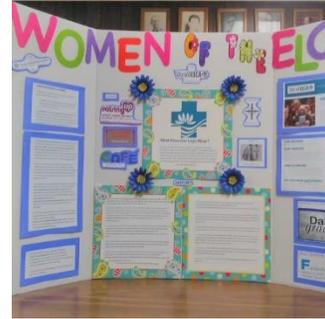




As I write this, the Pacifica Synod Assembly will be held this weekend May 18-19 at Hope Lutheran in Palm Desert. Our Pacifica Women of the ELCA will have a display table. Viola Angebrandt, our secretary, made a new display board. Believe Melissa Anderson, a board member, had something to do with it. And Rosemarie Peterson, another board member lent Viola the board her local unit has in Banning as a starting point for ideas. Viola shared this picture through Messenger on Facebook and I'm not as adept at Google drive but was able to save this to show. It got cut off a bit in the process but gives you a good idea of the work that went into this. We will also have this at our convention in November. Besides our display table, I submitted a written report for the Assembly notebook and will have five minutes Saturday morning to speak.



Jackie Severa, our vice president and chair of our convention planning team, is having back surgery tomorrow – May 16<sup>th</sup>. We pray the surgery will be successful and give her relief from the pain she has been experiencing and of course a quick recovery.

Our keynote speaker for convention will be Opal Singleton or her representative from “Million Kids”, an organization in Riverside that exists to combat human trafficking. She spoke at Faith Lutheran some time ago and presented all the information in a very informative manner that should be heard by all, including young women/teenagers. (Units – think about a way to invite/sponsor/help young women in your congregation to attend convention in November.) We will also have Bible Study by Linda Post-Bushkofsky and we are planning some musical interludes. Our next planning meeting is in June so our July/August issue should have a lot more information as well as registration and scholarship forms. This issue has a save the date flyer that can be printed in a half page size and used to hand out to women in the units.

I hope many of you are following our FaceBook page: Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA. Viola Angebrandt is the author and does an amazing job. She spent time highlighting information on human trafficking. She also shares information about our events and women in our organization. At least every week there is a new post!

If you also follow or like our churchwide Women of the ELCA on FaceBook, you would have seen pictures from the executive board meeting in April. Keala Simoes from our synod is on the board and she was in one of the pictures. And then you can follow link to read about the business and decisions of your executive board.

**Anew in Christ!**

*President Eunice Hanson*