

News Briefing

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Congregational Newsletter Insert

NT-NL Synod, ELCA

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SYNOD ASSEMBLY: A FESTIVAL

At the Plano Centre, April 24-26 (go to www.ntnl.org/2009Assembly)

Friday, April 24: Opening Festival Worship at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25: DISCIPELIFE UNIVERSITY

[DLU Registration](#) at 8 a.m.

[DLU Classes](#) at 9:15, 10:30, 1:00

Lunch for all registrants & voting members

Keynote Address by [Kelly Fryer](#) at 2:30 p.m.

Servant Event for [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) at 3:30 p.m.

Open Forum on the [Sexuality Statement](#) at 3:30 p.m.

Concert by [Lost and Found](#) at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 26: Recognitions and Closing Worship at 10 a.m.



Using the theme, *DiscipleLife: Gifted*, the 2009 Synod Assembly will help us realize that together we have all that we need to live out our mission as disciples of Jesus. This will be an energizing event, and everyone is welcome to join in on the public events listed above. Detailed information and registration (schedule and fees) are found at www.NTNL.org.

Blogging with Pastor Kate Warn

On February 1 [Pastor Kate Warn](#) answered the call from the NT-NL Synod to serve as Pastor in Residence within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (our companion synod). She traveled with our own Medical Mission Team to begin her two year ministry – teaching, preaching, organizing, helping and serving our sisters and brothers there. Curious about her life and work and wishing you could ask about it? Pr. Kate has opened up a blog so she can share her thoughts and experiences with us. Log on at www.OnMissionSierraLeone.wordpress.com.

New SWO Web Site

The Synodical Women's Organization has opened a brand new web site to keep you informed on events, opportunities and resource information. Go to www.NTNLLutheranWomen.org.

NT-NL DiscipleLife

First, Waco, sponsored Becky Fiske's mission trip to Sierra Leone using a global map as a chart to show how far she could travel to date on the money raised. ≈ **Living Word, Grapevine**, participates in community programs – *GRACE* and *Feed Our Kids*. ≈ **Trinity, Fort Worth**, is involved in *West Aid, Eldercare, SafeHaven* and *Blood Drives*. ≈ **St. Matthew, Fort Worth**, has an annual *Wild Game Dinner* as a youth fund raiser. ≈ **Holy Trinity, Shreveport**, hosted a gathering of the *Louisiana Interchurch Conference*. ≈ **Christ, Dallas**, will have mini dramas during Lent of those who were at the cross.

FYI...

April Emphasis: [Theological Education](#) (LSTC, Wartburg, LSPS)

- ❖ LYO has announced plans and opened registration for its [2009 Youth Convo](#) at the Synod Assembly.
- ❖ The NT-NL [Mission Endowment Fund](#) awarded grants to 14 synod ministries recently in support of mission, youth, educational and health ministries across the synod.
- ❖ Our [Servant Event at the Synod Assembly](#) will pack 20,000 hygiene kits for use by Lutheran Disaster Response. We need bulk quantities of various health items. To find out how to help contact [Pr. Nancy Fisher](#).
- ❖ [Grace Matters](#), the radio ministry of the ELCA, will end broadcasting on Easter Sunday due to financial constraints.
- ❖ Former Synod Council member, Cathy Zwernemann (Emanuel, Dallas), has been named to the [Lutheran Social Services](#) Board of Directors. LSS is a social service agency with 900 employees serving 35,000 in Texas & Louisiana.