



ELCA Missionary Support Program

Mission Support from congregations makes the ministry of over 200 ELCA missionaries who work in 90 different countries around the world possible. But ten of our NT-NL congregations have gone above and beyond by giving additional support to a selected missionary. Thank you!

Advent, Arlington
All Saints, Arlington
Calvary, Richland Hills
Living Word, Grapevine
Midland, Midland
Our Savior's, Clifton/Norse
Salem, Rosebud
St. John, Bartlett
Trinity, Sherman
Trinity, Wichita Falls

An Emerging Vision

What will the congregations and synod look like in five or ten years? Will we pursue our mission differently in response to the changing world we live in? What will we look like if we don't change to meet the needs and character of the world we live in? What can we as a synod of congregations do best together rather than separately? What do we want our life together as synod to look like in the near and long term?

These are very big questions which go to the heart of the nature and work of the church. And these are questions that various gatherings of synod leaders have been asking – including conversations at the 2010 NT-NL Synod Assembly in Amarillo. These leaders are finding that there are no slam-dunk answers, but there are starting points of conviction and faith and hope that begin to give focus to the discussion. The discussions have shown that there is a deep desire to seek a new and better way for us to work together in mission, to build up our lay and rostered leaders for mission, to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, and to reclaim our mission and ministry in fresh ways. Listen for this conversation in the weeks ahead and join in. Offer your own ideas, prayers and convictions.

Gifts for Haiti Relief from the NT-NL Synod

The NT-NL Synod paused on February 14 for a synodwide day of prayer for the people of Haiti in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake. Many congregations and members gave generously and directly to the needs there – and continue to do so. The contributions that flowed through the NT-NL synod office alone have topped \$19,000. Thank you for your compassionate response.

FYI... **May Emphasis:** Please pray for our *Synod Assembly* and the *Mission Investment Fund*

- ❖ **Emanuel, Dallas**, is celebrating the 35th anniversary of its Latino Ministry in a special bilingual service at 10:30 a.m. on May 23. A youth of the confirmation class will bring the meditation. And don't forget May 14 – the Day of Dedication for **Iglesia Santa Maria de Guadalupe**'s new facility in Irving. Our Hispanic Ministry program is growing!
- ❖ **The Rev. Dr. Richard Nelson**, professor of Old Testament at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, and member of Christ, Dallas, has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio.
- ❖ Lutheran Social Services has announced plans for their 10th annual **Mother's Day Tea** benefiting the 2,800 children that are served by the LSS system. To learn how to be a sponsor and how to participate, contact Susan.Rang@lss.org.
- ❖ A variety of learning tracks at **The Disciple Project** help grow leaders among youth and adults. The event happens each summer at Texas Lutheran University, scheduled for June 27 – July 1 this year. Info contact Pastor Jamie Bruning, NT-NL Synod Youth Coordinator (Jamie@ntnl.org).
- ❖ Smaller classes, individual attention, opportunities for leadership, strength of faculty, breadth of disciplines, and foundations in core values are just a few of the advantages provided by Lutheran colleges nationwide. And they have the stats to prove it. Learn more at www.lutherancolleges.org.