

# Leader News

An E-Note to NT-NL Rostered Leaders



## June 2011

## Announcements



### "DiscipleLife"

is a song composed by Ken Medema for use by the NT-NL

[Hear the song](#)

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Lutheran Campus Ministry is sponsoring its annual **Name Gathering Project**. Each congregation is asked to forward the names of its college-bound students for referral to the Campus Ministry program at their school. [Learn more](#) about the project and use their handy [online referral system](#).

Planning is underway for the **2012 TriSynodical Theological Leadership Conference** on January 23-25 at the Waco Convention Center and Hilton in Waco. Watch the [web page](#) for information.

**Heart of Texas LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry**: thirteen ELCA congregations in the Temple-Waco-Clifton area recently delivered 176 boxes containing 696 quilts, 447 health kits, 205 school kits, 56 layettes, 35 sewing kits and 30lbs of soap for distribution by Lutheran World Relief.

**ELCA's 2011 Video Contest** is accepting entries until June 30 on the theme, *What does it mean to "live Lutheran"?* [Learn more](#).

**LSPS in Austin** is offering an Encuentro in Austin and Mexico on January 3-20, 2012, to reflect on Hispanic history, faith and culture. Info contact [Dr. Jay Alanis](#).

**Women Touched by Grace** is a women's clergy program sponsored by the Lilly Foundation. It is a three-year program for women who have been in the parish for at least five years. [Learn more](#).

**The NT-NL Video Library** carries several videos related to the *DiscipleLife Alive!* initiative. [Visit the Library](#) for:

*DiscipleLife Alive!* (17:47)  
DLA! Summary (4:02)  
Mission Center at Briarwood (8:15)  
Leadership Formation - MEF (5:53)



**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](#)  
[Learn more about \*DiscipleLife Alive!\*](#)

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DLA!'s three-part objective is 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.

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**The Lutheran AIDS Network** has a free [download available](#) to educate Lutheran older adults about HIV and AIDS. Persons aged 50+ in the U.S. account for 16.5% of new HIV diagnoses, 31% of persons living with HIV/AIDS, and 45% of all deaths of persons with AIDS. Help educate on this serious issue.

The ELCA sponsors **Young Adults in Global Mission** (YAGM) which places young adults for one year in a church school or social service ministry in places like Argentina, Jerusalem, Malaysia, Mexico and southern Africa. Share the opportunity; [Learn more](#).

**Lutheran Social Services** would like the opportunity to speak in your congregation about fostering and the need for Foster Parents. Info contact: [Whitney Flynt](#).

The Lutheran Social Services of the South Board of Directors has unanimously appointed **Dr. Kurt Senske** to continue as LSS's CEO through 2018.

**The Rev. Dr. James Kenneth Echols** has resigned as president of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He was elected in May, 1997, as the first African American to serve as president of a North American Lutheran seminary.

**Tapestry** is a free educational seminar offered by Mosaic for those who would like to learn how to set up a Special Needs Trust for a loved one. It is planned for June 8 and 9 at the Mosaic office in Carrollton. Info contact [Beth Sabella](#) (972.866.9989).

**The New York Times** has a feature article (video) in its "Coming Out" series in which a young adult from Christ the Servant, Denton, speaks of her faith and her sexuality. The video is named *Gaining Confidence from God*. [See the video](#).

Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, is sponsoring a **Holy Land Tour** on January 5-20, 2012. Info contact [Jill Kruse](#).

**Lutheran Immigration and Refuge Service** offers statements on the immigration issue to help your educational efforts on the [LIRS website](#).

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### And Don't Forget

**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 are available online to request funding for special local projects. The application deadline is July 15. [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](#).

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](#).

