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From the President's Desk



2021 ZOOMING WITH OUR SISTERS IN CHRIST

November 6th 1:00 pm (Pacific Daylight Time)

“Spiritual Disciplines” around Colossians 3:16 will be the theme for our Zoom Event. In June when our board met, we were optimistic that we would be able to gather in person for our November annual event. But as we met after the Triennial Convention in August, we felt that we still would not be able to comfortably meet in person in November.

Newly ordained Pastor Juli Patten will be our speaker. She was a scholarship recipient for our convention and then a board member back a few years!! She currently is serving her first call to Christ Lutheran in San Clemente and is excited to be sharing with us. We will also hear from our churchwide representative, Laura Krueger, from the Grand Canyon Synod. The Zoom link will be open by 12:30 to give all a chance to overcome any glitches that may happen and to chat with others we may not have seen for many months! Programming is planned to last about two to two and a half hours including a mix of praise music and traditional music played in between the programming segments. You will be muted but certainly can sing along or use the time to stand and dance in place to the music or otherwise take a short break from watching the screen. Please plan to join in and invite others!

Here is the Zoom Link for this event:

Topic: 2021 ZOOMING WITH SISTERS IN CHRIST!

Time: Nov 6, 2021 12:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634217328?pwd=aWE3S1ltNmpPdTZDQVdwOHl0QW9iUT09>

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Zoom Business Meeting November 5th 6:30 – 8:30 pm. We will be electing ALL board members! Due to COVID some members have now served an additional year so we will be electing two positions for a one year term. Others will be a full two year term. We use a nominating ballot for both president and vice president so be looking and praying for women able and willing to serve. Zoom is able to use a write in ballot that will be anonymous and more easily counted so that we won't be waiting for ballot counts as we do in an in person meeting.

Every congregation is allowed one vote and in addition, our current board members are voting members. We are not requiring a registration fee, but we DO need [registration forms](#) for those who will be voting members. See the form elsewhere in this newsletter. Visitors will be able to join the meeting but not vote. We strongly encourage as many congregations as possible to have a voting member! We hope to be able to accomplish this in about two hours but pray for patience if it takes a bit longer.

Zoom “Mock” Meeting October 28th 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This is being scheduled so all who are interested can practice how Zoom voting will work. This will be as beneficial to me, as the Zoom host, as it will be to all participants. Hopefully, this can be done in one hour, not two, but we want to be prepared. See the link to this in a separate blurb in this newsletter. Zoom link for this event below.

Love Gifts. Human Trafficking is an ongoing problem and an emphasis of our churchwide organization. All of the areas in our synod – San Diego County, Orange County, Inland Empire, and Hawaii have organizations that are hard at work. We have decided to request monetary donations instead of the usual in-kind gifts to make it easier to distribute the generous donations we always receive. We won't have time to personally hear from all four organizations so we have asked our Churchwide Representative to include information in her report. Be sure to mark your donations - individual or congregations – “Love Gift” so as not to be confused with the below offering. Hawaii will be asking for an in-kind gift as they have the ability to distribute it. Our treasurer will divide the monetary gifts evenly between the three organizations on the mainland.

“Convention Offering”. Normally during our annual convention, we gather a Praise Offering as well as individual offerings. The offering is divided 50% to Churchwide, 25% to our Synodical budget, and 25% to our seminary scholarship fund. To do this you can use the donate button on our website. Look under About us and then [Donations and Payments](#). Since we are not meeting in person, this is one way you can continue to support our Pacifica W-ELCA. You can also mail your unit Praise Offering or personal offering to our treasurer: Laura Ortiz, 501 J Street, Chula Vista CA 91910. To support our [Churchwide organization](#) go to the Churchwide website www.womenoftheelca.org and sign up for “Faithful Friends” under the donate button.

Event Flyer and Convention Forms. As mention, they are listed below in this issue of the newsletter. They can also be found on the [website](#).

Anew in Christ!

President Eunice Hanson

Who's Who at the Zoom Event

Pr. Juli Patten, Keynote Speaker

From Hawaii, where she was raised since age 4, Pastor Juli Patten is a 2020 graduate of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, after 30-plus years in teaching (primarily 2nd-4th grades). She did her internship at Davis Lutheran Church in Northern California.

Pastor Juli has worked as a Resident Hospital Chaplain, work she loves and plans to continue here in a volunteer capacity. She is passionate about caring for the marginalized among us, including the homeless and the hungry, patients in nursing homes and the LGBTQ+ community. She has been very active in WELCA at her own small Maluhia Lutheran Church in Waianae on Oahu, at Davis Lutheran and through the Pacifica Synod, as a board member, creating and leading Bible studies. A lifelong Lutheran, Juli has served in nearly every layperson role at Maluhia, including on council.



A message from Pastor Juli: My favorite quote from the Bible is from Matthew 22:36-39 36 “Teacher,” he asked, “which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37 Jesus answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and the most important commandment. 39 The second most important commandment is ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’” This is what guides my life and my ministry! “I was thrilled to be recommended for call by your Call Committee and Church Council and I can’t wait to get to know all of you and get to work for Christ Lutheran and the Lord. Love and aloha!”

Laura Krueger, Churchwide Representative

Laura Krueger was elected to the executive board of Women of the ELCA in July 2017. She serves as parliamentarian and on the budget and finance committee.

Laura has been actively involved in Women of the ELCA since its beginnings in 1987, serving on a transition team to help congregational units with the merger of three Lutheran denominations. She served in various positions for her congregational units in Upstate New York (7D) and in the Grand Canyon synod. Laura has served on conference committees and synodical boards in both synods. Before being elected to the executive board, she served two terms as president of Grand Canyon Synod Synodical Women’s Organization (2D).

A resident of Avondale, Arizona, Laura is a member of Alleluia Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona. She has served as Christian education director at Alleluia and Zion Lutheran, New Hartford, New York. Laura leads children’s sermons regularly and has led adult forum and Bible study series. Laura currently sings in the choir, serves as worship cantor, and leads Alleluia’s Mission Team, which is focusing on a community Diaper Closet housed in the church.

Born in Germany as the daughter of an Army officer, Laura grew up and went to college in North Carolina, lived in Upstate New York for many years and now lives in the Southwest. She began her career in business, and found her passion in education. She works as director of admissions and records at a local community college. She has been involved in the New York State Parent-



Teachers Association, church council, athletic booster clubs and served in various roles in congregational units and on synodical boards, including convention chairperson.

Laura is married to Jim, who is a retired electrical engineer. They have three grown sons David and twins Jon and Chris. They have two grandchildren, Avery and Grayson, who live in North Carolina.

Laura enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading and crocheting. Her most recent crochet projects include making small Amigurumi animals (Japanese of art of knitting or crocheting) that are used in the NICU units at the local hospital to help newborns remember the scents of their moms.



Pastor Kathryn Zurcher, Opening Devotions

Pastor Kathryn grew up on a small grain farm south of a very small town (Newburg) in north central North Dakota, about 25 miles south of the Canadian border.

She has an undergraduate degree in Broadcasting from Minot State University and a Master's of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St Paul MN. She served congregations in the Minneapolis Area Synod, as Associate Director of Admissions for Luther Seminary, and at a 3-point parish in Eastern ND before moving to Hawaii in November 2014.

Prior to attending seminary, Kathryn worked behind the scenes and did some news reporting for TV stations in Minot and Bismarck ND and also in Fort Smith AR. Pastor Kathryn loves to travel, enjoys the water, reading, Broadway Musicals and good conversations with good people...especially if coffee or red wine is involved



Pastor Dianne Wendt, Closing Devotions

We are happy to have Pastor Dianne Finnecy back with us again this year. Pastor Dianne served her first pastoral call at Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church-ELCA in Big Bear City, CA, but has moved to the Sacramento area and is awaiting a new call. This is her third career, having taught Elementary School in Houston, TX for three years and as an attorney for the San Diego County Public Defender's Office for over twenty years before answering God's call to ministry.

Dianne has an adult son from a prior marriage who is in medical school at Creighton University in Omaha, NE.

Besides enjoying ministry, Dianne is involved with the Synod, and the larger ELCA. She enjoys reading, traveling, hiking, cooking, singing, and skiing.

"2021 Zooming with Our Sisters In Christ" Flyer

Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA

2021 Zooming with Our Sisters-in-Christ

Date: Saturday November 6th, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting on Zoom .Com: Meeting ID: 836 3421 7328 and Passcode: 713252

Theme: Spiritual Disciplines—Prayer, studying, solitude, service, submission, meditation, simplicity are just a few of what is know as Spiritual Disciplines.

LOVE GIFTS:

Hawaii will be sponsoring Hale Lanipolua

Inland Empire will be sponsoring Million Kids

San Diego County will be sponsoring Generate Hope

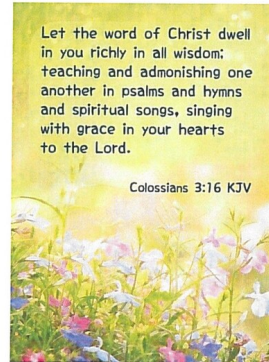
Orange County will be sponsoring Thattiana's House

The Love Gift receipts work with individuals focusing on teenagers who are trying to get away from human and sex trafficking.

FOR QUESTIONS

Please Contact President Eunice Hanson at

Phone # (760) 717-2646



Keynote Speaker: Pastor Juli Patten
Pastor for Christ Lutheran Church

Convention Forms



Nominee for: Treasurer Secretary Board Member

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Address _____		
Street & Number	City, State	Zip Code
Home/Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____		
E-mail address _____		
Congregation _____		
Address of Church _____		

If you are nominating someone other than yourself:

- Has this individual agreed to run for the office indicated? _____
- What is your name? _____
- Address? _____
- Phone? _____

The nominating committee will send a letter of call and then a form for further information if the nominee agrees to have her name placed on a ballot. **PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THIS CALL TO SERVE!!**

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This year we need to elect ALL board members. New constitutional changes allow us to have fewer board members than the eight we currently have required, and to have co-chairs.

Pacifica Women of the ELCA  **BIO FORM**

Nominee for: Secretary Treasurer Board Member

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____
Street & Number _____ City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

E-mail address _____

Congregation _____

Address of Church _____

Age Category: 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-64 65+

Ethnic/Racial Heritage: Asian Hispanic Native American African American
 Caucasian Other (Please Specify) _____

EXPERIENCE: Please indicate up to four examples of experience in the following areas over the last five years:

• **WOMEN OF THE ELCA** (Include Congregational Unit, Cluster, Synodical Women's Organization, Churchwide)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

• **ELCA** (Include Congregation, Cluster/Conference, Synod, Churchwide)

1. _____
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• **ECUMENICAL** (Include local, state, national and international organizations)

1. _____
2. _____
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(Continued on Reverse)

• **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION** (Please indicate offices, volunteer services and/or other responsibilities for local, state, national, and international organizations)

1. _____
2. _____
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• **VOCATION/OCCUPATION** (Include full or part time)

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Please Print: (or affix an address label)

Name: _____

Telephone: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

Church: _____ Church City: _____

LOVE GIFT

Traditionally we bring in kind gifts selected by the organization to whom we have chosen. Since we are not meeting in person, distribution of those gifts becomes complicated. So we have chosen to request monetary gifts. We will be highlighting human trafficking and have selected a specific place in each of our four areas.

Most counties have task forces which partner with law enforcement and other organizations. Much of what they do is for education and prevention. We have selected specific organizations that deal directly with victims of human trafficking.

ORANGE COUNTY:

Thatiana's Home opened Jan. 27 and is the first 24-hour staffed, 90-day emergency safe home for identified victims of sex trafficking in Orange County. The safe house can accommodate nine survivors at a time, and takes a trauma-informed, victim-centered and victim-informed approach.

INLAND EMPIRE:

Million Kids - Our mission is to PREVENT child exploitation by empowering every kid, and those who interact with kids, through education on predators and to INTERVENE by providing support services to those families and children in crisis.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY:

Generate Hope is a safe place for survivors of sex trafficking to heal and find restoration in long-term housing and trauma-informed therapy, education, and vocational support. Since recovery from sexual exploitation is a long-term process, GenerateHope provides safety, community, and individualized life skills support to work through the deep trauma and discover a healthy, purpose-filled life.

HAWAII:

Hale Lanipolua Assessment Center on Oahu is open to youth ages 12 through 17 who are victims/survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.

Please send all monetary donations to our treasurer with Love Gift as memo or use our donate button on the website:

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Zoom "Mock" Meeting October 28th 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Topic: PACIFICA MOCK BUSINESS MEETING

Time: Oct 28, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88507653209?pwd=d1pWSGljcGg3em1GNVRmajVnVmNHdz09>

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Meeting ID: 885 0765 3209

Passcode: 762951

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/keEeFDkTul>



Mark Your Calendar

September, Share *Pacifica Partners* with members

October 28, Zoom "Mock" Meeting

November 5, Zoom Business Meeting

November 6, Zooming with Our Sisters in Christ!

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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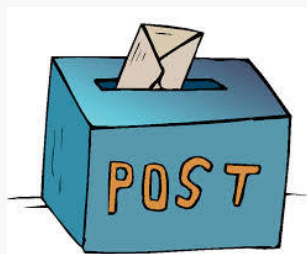
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