

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

# Pacifica Partners



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#### You Are Invited!!



PACIFICA WOMEN
OF THE ELCA

30th Annual Convention & Gathering

November 3 - 4, 2017

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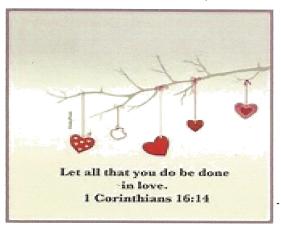
Pastor Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

"Love Fully



Live Fully"

Calvary Lutheran Church Solana Beach, CA



More details to follow

#### Calendar

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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: www.welcatg.org

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

September 1, 2017

(combo July & August Issue)

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# Women **ELCA**

# 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.

# Love Fully Live Fully

**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!

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# 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. Back to school sales are in full swing!

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. But watch for new details – our planning team meets again this month.

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!

This issue also includeds 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!

Our triennial convention and gathering was fabulous as usual! Keala Simoes and Laura Ortiz along with myself were voting members at the convention July 11-13. Becky Shurson was elected Vice President! She has recently moved to Oregon but we still claim her. Keala was also elected to the Executive Board from our region. Which means in November we will be looking for a new representative on our synodical board from Hawaii. Worship and music are always the highlights for me during the Gathering. Then Phoenix in 2020! We should have a large group attending from Pacifica – so start planning now!

Anew in Christ!

President Eunice Hanson

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Love



## Artists - Crafters - Small Business Retailers...

Looking for a place to market your creations and products? Why not consider being a **VENDOR** at our November 3-4, 2017 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention at Calvary Lutheran Church, Solana Beach.

To qualify for a space you must be a member of an ELCA congregation. There is no fee for use of the space; however a donation will be much appreciated.

Contact Jackie Severa

email: jsevera67@gmail.com or phone: 760/464-2309

for an application form.

(Space is limited.)



**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*.

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# **Love Gift Recipient Calvary Cares**

# "Love 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









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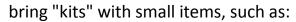


## "Hearts Across Borders"

Our mission...

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

### "School Supplies"



pencils pens



markers crayons

colored pencils sharpeners

mini calculators

staplers erasers

glue sticks



spiral notebooks backpacks













# Registration

# Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering November 3 & 4, 2017



Registration Deadline: 10/18/17	Please Print Clearly
Voting Member must register by 10/5/2017	
	Name:
Friday & Saturday \$80	Address:
Registration & 3 meals	City: Zip:
Saturday ONLY \$60	Telephone: ( )
Registration & 2 meals	E-Mail:
	Church:
Amount Enclosed: \$	Church City:
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Included Meals	Please CHECK all boxes that apply:
Friday: Buffet Dinner Saturday: Breakfast Buffet  Banquet Lunch Buffet	VOTING MEMBER: You may be assigned to a Convention Committee by the President. She will notify you.
Please note if you have any special dietary needs:	Sine will flourly you.
Emergency Contact	NON-Voting Member: Check if your Congregation has a unit
Name:	REPRESENTATIVE: Check if your
Phone Number:	Congregation does not have a unit. You will have a voice, but not a vote.
Please note: Hotel not included with registration. Make your own reservation.  Suggested Hotel  Grand Pacific Palisades Resort & Hotel	SWO BOARD and/or GUEST. CWO Representative, Pastor, member of unit outside ELCA, and/or Vendor.
5805 Armada Drive, Carlsbad (760) 827-3200 or (800) 725-4723 Request the special "WELCA" rate of	FIRST TIME ATTENDEE
\$149/per night. (Not including taxes) Room w/ 2 Queen; Sleeps 4	Unit President and/or Unit Contact

Registration is Non-Refundable, but it is Transferable

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# How Will You Spend Your Summer Vocation?

Cheryl McEnery

We all look forward to vacations, whether they are planned trips or leisure time spent at home. The summer months are equated with vacation. Even those who are not affected by a school calendar look at the warm months of June, July, and August as times for changing our usual schedules to include some rest and relaxation. These months seem to encourage a change in scenery, a slower lifestyle. The word "vacation" comes from the Latin word meaning "to empty" and implies an emptying of our calendars and agendas. But the assumption is always that vacations are short-term events, perhaps a weekend, a week, or even a month. However, all vacations eventually come to an end.

Changing one letter of that word from an "a" to an "o" makes a big difference. The word "vocation" comes from the Latin word meaning "to call" and a vocation is just that: a call to do something, be something, say something.

Jesus had the vocation of redeeming God's people, healing the sick, comforting the poor, liberating the captives, and preaching the Good News of salvation for all. Then He passed that vocation on to His disciples and to us.

There should never be a vacation from that vocation. The "call" continues even when we are at leisure. We must continue this vocation by being gospel to the needs around us, wherever we may vacation this summer.



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