

Leader News

An E-Note to NT-NL Rostered Leaders



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Announcements



2011 Bishop's Celebration Blitz: Bishop Kanouse will carry the message and the mood of the 2011 Assembly out into the conferences this fall, hosting events to inspire, introduce and encourage participation in the *DiscipleLife Alive!* initiative. Twenty-one events between September 26 and January 14 are on the calendar. [See the schedule.](#)

NT-NL Videos: NT-NL is developing its own little [library of videos](#) that are available for viewing -- and soon for download as well. The videos in the library currently are related to the *DiscipleLife Alive!* initiative.

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DiscipleLife Alive!

The Mission Assembly in Hurst, April 29 - May 1, officially launched the *DiscipleLife Alive!* initiative. Voting members and visitors heard presentations by Bishop Kanouse and the chairpersons of the appeal -- Pastor Phil Geleske (Rejoice, Coppell), Vice President Stephanie Varnum AIM, and Pastor Bill Waxenberg (Christ, Dallas) -- and watched the new DLA! videos. On Friday evening at a special assembly dinner, voting members rose to the challenge and pledged \$47,440 toward the goals of the

DLA!. The \$12,551 in offerings from the assembly worship services were also designated for DLA! Thus to date gifts and pledges equal

\$ 735,000

The three-part objectives of the initiative's \$3 million goal are to:

- Develop a Center for Mission at Briarwood that is focused on Leadership Formation for this new century,
- Expand the Mission Endowment Fund to enable it to underwrite Leadership Formation events, and
- Complete construction on the Jubilee Centre in Sierra Leone so they are similarly equipped to train leaders and engage in mission.

Much more information about DLA! is available on our web site -- printed materials about the three objectives, descriptions of how a DLA! campaign can be planned within the congregation, helpful information about ways to donate, materials for download such as a DLA! Bible Study, and much more.

[Go to the DLA! web page](#)

Evaluation of the 2011 Mission Assembly. Please give us your feedback about the venue, schedule, worship, presentations and mood of the assembly using the [Assembly Blog Site](#).



Scholarships Announced: Two NT-NL seminarians will receive scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year from the NT-NL Fund for Leaders endowed fund: Michelle Greenwald from New Hope, Keller, who is a student at Wartburg Seminary, and Rebecca Mehl, also from New Hope, Keller, who is a student at Luther.

Glocal Mission Gathering: Global+local = Glocal. The events celebrate our Global Mission and are a reminder of the way our global outreach begins in local commitment. The ELCA sponsors several Glocal Mission Gatherings each year. Of the 9 in 2011, the closest is September 23-24 in San Antonio. [Learn more.](#)

The 2012 **ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants** application will be available online on May 16 to request funding for special local projects. The application deadline is July 15. [Learn more.](#)

Encore! along with featured soloists of the Turtle Creek Chorale will present a

concert to benefit Mosaic in Dallas on May 22 at King of Glory, Dallas. [Learn more.](#)

Lutheran Night at the Rangers Ballpark on May 28 and an opportunity to work on a **Habitat for Humanity** house in September -- both are part of our NT-NL Lutheran Men in Mission's planning. Contact [Davis Tubre](#) for more info.

The **Lutheran Church in Liberia** will accept your old LBWs. The effort is coordinated by First Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam, WI, and [Pastor Mark Mouldrem](#) (920.885.4497) who can explain how the project is designed and what the costs are.

PLTS is offering a **Week of Renewal** on the Berkeley campus on June 20-24. Course work, community time, worship, fellowship and free-time combine for a refreshing week. [Learn more.](#)

A **China Bible Ministry Exhibit**, hosted by the China Christian Council, will be at the Northwest Bible Church in Dallas, Oct. 30 - Nov. 1. It is an excellent way to learn about the Church in China.

Summer Conference on Faith Formation and Baptismal Living: August 1-3 in Burlingame, CA -- the Annual Gathering of the North American Association for the Catechumenate. Featured speakers are **Mark Stamm** (SMU/Perkins School of Theology) and **Jessica Duckworth** (joining the faculty at Luther Seminary in July). Learn more. [Learn more.](#)

Excellence in Leadership: Bishop Kevin and Pastor Steve Kanouse received word that their sister, Lou Ann Atkins, is being remembered by the creation of a scholarship fund in her memory. She worked in the Department of Veteran Affairs for 25 years and was Director of the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System when she died. The award is named the *Lou Ann Atkins Excellence in Leadership Award*; it will be given annually to an outstanding nursing student.

A Journey of Grace: The Formation of a Leader and a Church is the title of Herb Chilstrom's autobiography which will be available August 1. It will focus particularly on Chilstrom's years as synod bishop and the early years of the ELCA.

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And Don't Forget

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.](#)

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

Lutheran Advantage Scholarship: A scholarship, especially designed for Lutheran students, has been created at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin. The award, valued at up to \$14,500 per year, is designed to offer highly qualified Lutheran students the opportunity to continue their education in a challenging and nurturing faith-based environment. [Learn more.](#)

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center has a number of offerings on mediation skills training for church leaders. One such event is scheduled for Dallas on October 3-7. [Learn more.](#)