

## Pacifica Partners



### Mission

To mobilize women to ***Act Boldly*** on their faith in Jesus Christ.

### From the President's Desk



LOVE FULLY LIVE FULLY was the theme and the 2017 convention is now history! Our keynote speaker, Pastor Meghan, was extremely well received and definitely was the highlight of our convention! She and Pastor Karla were instrumental in how our convention also turned into a very bi-lingual experience.

A year ago a few of our Spanish speaking women from Clairemont attended our convention and expressed the desire to have at least a Bible study in Spanish. Our planning team asked Alica from St Mark's in Chula Vista to lead that. Then when Pastor Karla and Pastor Meghan got together via phone and email and they saw that on the schedule, they turned it into a whole new vision. Evaluations proved nearly all attendees appreciated and learned from that experience.



We have made a change to a new web master and newsletter editor. Her name is Djana Venolia and she is a member of First Lutheran



in Vista. And we need your help to get it all up and running smoothly. Anyone can log in to [www.pacificawomen.org](http://www.pacificawomen.org) and on the home page, type in your email address and click on “sign up” to subscribe to Pacifica Partners. We are basically starting from scratch so if you registered for convention this year, your email will be input. The churches for whom we have email addresses will also be input. Then we need your help if you know of someone who needs to get a hard copy of the newsletter. Please email Djana or myself (our info is on the **About Us** page of the website). I am in the process now of emailing the church offices to ask whether they are willing to print a copy for women in their congregation who do not have email. If that doesn't work in a few situations, we will take the next step and match those women with someone who does get it by email and is willing to print and mail a copy – even if they don't belong to the same congregation. Which means we are hoping to develop a network where all are able to access our newsletter one way or another! Of course back copies are available on the web site.



Have you checked out ***Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA*** on Facebook? Viola Angebrandt is our author and she does an outstanding job!

Currently we are also exploring ways to connect the website and Facebook.

In the coming months after the new year, you will be seeing more information about our March event. Please put it on your calendar and plan to attend! The date is Saturday, March 3rd and we will meet at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Dana Point. Normally the time frame is from about 9 am to 3 pm. For more details visit **2018 March Event**  
Download the pdf to print and share ***click here***.

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Pacifica WELCA March 2018 Event  
**Christ Within Us**  
**03/03/2018**

Gloria Dei Lutheran, Dana Point

Special Program: Performance of Women in the Bible with Daneen Pysz

Community Service: FAM – Families Assistance Ministries - helping homeless women and children in Orange County.

To know more about Daneen's performance visit:  
[www.biblesbadgirls.com](http://www.biblesbadgirls.com)

We welcome new members to our board! Jean Kartchner is our member from Hawaii. She replaces Keala Simoes who was elected to our



churchwide executive board. Beverly Covey is from Clairemont Lutheran and Kandie Hulme is from Faith Lutheran in Sun City. But...we are short three board members. And we do not have any representation from Orange County. The board would love to appoint YOU! Please let us know if you are willing to

serve for at least this next year.

Anew in Christ!

President Eunice Hanson

## Missed the Convention? Know a little more about the 5 Love Languages



Accordingly to Dr. Gary Chapman (family counselor, radio host, associate pastor and author of several books, including The Five Love Languages and One More Try) there are five emotional love languages — five ways that people speak and understand emotional love. God loves us throughout these five languages: Words of affirmation, Quality time, Receiving gifts,

Acts of service, and Physical touch. ***Read more...***

## Highlights from the 30th Annual Convention & Gathering

A few members emailed us their pictures from the event and since they are all wonderful memories we decided to create a "***Blog***" page on Pacifica Women website to share with you all.



Please download the flyer, print and share with your friends. Invite

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someone to join us!

Click here:

***Flyer***

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website ***click here.***

From the Newsletter Editor.

It is with great joy that I accepted the position of newsletter editor and website manager during the business meeting at the 30th Annual Convention & Gathering.

For this first issue in this new position, I have a couple of things to share.

First I would like to introduce myself. My name is Djana Venolia. I was born and raised in Belem, PA (Portuguese for Bethlehem) located at the end of the Amazon River in Brazil. I am an architect and urban designer and besides holding my consulting business I work part-time at my church as office

manager. I am married and I have an 18-year-old daughter, a dog, and a cat. I am a Zumba instructor and all of that keeps my days pretty busy!

Second I would like to ask your support to make this space something you look forward to receiving every month. As English is my second language, I encourage you to write me emails with suggestions and comments about the current edition, church events, Bible Study themes and ideas for future articles. If



you would like to be a guest writer, contact me. I can be reached at  
dvenolia@yahoo.com.

Sending peace and love!

*Djana*

**Kind regards,  
Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA**



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