

2009 HEARINGS

Prior to the opening of the Assembly at 1 p.m., the following hearings will be conducted on Thursday morning. Each hearing will be offered twice, once at 10 a.m. and again at 11:15 a.m.

The purpose of these hearings is to provide information and seek the widest possible participation by all interested voting members. The hearings will be facilitated by Conference Deans, Members of the Synod Council and others.

- Budget (University)
- Resolutions (Arlington)
- ELCA Proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality (La Sierra)

For your convenience the Riverside Convention Center Concession Stands will be open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sandwiches, salads and beverages will be available for purchase.

WORKSHOPS

On the following pages, you will find a description of workshops offered. We hope these descriptions will help you to make the best choices for new learning, for your tasks in leading your congregation and for personal growth. Below are a few tips to make the most of your workshop choices.

- Two 45-minute sessions of general interest workshops will be offered on Friday, one at 3:15 p.m. and the second at 4:15 p.m.
- Read these descriptions and decide in advance which workshop you will attend.
- Workshop locations for both the Convention Center and the Marriott hotel are listed on the following page. Refer to the facility map on page 1-8 to find the location of your workshop in the Convention Center. Floor guides will direct you from the lobby for Marriott workshops.
- Prepare a backup choice. If your first selection seems too crowded, another nearby workshop may have more space and be just as interesting and helpful.
- Some congregations make a point of encouraging each participant to attend a separate workshop, later sharing the information they have gathered. This plan will help all of us by allowing as many congregations as possible to be represented in each workshop.

WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

<i>TITLE</i>	<i>Friday, 3:15 p.m.</i>	<i>Friday, 4:15 p.m.</i>
	<i>Location</i>	<i>Location</i>
Book of Faith	<i>Arlington Riverside Conv. Center</i>	<i>Arlington Riverside Conv. Center</i>
Coaching: Along-side Support for Leaders	<i>Salon I Marriott</i>	<i>Salon I Marriott</i>
Criminal Justice: Developing a new ELCA Social Statement	<i>Aviator Riverside Conv. Center</i>	<i>Aviator Riverside Conv. Center</i>
Encountering Christ in Worship	<i>Ben Lewis Hall Riverside Conv. Center</i>	<i>Ben Lewis Hall Riverside Conv. Center</i>
Gifts of God's Spirit		<i>University Marriott</i>
How To Pray For Healing	<i>University Marriott</i>	
Iran: Past and Present		<i>Imperial Marriott</i>
Islam 101: The Basics of Faith	<i>Imperial Marriott</i>	
PALLMM: Preparing Adult Lay Leaders for Mission and Ministry	<i>Embassy Marriott</i>	<i>Embassy Marriott</i>
Risky Business!	<i>De Anza South Riverside Conv. Center</i>	<i>De Anza South Riverside Conv. Center</i>
That It May Be Well With You!	<i>La Sierra Riverside Conv. Center</i>	<i>La Sierra Riverside Conv. Center</i>
The Plight of Immigrant Detainees	<i>University Riverside Conv. Center</i>	<i>University Riverside Conv. Center</i>
What is Progressive Christianity?	<i>Salon II Marriott</i>	<i>Salon II Marriott</i>

See descriptions on the following pages.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Description	Presenter/Location
<p><u>Book of Faith</u> Representatives from area churches will discuss what they are doing to promote Book of Faith in their own congregations for a variety of age groups and settings. Come with your questions and ideas to share!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Arlington Riverside Conv. Center 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.</i></p>
<p><u>Coaching Along-side Support for Leaders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could your pastor use some support and an understanding ear? • Have you ever watched helplessly as your pastor or lay leader struggled through a difficult situation? • Have you ever thought there should be some support for pastors and leaders in transition? <p>The Pacifica Synod has trained coaches who are able to be along-side support for congregational leaders. Coaches don't have all the answers; coaches ask tough, probing questions to help leaders assess their situation and find solutions to their challenges. Come and find out more.</p> <p>Led by Pastor Ron Hovick, Synod Coach Coordinator, and assisted by Pacifica Synod Coaches.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Salon I Marriott 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.</i></p>
<p><u>Criminal Justice: Developing a new ELCA Social Statement</u> Have you been a victim of crime? Do you live in fear of crime? Been incarcerated or know someone who has? Volunteer in jail or prison ministry? Work in law enforcement, courts, corrections? Development of a social statement on criminal justice was authorized by the 2007 Churchwide Assembly, and is on track to be considered by the Assembly in 2013. Join Mark Carlson, Director of the Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California, LOPP Policy Council Chair Larry Dodson (an LA county juvenile probation executive) and others for a condensed "listening post" and "focus group," and learn how you can help shape church practice and public witness as we seek to be God's hands and voices of safety, hope, and restoration.</p> <p>Led by Mark Carlson, Director, Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Aviator Riverside Conv. Center 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.</i></p>

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<p><u>Encountering Christ in Worship</u> With Luke's Easter story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus as a template, we will explore the shape, power, and purpose of the Eucharistic liturgy. Here, as in the earliest Church, the crucified and risen Christ comes to us on the road, through the word, and at the table, all for the sake of the life of the world.</p> <p>Led by Susan Briehl, Mary Preus and Tom Witt</p>	<p><i>Ben Lewis Hall Riverside Conv. Center 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.</i></p>
<p><u>Gifts of God's Spirit</u> The Bible mentions more than 20 gifts of God's Spirit. Paul says we should strive for them, especially the greater gifts. Some of the gifts are commonly found in Lutheran churches (like music, teaching, administration, hospitality, mercy, faith, and helping). Other gifts of the Spirit are less common in Lutheran churches (like miracles and missionary zeal). This workshop will encourage people to develop the gifts they have and to "strive for the greater gifts."</p> <p>Led by Pastor Mark Dahle, La Jolla Lutheran Church</p>	<p><i>University Marriott 4:15 p.m.</i></p>
<p><u>How To Pray For Healing</u> Sometimes one prayer is all it takes to heal people. Other times nothing seems to work. At this workshop you will learn one model for prayer that often has immediate positive results. You will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a powerful technique Jesus taught that has been largely unnoticed, forgotten or ignored • some ways God reveals what to do next • Biblical strategies for increasing the effectiveness of your prayers <p>This workshop will allow participants to practice what they learn in a comfortable atmosphere. People who need healing are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Led by Pastor Mark Dahle, La Jolla Lutheran Church</p>	<p><i>University Marriott 3:15 p.m.</i></p>

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<p><u>Iran: Past and Present</u> What makes Iran unique in the Muslim world? Who is really in charge within Iran? How should the U.S. deal with Iran? With events in the Middle East, our mixed relationship with Iran seems to be more tense and more crucial. Learn about the present context in Iran and the historical and religious circumstances leading up to today's news headlines.</p> <p>Presenter: Rev. Daren Erisman has an M.A. in Islamic studies, completing a Ph.D. focusing on Muslim/Christian relationship.</p>	<p><i>Imperial Marriott 4:15 p.m.</i></p>
<p><u>Islam 101: The Basics of Faith</u> A brief introduction to the second largest and fastest growing faith tradition in the world. Learn the origins and key beliefs of Islam including what makes a Muslim Sunni, Shi'a and/or Sufi. Also, better understand the role of women, Jesus, and jihad within Islam.</p> <p>Presenter: Rev. Daren Erisman has an M.A. in Islamic studies, completing a Ph.D. focusing on Muslim/Christian relationship.</p>	<p><i>Imperial Marriott 3:15 p.m.</i></p>
<p><u>PALLMM: Preparing Adult Lay Leaders for Mission and Ministry</u> PALLMM is a ministry of the Pacifica Synod dedicated to providing lifelong learning opportunities for the laity of the Pacifica Synod. In this workshop PALLMM will look both at ongoing educational opportunities currently being offered and discussing new directions for the next year. A focus on using technology will be emphasized. Anyone interested in finding out about local classes and workshops as well as online opportunities is encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Led by Marv Combs & PALLMM Staff</p>	<p><i>Embassy Marriott 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.</i></p>

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<p><u>Risky Business!</u> Fast paced workshop will alert you to "What you don't know that you don't know" about congregational leadership, stewardship of the congregation, and attending to all aspects of the business of the church. Nancy Bond will host a panel with interactive discussion on topics such as Loss Control, (PREVENTION) & Financial Management. This sounds heavy, but come and we will together lighten the burden! Also, the announcement of the BRAND new insurance carrier and greatly reduced pricing.</p>	<p><i>De Anza South Riverside Conv. Center 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.</i></p>
<p><u>That It May Be Well With You!</u> <i>"I have come that you may have life abundantly."</i> John 10:10b God calls us to live life abundantly. All too often we find ourselves out of breath and out of balance as we try to keep up with our ministries and service in this fast paced world. We are confronted with living up to expectations we place on ourselves and those set by our congregations. What does it mean to live well in Christ? As leaders in the church we are called to pass on our faith. We know that healthy leaders enhance lives. How can we live well, balanced and as whole people of God? Come and discover what it means to live well in Christ. Catch your breath and take a look at your own well-being. Healthy leaders enhance lives — let's get moving!</p> <p>Presenter: Stacey Cooley</p>	<p><i>La Sierra Riverside Conv. Center 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.</i></p>

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<p><u>The Plight of Immigrant Detainees</u></p> <p>Detention has become the standard practice for handling immigration cases, including victims of torture and asylum seekers, most of whom have committed no crime. They face an immensely complex legal system to have their cases heard. Learn about conditions in detention, alternatives to detention that work, and the impact of detention practices on family, community and our greater society. The presenter is Kim H. Luu-Ng is an attorney with the Torture Survivors Project at Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA). She represents victims of torture in immigration proceedings, most notably in the areas of asylum and deportation defense. She previously served as a detention attorney with the Legal Orientation Program, first at San Pedro Detention Center, and subsequently, as pro bono coordinator at Mira Loma Detention Center.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>University Riverside Conv. Center 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.</i></p>
<p><u>What is Progressive Christianity?</u></p> <p>Progressive Christianity is a nationwide movement attempting to reach out to the many Christians who are either disenchanted or in some way left out of the traditional church in its current endeavors. This movement had its beginnings in 1994 with the Rev. James Adams, an Episcopal minister in Washington, D.C., who was troubled by the large number of Christians leaving the church for a variety of reasons. Progressive Christianity defines "progressive" as neither liberal nor conservative, but forward, flexible, capable of change, creative and all-inclusive. No one is excluded because of race, creed, sexual orientation or other differences. According to a recent study, there are at least 1,000 congregations in the U.S. that call themselves "Progressive Christians", including more than 100 Lutheran churches. A few of the latter are within the Pacifica Synod.</p> <p>Presenter: The Rev. M. Laurel Gray has been leading a Progressive Christian study group in the San Diego area for the past six years with about 90 members.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Salon II Marriott 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.</i></p>