

# An Invitation to Women of Advent

Second Introductory Meeting  
August 9  
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

The women of Advent are invited to a series of gatherings around the theme of "Developing Women Leaders for the Church." The first introductory meeting was held on June 20 where twelve women joined Karen, Lou Ann, Ed, and Pastor Anita. The second introductory meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9, from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Further gatherings will be scheduled based upon input from participants at the introductory sessions. Karen Parker and Lou Ann Trost will lead these gatherings. The introductory meetings will include current Advent leaders: Pastor Anita and Council President Ed Merrell.

**Karen Parker**

Karen is a retired ELCA pastor who was on the staff of the Pacifica Synod.

**Lou Ann Trost**

Lou Ann is a Lecturer at San Jose State University who previously worked as Program Director at the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences in Berkeley and as Associate Pastor at First Lutheran Church in Carlisle, PA.

All women of Advent are invited; church membership is not required to participate. If you can attend the August 9 meeting, please contact Sherry Quick at the Advent Church office: phone 408-779-3551 or email [office@advent-lutheran.org](mailto:office@advent-lutheran.org)

"We need to reshape our own perception of how we view ourselves. We have to step up as women and take the lead." – Beyoncé

"No country can ever truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contributions of half of its citizens." -- Michelle Obama

"Finally I was able to see that if I had a contribution I wanted to make, I must do it, despite what others said. That I was OK the way I was. That it was all right to be strong." -Wangari Maathai