

Pacifica Partners

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From the President's Desk



Are you checking in to our [website](#)? We have now posted our [program participants](#). The keynote speaker is a duo. We don't often ask our churchwide rep to do something other than her report, install our officers, and mingle with all of us. This year it was indicated Sara Larson had the gift of public speaking, so we invited her to be our keynote speaker. As a student at Wartburg Seminary, she has enlisted one of her professors to join her in a collaborative keynote. We are excited that Professor Charlene Rachuy-Cox will be joining us! Her picture and bio are on our website.

Pastor Jennifer Schultz from Bethlehem in Los Alamitos, will be joined by our host pastor, Pastor Kinndlee Lund, for our closing worship Saturday afternoon. We will have "breakout" sessions for Bible Study led by Pastor Dianne Finney and Deacon Leah Lind. Pastor Dianne was with us last year from Spirit of Peace in Big Bear City. Deacon Leah is brand new to King of Glory! We are thrilled to be able to welcome all these rostered leaders to be participants in our convention this year!

Our basic schedule for our convention has been developed and is in this newsletter and on our website. Circumstances could change it a little but it gives you a pretty good idea of what to expect. The convention booklet you receive when you arrive will have a few more details of business times.

Our convention offerings (both Praise/Unit offering and individual offering taken at closing worship) will be shared 50% to churchwide, 25% to our synodical budget, and 25% to our seminary scholarship fund.

Look to our [website](#) for all other information regarding our convention – registration form, Love Gift information, Silent Auction, scholarship form, a flyer for you to distribute in your unit, and resolution guidelines. The flyer and registration form and scholarship forms are all available in Spanish.

In the [last issue](#) (available on the website) our treasurer, Laura Ortiz submitted the audited financial statements as of the end of our fiscal year January 31, 2019. They will be printed in the convention booklet, please review them before they are presented during the convention. The budget will be presented at convention and printed in the convention booklet.

And don't forget Gerri Licke and her team are looking for nominees for our board. Would love to be back to a full slate of eight board members. The nomination form is on the website. Let Gerri know if you are willing or know someone you would like to see serve. Remember you do not have to ask that person if they are willing – the nominating team will do that. We will be electing a vice

president by nominating ballot, so be thinking and praying about that position as well.

This bears repeating from the last issue: Since we have been meeting in a church rather than a hotel, we have been able to offer one day registration. The last couple of years, we have worked to make that one day packed with programming. This year we will still offer the one day registration, yet we are working to spread out the business and programming so that you will want to be there both days so that you don't miss anything! Voting members are required to be there both days.

Time flies – and 2020 will be here before you know it. If you did not pre-register in Minneapolis, [registration](#) is now open for our Triennial Gathering in Phoenix July 14-16 of 2020. And [nominations](#) for executive board positions are also open until November 30th. In February, our board voted to transfer \$2000 from our convention scholarship fund to triennial scholarships. Perhaps because the costs for attending our convention in a church are lower, we have had fewer requests for convention scholarships. Therefore, at present, we have \$1,644 available for convention and \$2,710 available for triennial scholarships. Again, see the forms to apply for those scholarships on the website. Don't let funds keep you from experiencing "Just Love" – the worship, the music, the speakers – all part of Triennial in Phoenix!!

Anew in Christ!

President Eunice Hanson

Silent Auction to Take Place at Annual Convention

Attention Ladies: Our Convention is next month! It is not too late to start looking for silent auction items for our 32nd Annual Convention and Gathering.

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. Bethlehem has already put together a Children's basket, Nutcracker tickets, and a "Just for Her" basket. Bring your checkbook or cash!! All proceeds will go to scholarships. Any questions, feel free to contact me at cjwatsong@aol.com.

Yours in Christ,

Christina Watson, Treasurer,
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Be Resourceful -- Help Eliminate Waste

One easy way is to bring your own reusable water bottle to refill and travel mug for your morning coffee or tea. Be sure and have your name on it. Think of the amount of trash that won't have to go to the land fill.

Preliminary Schedule



Friday, November 1, 2019

1:00 p.m.	Convention Registration Opens	Big Ed Hall Hall
1:30 p.m.	"Hands On" begins	Choir Room
3:00 p.m.	<u>Opening of 32nd Annual Convention</u>	Big Ed Hall Hall
	Business Meeting - VP Election	
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.	Bible Study, Break Out Sessions	Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m.	Business Meeting Continued	Big Ed Hall Hall
5:30 p.m.	Dinner	Big Ed Hall Hall
6:30 p.m.	Churchwide Report by Sara Larson	Big Ed Hall Hall
7:15 p.m.	Service of Music, "Woven Image"	Sanctuary

Saturday, November 2, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Big Ed Hall
9:00 a.m.	Opening Devotion, Pastor Patrice	
9:15 a.m.	Display Speakers	
9:30-10:15 a.m.	Keynote, Sara Larson & Professor Charlene	Big Ed Hall
10:30-11:15 a.m.	Bible Study, Break Out Sessions	Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m.	Business Meeting Continued Election of Treasurer	Big Ed Hall
11:45-12:30	Bishop Andy	Big Ed Hall
12:30 p.m.	Banquet Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Business Meeting Continued Election of Board Members Adoption of Budget	Big Ed Hall
2:00 p.m.	Silent Auction closes	
3:00 p.m.	Closing Worship	Sanctuary

Staff collects 19 communicator awards in April

Women of the ELCA staff collected a total of 19 awards at two religion communicators awards ceremonies April 10–11 in Chicago.

For work created in 2018, staff took home eight awards at the Religion Communicators Council (RCC) DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards ceremony, April 10, and 11 awards at the Associated Church Press (ACP) Best of the Church Press Awards ceremony, April 11.

At the RCC banquet at Fourth Presbyterian Church in downtown Chicago, April 10, Women of the ELCA staff won four awards of excellence and four awards of merit.

At RCC, *Gather* magazine won two awards of excellence, one for advertisement and one for a fundraising appeal. Women of the ELCA blogs won an award of excellence as did the Human Trafficking Exhibit at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Also at RCC, *Interchange* and Women of the ELCA's website each received an award of merit. And *Gather* received two awards of merit, one for its table-top display and one for its May 2018 cover.

At ACP, April 11, *Gather* won eight awards and *Café*, three, one in the Best in Class category. *Gather* won an award of excellence, three awards of merit, and four honorable mentions. In addition to its Best in Class award, *Café* won an award of merit and an honorable mention. To read the list of awards, visit welca.org/news.

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Mark Your Calendar

October, Share *Pacifica Partners* with members

October, Publicized/Promote Annual Convention and Gathering

October, Remember in prayer the SWO conventions this month

October, Register for the *Women of the ELCA Eleventh Triennial Gathering*

October 19, W/ELCA 46th Annual Apple Festival Bazaar, Bethlehem Lutheran, Los Alamitos, CA

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

November 20, *Pacifica Partners* Deadline

November 30, Churchwide Executive Board Nominations Close

January 6, 2020, Early Bird Registration, \$325, ends for *Women of the ELCA Eleventh Triennial Gathering*

January 7, 2020, Registration Rate, \$375, begins for *Women of the ELCA Eleventh Triennial Gathering*

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 pacficiapartnerswelca@gmail.com.

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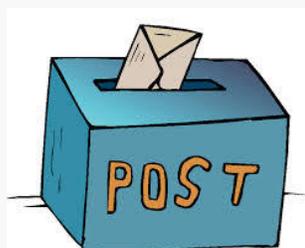
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