

Pacifica Partners

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From the President's Desk



The convention planning team met April 26 at [King of Glory](#) in Fountain Valley, where our November convention will be held. Though we still are working on invitations to participants, we are excited to announce that Pastor Jennifer Schultz has accepted our invitation to be the worship leader and Karen Ronchetti will cater the meals. While there, we toured the campus and got a sense of the possibilities where the different elements of the convention can be held.

If you are coming for the full convention, you may choose any hotel for your accommodations. We have secured a rate of \$139 plus tax at the [Ayres Hotel](#). It includes free parking, Wi-Fi, and a full American breakfast. It is close enough to walk to the church – and without crossing a busy street. Each room has two queen-sized beds, so have some fun and save some monies by finding a roommate. You will need to register at the hotel yourself by October 1st – request “Women of the ELCA” group rate. The hotel contact information is on the convention registration form.

The [registration form](#) is in this issue of *Pacifica Partners* and on the website. As indicated on the forms, it will need to be returned to Laura Ortiz, our Pacifica treasurer, you will find her contact information on the form. Credit cards can be used for payment using the [PayPal link](#) on our website, www.pacificawomen.com. No, you don’t need a PayPal account to use it. You will still need to send your registration form to Laura even if paying by credit card.

A continental breakfast will be available at the church on Saturday morning. Those who stay at the Ayres Hotel will have a full breakfast available. And those coming for just Saturday, perhaps you are eating before you leave home; however, we still want a way to meet and socialize around a morning cup of coffee as you arrive at the church.

Don’t forget our [save the date flyer](#) – print it and post at your church and make copies to distribute. Send it to your church newsletter editor. Share it on your Facebook page!

[Love Gifts](#) this year will go to organizations in which King of Glory has an established outreach ministry. The [Family Promise of Orange County](#) is a unique organization. Many homeless organizations have provision for women and children and some have men only. Keeping whole families together is a challenge and Family Promise meets this challenge. See the flyer in this issue for what you and your unit can collect and contribute.

It isn't often we have many resolutions to consider at our business sessions. This is the way to initiate desired action. This would be the year to pass a resolution at our convention that we could forward on to churchwide W/ELCA to be considered at the 2020 Triennial in Phoenix. Our churchwide executive director, Linda Post-Bushkofsky, has written an [article](#) to help you formulate your resolution. It is included in this issue and on our web site. Joanne McGavran, our parliamentarian would be very delighted to have resolutions to consider at our convention in November!

The Pacifica Synod Assembly was recently held at Hope Lutheran in Palm Desert. Viola Angebrandt manned our display booth. We had two new requests from others to have a display at our convention, so I've passed them on to Gerri Licke who will be in charge of those who display in November at our Annual Convention. As your president, I had four minutes to speak to the Assembly on Friday morning. I used the time to invite women to our convention and to Triennial 2020 – and to especially invite women pastors to come. Plus I reminded all that our [Church Constitution](#) contains 17.50, a provision that all ordained pastors promise to support which states that “This church shall have a separately incorporated ministry, known as Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to assist its women to commit themselves to full discipleship, affirm their gifts, and support each other in their particular callings.” That is followed by several bylaws describing the structure and how it will operate and then a continuing resolution listing the responsibilities of the Women’s Organization. That list includes: “develop networks for communication among women locally, ecumenically, and globally” and “work interdependently with all units of this church in program development, research, and planning in order to enhance the ministries and participation of women in church and in society.”

In closing, I remind you all mark your calendars for our Annual Convention and I'll see you in November.

Anew in Christ!
President Eunice Hanson

SAVE THE DATE



PACIFICA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

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“Celebrating Fruits of the Spirit”

November 1 & 2, 2019



King of Glory Lutheran Church
10280 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA

The Importance of Thankoffering Sunday

At the spring event held last March at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Rosemarie Peterson spoke about the importance of ladies planning a Thankoffering Sunday service. She recapped the history of women in the early 1800's keeping "mite" boxes to raise money to support church projects. It wasn't until 1889 that an annual Thankoffering Sunday service was held by the Lutheran church. Over \$6,100 was collected at the first service. Today, over \$1 million is collected annually by the Women of the ELCA.

The funds raised on Thankoffering Sunday are used in various ways. In the early 19th century, funds were primarily used to purchase Bible study materials and for social issues such as child labor, literacy and prison reform. Over the years, ministries such as Lutheran World Relief, World Hunger, Disaster Response, and the Malaria Campaign have been supported. Today, scholarships to support the education and ordination of missionaries and women in ministry, homelessness, human trafficking, and helping to keep Churchwide financially operational are major concerns being addressed.

Women were asked questions on Thankoffering experiences, and some shared about previous services held at their church giving those in attendance service ideas.

Additionally, the Women of the ELCA has many resources available to assist women in preparing a Thankoffering Sunday service. Online, go to www.womenoftheelca.org or call the Churchwide office at 800-638-3522

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

BRIEF HISTORY:

- * Collecting donations in small offering boxes goes back to the very early 1800s.
- * Women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to raise money to support church projects.
- * Box was visible reminder to be grateful for the blessings received.
- * In 19th century, funds used for publication of Bible studies and other materials and social issues such as child labor, literacy and prison reform.
- * Idea of an annual church service for women to come together to celebrate their collection, a Thankoffering Service, came later.
- * The first recorded Thankoffering service by women of the Episcopal Church in 1887.
- * First Thankoffering by the Lutheran Church was in 1889 and collected \$6,100.
- * Today over \$1m annually by Women of the ELCA.

HOW FUNDS ARE USED:

- * Scholarships and grants continue to be an important part of how we financially support the education and ordination of missionaries and women in ministry.
- * ELCA gives hundreds of thousands of dollars each year for ELCA ministries like Global Mission, World Hunger, Disaster Response, and the Malaria Campaign while continuing the tradition of developing ministries that are timely and responsive to the needs of women and the whole church.
- * In the 1990s, Women of the ELCA was one of the first organizations to provide a low interest loan to Equal Exchange to promote fair trade coffee. A decade later, Women of the ELCA partnered with Equal Exchange and World Relief and purchased an unprecedented goal of 90 tons of fair trade coffee.
- * Thankofferings support all the work behind the scenes of Women of the ELCA, like our presence at the ELCA Youth Gathering reporting on Sex Trafficking.
- * Health initiative "Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls."

- * Support families of Domestic violence
- * Partnership with Lutheran World Relief
- * Initiative to combat commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking
- * Helps support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization, including our triennial conventions, your elected churchwide board, and annual conference of synodical presidents. (See [Fall 2018 issue of Interchange](#))

RECENT CONCERNS:

The 2018 budget reduced the staff at Churchwide Women of the ELCA by two position. The reason: Thankofferings and regular offerings are down. How can we increase Thankofferings?

HOW YOU CAN TAKE PART:

- * Some women set aside small amounts at home throughout the year and then bring together their gifts with those of other women at church at the end of the year.
- * Some units organize a Thankoffering service with the entire congregation participating and mail in their offering (using [Form B](#)) to address below.
- * Individuals can make a Thankoffering online with a credit card.
- * Individuals can give by mail. Please make out your check to Women of the ELCA and write Thankoffering on the memo line. Then mail it to:
Women of the ELCA
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield VA 22116-8009

RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

- * Currently, the [2018-19 Thankoffering service](#) (in both [PDF](#) & word format) are available from the Women of the ELCA. Order online or call 800-638-3522.
- * Form B in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) and fill it out according to the directions on the form.
- * W/ELCA [envelopes](#) (which are free; just pay for postage) and [bulletin covers](#),

QUESTIONS FOR THE AUDIENCE:

1. Were you ever given an offering box as a young girl?
2. Do you remember anyone having an offering box at home?
3. When was the first time you attended a Thankoffering service?
4. When was the earliest Thankoffering service held in your congregation?
5. What was your most memorable Thankoffering service?
6. What is your unit planning for this year's Thankoffering service?

Silent Auction to Take Place at Annual Convention

Attention Ladies: Even though it is only June, it is not too soon to start looking for silent auction items for our 32nd Annual Convention and Gathering to be held November 1-1.

Suggestions:

Children's games basket, gift cards to Starbucks and restaurants, tickets to movies, wine lovers basket, quilts, candles etc..... you get the idea.

Once you gather enough goodies to make up a great basket, do like I do and get a creative friend to make it pretty!! Please provide a list of items in the basket and the approximate value. I will make up the bid sheets.

All proceeds will go to scholarships; 75% Pacifica annual convention and 25% Triennial scholarships.

Any questions, feel free to contact me at cjwatsong@aol.com.

Yours in Christ,
Christina Watson, Treasurer,
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Some Guidelines For Writing Resolutions

Don't be intimidated at the idea of writing a resolution. It isn't that difficult. Follow along for some tips in resolution writing.

The goal of a resolution is to inform and educate the readers (in our case, the voting members) so that they are inspired to take action and approve the resolution. Therefore, every resolution should:

- have a clear and concise title.
- address only one issue—call attention to a need for action on something in particular.
- call Women of the ELCA to action on something it can influence.
- address concerns relevant to Women of the ELCA that relate to our mission, purpose, ongoing activities
- or governance.
- propose an action or a solution to a problem (or multiple actions or solutions).
- be based on sufficient background and analysis ... you have to persuasively back up the call to action.
- provide enough background to give someone with little knowledge of the subject sufficient information
- to make an intelligent and informed decision.
- be a source of direction, an instrument in planning.

A successful resolution does two things. It identifies and explains what you want addressed. This is the WHEREAS portion. Write as many WHEREAS sentences as needed to fully explain the issue. It also proposes a solution or a plan of action. This is the RESOLVED portion. Multiple RESOLVED sentences are appropriate, with each sentence addressing either a different solution or audience.

The “Whereases”

This first portion of a resolution is a sort of preamble. It consists of declarations of fact that you can support and back up. Opinions are not expressed in this portion of the resolution. Each fact should be listed as a separate sentence or paragraph that begins with WHEREAS, followed by a semi-colon. The final WHEREAS ends with a semi-colon followed by "therefore be it."

The “Resolveds”

This second portion of the resolution states the action that you propose in order to address what you identified in the WHEREAS portion. When writing the RESOLVED section, a guide to keep in mind is that this section ought to be able to stand on its own—you shouldn't have to refer back to the WHEREAS section to understand what is being asked for.

This is the portion of the resolution that includes calls to action. The calls to action can be directed at participants in Women of the ELCA, congregational units, synodical organizations or the whole churchwide organization. The calls to action can involve a single item or they can involve ongoing activities.

The RESOLVEDS can only obligate women within our organization. For example, a RESOLVED could not require United Methodist Women to do a particular thing, but a RESOLVED could require women in our organization to work with ecumenical partners on a particular matter. So, too, a RESOLVED adopted in our organization cannot demand the ELCA to take a stand, but it can direct participants in our organization to encourage their ELCA congregations to do so something.

When a resolution contains multiple "RESOLVED" statements, they are linked by the phrase "and be it further" at the end of each RESOLVED statement, except for the last one.

A RESOLUTION TEMPLATE

WHEREAS, ... (this is the part of the resolution that explains the issue or problem); and

WHEREAS, ... (each resolution should address only one issue or problem); and

WHEREAS, ... (each "Whereas" statement should address only one fact, idea or supporting argument related to

the issue or problem); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that ... (this is the part of the resolution that restates the basic issue or problem and proposes a

solution to the issue or problem identified in the "Whereas" statements); and be it further

RESOLVED, that ... (each "Resolved" statement should address a separate action to be taken or solution

proposed to resolve the issue or problem); and be it further

RESOLVED, that ... (the "Resolved" statement should stand alone and the action proposed therein should be

clearly understood by the reader without having to refer back to the "Whereas" statements).



Pacifica Women of the ELCA

Love Gift Recipients

for 2019

King of Glory "King's Kitchen"



The King's Kitchen is an outreach ministry at King of Glory that prepares a free hot meal on set dates for anyone who is hungry. The Kitchen has a Blessings Table with household, personal care, and food items for those who need them.

We are applying for a Thrivent grant to purchase fleece material to make blankets for the Blessings Table. At the convention, we will be tying the blankets.



Family Promise

A non-profit organization that offers homeless families in Orange County the opportunity to achieve housing stability by providing short term shelter, meals, case management and hospitality

Items Requested: Gift Cards or Cleaning Supplies

Lutheran Social Services



Lutheran Social Services ("LSS") is a non-profit social service agency. LSS provides tangible goods and services such as food pantries & Senior Grocery Program, clothing, emergency vouchers for hotel, bus, gas and utilities, housing and rental referrals, hygiene packs, and seasonal programs to those in need.

Items Requested: Non-perishable food items



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Name: _____ (separate form for each registrant)

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Congregation: _____ City: _____ State _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

(Please check all that apply)

Voting Member Non-Voting Member First Time Attendee Unit President

Representative (Your church does not have a unit. You will have a voice, but not a vote)

SWO Board and/or GUEST, CWO Representative, Pastor, or Member of unit outside ELCA

REGISTRATION FEE: (please circle amount paid)

Friday & Saturday: Convention & 3 meals Regular: \$80.00 Under 35 years: \$70.00

Saturday only: Convention & 2 meals Regular: \$60.00 Under 35 years: \$50.00

PLEASE NOTE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: _____

Make checks payable to: "Pacifica Women of the ELCA" and mail to:

Laura Ortiz 501 "J" Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Phone: (619) 823-3017 E-Mail: Laurasd05@gmail.com

NOTE: Registration is Non-Refundable, but is transferable

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: (Not included in Registration fee. You must make your own reservation)

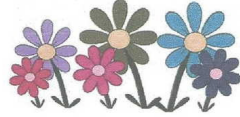
Ayres Hotel 17550 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, CA Phone: 714-861-5170

Request special "Women of the ELCA" group rate of \$139 per night plus tax (Room with 2 Queens)
(Included: Free parking, Wi-Fi, and Full American breakfast)

Hotel registration deadline for this special rate is 10/1/19

The women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Banning, invite you to

Fashions & Flowers



Saturday, June 15th

12:00 noon

Donation: \$10.00

Fashion Show & Luncheon

to benefit H.E.L.P., Inc.

Our Savior's Fellowship Hall
1320 W. Williams, Banning

Get an early start in assembling your summer wardrobe!

H.E.L.P., Inc. is a non-profit agency that runs a thrift store in Banning. Revenue from the sale of gently-used fashions & housewares helps purchase food and incidentals for people in need in the Pass area.

Help is located at 53 S. 6th Street

After the fashion show, HELP will be open just for us to do some private shopping at discounted prices!



If interested in attending, please contact Rosemarie Peterson at 951-267-0680. Ticket sales end June 9th.



You are invited! The women of Faith Lutheran Church, Menifee, invite you to our **Beach Party Fundraiser – Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 10:00am**. Funds raised will go to Faith Lutheran's participants in the Habitat for Humanity International Build in Portugal.

Your \$15 donation includes the program, lunch, gift basket drawing, beach hat contest and more. Tickets will also be available that day for additional special prize drawings. To reserve your entry ticket, contact Arlene Dressler (951-805-7682) or Jan Williams (951-679-8188).

Directions: From I-215, exit onto McCall Blvd. Head west on McCall to the very end. Follow the curve to the left. Take the first left turn, then the first right. The church is immediately on your left at 28200 Portsmouth Dr., Menifee 92586.

Mark Your Calendar

June, Share *Pacifica Partners* with members

June, Publicized/Promote Annual Convention and Gathering

June, Remember in prayer the SWO conventions this month

June 15, Fashions & Flowers, Our Savior's, Banning, CA

June 22, Beach Party Fundraiser, Faith Lutheran Church, Menifee, CA

July, Publicized/Promote Annual Convention and Gathering



July, Remember in prayer the SWO conventions this month

July 15, *Pacifica Partners* Deadline

November 1-2, *32nd Annual Convention & Gathering*, King of Glory, Fountain Valley, CA

July 14-16, 2020, *Women of the ELCA Eleventh Triennial Convention*, Phoenix, AZ

July 16-19, 2020, *Women of the ELCA Eleventh Triennial Gathering*, Phoenix, AZ

Do you have events within your Congregational Unit that you want to invite other ladies to attend?

That you want listed in this "Mark Your Calendar" section? If so, please e-mail them to

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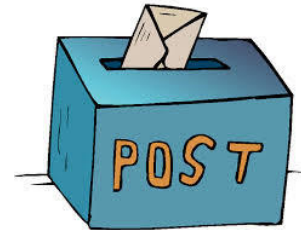
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