

# OUTCOMES

## How the Pacifica Synod will benefit and enhance its ministry with the new Center for Mission & Learning

**Education**—the key reason for this new facility [\*indicates programs already happening at locations throughout the synod]

- Consistent, always-available gathering place for learning opportunities for both clergy and laity.
- Days of Theological Reflection and Dialogue for clergy and rostered leaders.\*
- Distance Learning Classes and Courses connecting with seminaries and universities.
- Lay School of Theological Studies and Leadership.\*
- Leadership Training for Ethnic Pastors and Lay Leaders.\*
- Parish Planning Process Training.
- Family and Church Systems Seminars.\*
- Transformational and Redevelopment Ministry Teaching.
- High-tech teaching and training center. [see below]

### High-Technology Center

- Linkages for distance learning opportunities with seminaries and universities.
- Interactive classrooms and meetings with Hawaii and other locations.
- Hosting events for the synod linked to other parts of the domestic and global church.
- Providing a teaching center for congregations exploring the use of twenty-first century technology.

**Youth**—a gathering place for meetings, sleepovers, offering bathrooms with shower facilities, food serving areas and ample parking.

- Youth Leadership training events for youth group leaders and adult leaders of youth ministry.
- Areas open for youth events, stopovers for youth groups going to and coming from Mexico immersion and mission trips, as well as a hospitality center for youth groups coming to Southern California attractions such as Disneyland, California Adventure, the beach, etc.
- Spirituality retreats, utilizing the labyrinth and chapel.

### Administration

- More accommodating space for synod staff
- More adequate work and equipment rooms.
- Small eating area for staff.
- Multiple meeting facilities in several conference rooms of varying sizes.
- Larger chapel/meeting room for staff meetings, synod council and other gatherings.

## **Retreat**

- One-day retreats for small groups such as councils and leadership teams.
- Spirituality retreats, utilizing the labyrinth and worship areas.

## **Location**

- Access to five major freeways, train depot and John Wayne (Orange County) Airport.
- Much closer access to many of the synod congregations.
- Nearby to offices and centers of several of our ecumenical partners.
- Close connections with other Lutheran judicatories in Southern California.

## **Good Stewardship of Synod Resources**

- Currently, the Pacifica Synod is leasing its offices. We are not receiving any investment or long-term return for the ministry dollars we annually spend for synod offices and facilities.
- The goal is to raise enough funds to pay for the buildings and remodeling, and to also establish an endowment fund for utilities, maintenance and improvements. By meeting this goal, the Synod will be able to utilize every dollar of mission support from our synod's congregations for Synod programs and staffing, and for the work of the larger church [ELCA Mission Support, benevolence for our agencies and institutions, namely our seminaries and universities, campus ministry, camping ministry, retirement homes, homes for the aging, social services, etc.]

## **Community Service and Ministry**

- To the local community as adequate facilities, meeting rooms and devotional areas will be available in that part of Orange County
- Possible site for hosting meetings and events for ecumenical gatherings, advocacy gatherings, seminars and convocations.

## **Energy Efficient and Ready for Emergencies**

- In reconstruction, the building was made as "green" as possible with all new insulation, new roofing materials, dual-pane tempered glass, water saving fixtures and efficiency electrical fixtures.
- The Center for Mission & Learning is also ready to be a control center in the case of emergencies with back-up generator for electricity, and ample supplies of emergency food, water and equipment. From its location, trained leaders with Inter-Lutheran Emergency Response Team will be able to gather, meet and direct emergency response.