

A journey in faith . . .

Embedded in the courtyard in the middle of the building will be a labyrinth. The centuries-old tradition of the labyrinth invites journeyers to prayerfully walk a path to its center and back again into the world. To begin walking the path of the labyrinth is a moment of prayerful contemplation that steps out in faith. As the vision of the Center For Mission & Learning became known, the people of the Pacifica Synod in its annual assembly and in other gatherings and meetings have agreed to take such a journey of faith together. We thank you for your prayerful consideration of a partnership gift as we step out in faith

Funding path for the Center For Mission & Learning will include. . .

- Secure 100% Leadership Gifts and Commitments from the Bishop and Synod Staff of the Pacifica Synod, the Synod Council, the CFML Team members, and other leaders of the synod.
- Seek major gifts and commitments from individual donors who share in the vision and the promise of this journey.
- Appeal for Full Participation Gifts from the approximately 56,000 members (24,000 households) of the 125 congregations of the Pacifica Synod.

Key construction components of the Center For Mission & Learning

- Administration Building, offices for the synod staff, meeting rooms and chapel.
- Teaching and classroom space and equipment.
- Courtyard and Labyrinth.
- Full kitchen and serving area.
- Much needed additional storage and office space.
- Possible one-day retreat facilities for congregational leadership teams.

Every journey begins and ends with prayer . . .

Lord God,
you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage
knowing only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Pacifica Synod Center For Mission & Learning



A Journey...

A journey of learning, gathering, equipping, ecumenism, advocacy, worship, celebration . . .

Like Abraham, the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is on a journey. We are leaving our first home, as did Abraham and Sarah, to resettle into a new place of promise and hope. Our journey will be from Yorba Linda to the city of Santa Ana, very near the I-5 and Highway 55 interchange. As did our ancient ancestors, we, too, are changing our name—from ELCA Synod Office to the **Center For Mission & Learning**.

We invite you to journey with us as we build and construct new ministry opportunities. The move from a small, overcrowded, outdated location to a more spacious and hospitable place will afford us multiple group-meeting opportunities and classrooms for study and learning. There will be both corporate and private worship spaces. The new building will have advanced technology and communication linkages for this emerging century. The administration offices of the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be located here as it serves six counties of Southern California and the State of Hawaii.



With this move we will gain much needed space for gathering and working. At the same time, we will become a better-equipped hub for the mission work and learning ministry of the 125 congregations of the Pacifica Synod and its many other specialized ministries.

**Centered in Christ
For Mission & Learning**

is the theme of our working and walking together as the Pacifica Synod.

Journey with us to a new home that continues to hold the cross and the resurrection of Christ Jesus as the center of our theology.

The new **Center For Mission & Learning** is designed functionally and symbolically to draw us daily into Christ-centered service and send us forth equipped and ready for the challenges ahead.

Like Abraham, we are on a journey of great faith and challenge, and we ask you to walk side by side with us along the way.