

Synod activities and organizations

PALLMM, Preparing Adult Lay Leaders for Mission and Ministry, is both a gift and an invitation to participate in a process of lifelong education that enriches and equips the people of God for ministry.

Thanks to a gift from the Cathryn W. Wright estate, this lifelong learning program provides many ways for congregations and the baptized of the Pacifica Synod to grow in their discipleship through a variety of opportunities and resources for study and spiritual growth.

There are opportunities to learn in three areas: spiritual care and wellness; congregational life and leadership; and synodically licensed ministry.

Classes are offered in person and online. Everyone is welcome.

More information is available online at www.pacificasynod.org/PALLMM.htm or through Pr. Gordon Peterson at the synod office, 714-692-2791.



NEW MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

What is the purpose of the New Mission Endowment Fund? Its purpose shall be to receive gifts and bequests to be used for the new mission outreach of the Pacifica Synod-ELCA. The fund exists separate and distinct from the annual operating budget of the Synod. The fund is also for the future of new mission outreach. The fund was created to build a solid foundation within the Pacifica Synod.

How will the fund's assets be used? Its assets will be applied to the development and expansion of new missions within the Pacifica Synod.

How can I get more information about the fund? You are encouraged to contact the Pacifica Synod office for more information and answers. At your request a committee member will confer with you about making a gift or bequest to the fund. Your gift to the New Mission Endowment Fund is a gift to the future of the Church. It fulfills, in part, your opportunity as a Christian to respond to God's gifts to you.



Conferences

#1 Sonshine Conference

Dean: The Rev. Dan Roschke

#2 West San Diego Conference

Dean: The Rev. Michael Hagenow

#3 Harvest Conference

Dean: The Rev. James Jerpseth

#4 Raincross Conference

Dean: The Rev. Mark Cansino

#5 Big Bear Conference

Dean: The Rev. Charles Riggs

#6 Mariposa Conference

Dean: The Rev. Augie Aviles

#7 Saddleback Conference

Dean: The Rev. Jeff Frohner

#8 Son and Surf Conference

Dean: The Rev. Tony Scheer

#9 Rejoice Conference

Dean: The Rev. Dennis Laherty

#10 Hukilau Conference

Dean: The Rev. Karen Perkins

Partners in synod ministry

Pacifica maintains close working ties with various ELCA agencies and institutions and also several non-ELCA Lutheran organizations. This is a partial list.

California Lutheran Homes and Services, 303 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Ste 1000, Burbank, CA 91502; 818.729.8104

California Lutheran University, 60 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359-9967; 805.492.2411; ww2.clunet.edu

Lutheran Border Concerns, 3060 54th St., San Diego, CA 92105; 619.286.2445

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 1400 Webster St., #301, Alameda, CA 94501; 510.814.8355

Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry, San Diego State University, 5863 Hardy Ave., San Diego, CA 92115; (619) 583-3972; www.lecampusministry.org

Lutheran Office of Public Policy, 1701 L St., Sacramento, CA 95814; 916.447.6666

Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences, 1300 E. Colorado St., Glendale, CA 91205; (818) 243-8700; www.lrccsca.org

Lutheran Schools of Southern California and Hawaii, 1300 E. Colorado St., Glendale, CA 91205-1406; (818) 956-1485; www.lssch.org

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, 2560 N. Santiago, Orange, Ca 92867, 714.685.1800 / 3101 Fourth Ave., San Diego, CA 92103; 619.291.8722 / 3772 Taft St., Riverside, CA 92503; 909.689.7847; www.lsssc.org

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, 2770 Marin Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708; 510.524.5264; www.plts.edu



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Welcome to the 2010-11 guide to the Pacifica Synod. The original meaning of *synod* is "walking together." In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (the ELCA), there are 65 synods, each led by an elected bishop as the congregations and specialized ministries in the synod walk together with each other and with synod and ELCA partners.

The geographical area of the Pacifica Synod includes the state of Hawaii and Southern California counties of Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, Imperial and portions of Los Angeles County.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Pacifica Synod members

	2009
Baptized	49,355
Confirmed	37,709
Baptized youth confirmed	753
African American	488
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,006
Latino/Hispanic	1,904

Congregations

• Total congregations	128
• Avg. worship attendance	20,011
• Avg. per congregation	158
• Percent of baptized members attending worship	40.54

Financial status

	2008	2009
Avg. giving per confirmed member:	\$1,181.29	\$1,159.29
Total cong. Receipts (excl. loans)	\$58,780,355	\$58,516,613
Mission Support:		\$1,776,456
World Hunger Appeal:	\$216,526	\$200,309
Disaster Response:	\$56,596	\$28,312
Number of bequests received:	47	30
Value of bequests received:	\$772,965	\$476,122

Did you know...

- Pacifica is one of the 65 synods of the ELCA.
- Internationally, the companion synods of Pacifica are the South West Synod of the Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church Mekane Yesus, and the Basel Christian Church in Malaysia.
- The partner synod of Pacifica within the ELCA is the Nebraska Synod.
- Pacifica is one of the five synods in Region 2 of the ELCA.

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Lutheran Web sites of interest

ELCA home page Prayer ELCA Disaster Response ELCA Sexuality Study Find a Congregation	www.elca.org www.elca.org/prayer www.elca.org/disaster www.elca.org/faithfuljourney www.elca.org/homepage	Transformational World Opp. Lutheran Office of Public Policy Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry Lutheran Social Services of Southern California Augsburg Fortress Publishers <i>The Lutheran</i> magazine Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences Lutheran Schools of Southern California and Hawaii California Lutheran University	www.pacificasynod.org/HungerandHousing www.lutheranpublicpolicyca.org www.lecampusministry.org www.lsssc.org www.augsburgfortress.org www.thelutheran.org www.lrccsca.org www.lssch.org www.clunet.edu
Pacifica Synod home page PALLMM Women of the ELCA	www.pacificasynod.org www.pacificasynod.org/PALLMM.htm www.pacificasynod.org/pacificaswomen.htm		

Synod council

Synod council is the board of directors of the synod, serving as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the synod assembly and, with the bishop, overseeing the mission and direction of the synod as part of the ELCA.

In its mission statement, the Pacifica Synod Council describes its mission this way:

"To establish and maintain personal relationships between congregations and synod council members that inspire positive, growing relationships with Christ, our communities and one another; and to be a bridge between the synod's local ministries and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

To facilitate this, the council created the accompanying set of six ministry priorities and three emphases.

The synod's six ministry priorities

1. Emphasize Evangelism
2. Realize Opportunities for Multicultural Mission
3. Establish and Support New Congregations
4. Expand Ministries with Junior and Senior High Youth
5. Train Congregational Leaders
6. Deal with Social Issues, Especially Peace and Justice

The synod's three emphases

1. **Outreach Emphasis:** To call, equip and empower the baptized people of the Pacifica Synod, wherever they gather, to explore, educate, nurture and encourage one another to embrace the world with the love of Christ.
2. **Leadership Emphasis:** To call, equip and empower the Pacifica Synod to encourage the spiritual health, the theological growth and vitality of body, mind and soul of our congregations and leaders.
3. **Social Justice and Advocacy Emphasis:** To call, equip and empower members of the Pacifica Synod to remember the needs of the marginalized and powerless in our community and to develop loving, caring and compassionate ministries of presence, transformation and advocacy.

Members of synod council

Bishop Murray Finck (president)
Ms. Sheila Wenzel (v.p.)
Rachel Line (secretary)
Fred Luhman (treasurer)

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Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations: Pr. Derek Erisman

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Global Mission: Pr. Luther Symons

Hunger and Housing: Pr. Mike Hagenow

Immigration/Border Concerns: TBA

Intentional Interim Ministry: Pr. John Embree

Latino/Hispanic Ministry: Pr. Maria de los Angeles

Leadership/Discipling: PR, Ron Hovick

Lifelong Learning (Pacifica Synod): Pending

Lutheran Office of Public Policy: Mark Carlson

Outreach: Pending

PALLMM: Dr. David Nesvig

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