

Leader News

An E-Note to NT-NL Rostered Leaders



Announcements

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NT-NL BLOGGING: Want to express yourself? Post a brag? Ask a question? Encourage one another? NT-NL.org now has three pages on which you can post comments. It's fun and easy -- and a good way to help us all connect with each other in mission and ministry:

[Mission Assembly Blog](#)

[DiscipleLife Blog](#)

[DiscipleLife Alive! Blog](#)

Get your name out on the internet !
Blog something !!



2011 MISSION ASSEMBLY

Serving DiscipleLife Day: This year our Mission Assembly will pause for an afternoon so assembly participants can head out into area congregations and ministry sites to contribute their time and energy. When you register you can indicate an interest in helping at the Night Shelter,

helping with a canned food canvas, helping with a coffee-shop Bible study, donating blood, writing notes to encourage the homeless, and so very much more.

Voting Members: Send us your able and enthusiastic, your movers and shakers, the people most able to make things happen in your congregation. Only with such Voting Members will our 2011 Mission Assembly have maximum effect and move both our congregations and Mission Area forward.

Presenters at this year's assembly include Ken Medema (lyricist), Pr. Kendra Mohn (Bible study leader), and Carlos Peña (ELCA representative).

[Learn more](#)

Lenten Workshop: Pr. Kendra Mohn (Trinity, Fort Worth) will lead a conversation focused on the cultural and historical context of Philippians on March 5 entitled *The Peace that Passes Understanding: Reading Philippians in Anxious Times*. The event takes place at Calvary, Richland Hills, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The \$10 registration includes lunch. Register [online](#).

Walter Brueggemann speaks at King of Glory, Dallas, on March 6-7. [Learn more](#).

Briarwood Golf Tournament: This is the first annual Golf Tournament, set for Friday, May 6, at the beautiful Golf Club at Fossil Creek in Fort Worth. Join in and have a great time while also benefitting Briarwood. [Learn more](#).

Bishop Medardo Gomez of El Salvador is the guest preacher for a special service in Perkins Chapel at SMU. The service, which honors the memory of Archbishop Oscar Romero, is Wednesday, March 23, at 11:30 a.m. At 7:00 p.m. that evening, Bishop Gomez will also present a public lecture. [Learn more](#).

Who Is My Neighbor? is a one-day seminar that seeks to equip participants to respond from a faith perspective to current immigration concerns and to continue a faithful discussion of immigration reform. The event is April 9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Christ, Dallas, with lunch included. [Learn more](#).

The NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund recently awarded grants to eleven NT-NL ministries to help with projects ranging from mission developer training to youth ministry opportunities, canvassing, worship and Vacation Church School programs. [Learn more](#).

TLU Youth Workers Networking Symposium offers free lodging, food, education, and R&R on April 7-8 for all congregational youth workers. [Learn more](#).

The 2011 Disciple Project: *From Ordinary to Extraordinary* -- a cross-cultural, cross-generational Leadership School for people in 8th grade through adults. [Learn more](#).

Health Care Legal Forums for seniors and caregivers is offered by Lutheran Ministries and Social Services of Waco each month. [Learn more.](#)

The 9th Annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days event takes place in Washington, D.C. on March 25-28. [Learn more.](#)

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[And Don't Forget](#)

Grounded in Grace to Run the Race: A new Bible study written by a variety of leaders from NT-NL (lay and clergy) is available online for [download](#). It's for use by individuals and groups during Lent and in preparation for the 2011 Mission Assembly. The series focuses on Hebrews 12:1-2. The study invites us to explore what the life of discipleship really means and what this means for each individual and for the future of the church as God's people.

North Texas SeniorFest 2011: *"The Path to Joy: Making Peace with Our Diminishment, Our Neighbor and Our God"* is the topic for this annual event; the speaker is Dr. Terry Germann. The event is March 5 and includes workshops. It is hosted by King of Glory, Dallas. A [brochure](#) is available.

Annual Report to the Bishop: Don't forget to send in your Annual Report to Bishop Kanouse. The form is available [online](#). If you need a hard copy, please contact [Pastor Stan Meyer](#) (214.637.6865).

Hein-Fry Lectures: What can Lutherans in the U.S. learn from other Christians around the world about interpreting the Bible? The lecture is offered by Dr. Dora E. Arce-Valentin on March 3. [Learn more.](#)

Luther Academy of the Rockies this year (June 20-30) features presentations by Dan Olson, Ann Graham Brock and Rich Melheim. [Learn more.](#)



Health Assessment Survey: Everybody comes out a winner -- you as you learn more about your health; you as you earn wellness dollars; your spouse as he/she doubles your benefit; your congregation when it receives a 2% refund on premiums when 65% of Plan members take the survey; and the NT-NL which receives a cash bonus as well. The survey is for those for whom the ELCA Plan is primary. [Take it now.](#)

LSTC Leadership Conference: This annual event is April 4-5 and focuses on the partnership of preaching and worship. Presenters include Maxwell Johnson, Craig Satterlee and Frank Thomas. [Learn more.](#)



Christ the Servant, Denton, is host to an **Interfaith Stewards Leadership Workshop** on March 26. The event is sponsored by Denton Faith Communities Caring for Creation. [Learn more.](#)

The ELCA no longer automatically ships copies of the **Annual Report Covers** to congregations. Instead they are available for \$5.40 per 50 from the [ELCA Distribution Center](#) (or call 800.638.3522 x2580).

The Cathedral Choir of Mount Olivet, Minneapolis, will be leading worship at Advent, Arlington, on March 13. The choir is composed of students from more than 30 high schools in the Twin Cities area.



The sixth and final **Living DiscipleLife** gathering is set for March 26 at Bethel, Avoca. These events have been wonderful opportunities for people to join the conversation about the future of our work together in this mission territory (see the [brochure](#)).