- pens
- markers
- crayons
- colored pencils
- sharpeners
- mini calculators
- staplers
- erasers
- glue sticks



## So you're going to Minneapolis? Check out these apps!

We know you'll stay busy with all the [Tenth Triennial Gathering activities](#): worship, plenaries, servant events, workshops, visiting vendors and exhibits and, of course, shopping. But when you do get out into the city, there are plenty of apps to help you get around. Go to the app store on your device to download these and other apps.

We like the **Sky Walker – Minneapolis Skyways** app. It's a navigation tool for Minneapolis skyways or inside walking areas. You can stay out of the heat and avoid construction using this app.

Other apps you can find in the app store include:

**Minneapolis Travel Guide and Offline City Street Maps**, a travel app that allows you to ditch the books



**Minneapolis Saint Paul Official Visitor's Guide to the Twin Cities area**, published by local convention and visitors' bureaus

**Minneapolis Transit Tracker** helps you maneuver the Metro Transit System

**MPLS Parking**, a convenient way to pay for parking using your phone

**Minneapolis St. Paul MSP Airport Guide**, a flight and travel planning tool

**MPLS Drinker: Happy Hour Finder** (need we say more?)

**Minneapolis Latest News** shows news published by local media

**MPR News (Minnesota Public Radio)** provides up-to-date, in-depth coverage of important developments in the region

### *Transportation from the airport:*

- **Taxi service** Transportation time to and from the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport is about 10-15 minutes and is available outside baggage claim area for approximately \$39-\$49 each way.
- **SuperShuttle** is offering triennial gathering participants a discount for using their service at the Minneapolis/Saint Paul International Airport. The cost is \$15 one way or \$24 round trip to anyone who uses the discount code online or at the airport desk.
- **Light Rail Transit (LRT)** trains stop at both airport Terminal 1-Lindbergh and Terminal 2-Humphrey and connect travelers to 17 other destinations, including downtown Minneapolis to the north and Mall of America to the south. Tickets are sold at ticket machines at the rail stations. Light rail fares for adults are \$2.25 during rush hours (Monday through Friday, 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6:30 p.m. ) and \$1.75 at other times. (Trains run every 10 minutes during peak hours & typically every 10 to 15 min. at other times of the day. From the airport, trains can take you to Mall of America in about 12 minutes and to downtown Minneapolis in about 25 minutes).

## Triennial REGISTRATION is in Full Swing!

### Are you REGISTERED? It's not too late!

After January 6, 2017 registration \$350.

Day registrations \$175.

Featured speakers, preachers and workshop leaders will bring the gathering themes to life. Go to [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org) to **"Download our devotions"** that explore the theme *All Anew*.



**Hygiene Items:** Several organizations receiving your in-kind gifts serve families. Various products are needed, especially in family size. Items needed include ethnic hair products, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, razors, and skin lotion, for women, children, teens and men. Also needed are hand soap, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene items (tampons and pads), towel sets (bath, hand, washcloth), baby wipes and diapers in all sizes.



## SCHOOL KITS



### SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- If you are looking to purchase backpacks, the preferred style is often used in the U.S. for youth to carry athletic equipment. Try your local sporting goods store or search online using the keywords, "buy drawstring backpacks."
- Before purchasing backpacks, make sure they meet the size requirements (14" x 17") and General Assembly instructions. You can download a list from our website of suppliers who have appropriate bags available for purchase in bulk.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- ☐ **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- ☐ **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☐ **ONE** pencil sharpener
- ☐ **ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☐ **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ☐ **ONE** 2 1/2" eraser
- ☐ **ONE** sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

### HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Place ruler between notebooks. Place all items neatly into the bag and draw the drawstring together.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents

Sturdy drawstring backpacks can be purchased best online through Oriental Trading Co.

IN-14/738 (large Bright Color)

(17-1/4" h x 14-3/4"w)

\$27.99 / 12 pk



## FABRIC KITS



### SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

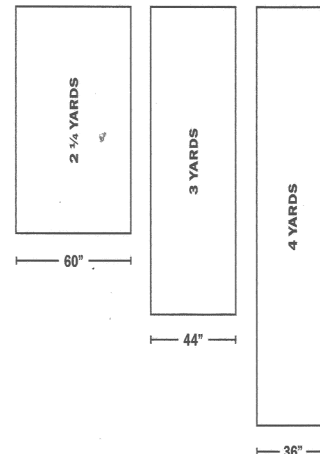
- Fabric should have no stains or holes.
- Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern as long as they fit into one of the three size options.
- Each spool of thread should match one of the pieces of fabric included. Neutral thread is also a good option.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags

### HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Wrap one piece of fabric and spools of thread inside the other piece of fabric, ensuring nothing will fall out. Secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents.

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH FABRIC KIT

- ☐ **TWO** spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- ☐ **TWO** pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits of 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:
  - 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric
  - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
  - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric





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