

Leader News

An E-Note to NT-NL Rostered Leaders



September 2011

An Interfaith 10th Anniversary Commemoration of 9-11

You are invited to the Majestic Theater (1925 Elm Street, Dallas) at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, for a commemorative program honoring those who died on 9-11. The event has been organized by Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Islamic associations. Info contact [Marlene Gorin](#) (214.615.5229).

DiscipleLife Alive!

Leadership Training Celebrations



Bishop Kanouse and members of the DLA Team are offering **Leadership Training Celebrations** in twenty locations throughout the NT-NL this fall, sharing with you and your key leadership important information about the progress of the DiscipleLife Alive! Initiative and ways to tell the members of your congregation about it. Every rostered leader should plan to be at one of the events. To see the list of locations and a description of the event, [click here](#).

You are invited to the kick off event that will launch the fall Training Celebrations. Join us for a day when we will celebrate the gift of DiscipleLife Alive!, hear about the progress we have made, and plan together for the congregational phase.

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Briarwood Retreat Center

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

[Learn more.](#)

ELCA Global Mission has announced a search for a **Companion Synod Missionary in Residence for Sierra Leone**. The position is a two-year residency and will fill the position currently held by Pastor Kate Warn who plans to return to the U.S. [Read the position description](#) or contact [Pastor James Gonia](#).

The 2011 Churchwide Assembly in Orlando overwhelmingly approved participation in a campaign to help stamp out malaria. Over 800,000 people die each year from malaria -- most live in Africa; most are children under 5. The **ELCA Malaria Campaign** will help gather the resources to end this scourge. [Information and printed materials are available online.](#)

The 2011 Mission Assembly resolved to increase its support of the **Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest** by asking congregations to place LSPS in their annual benevolence budget. [Learn more](#) about LSPS.

The American Luther Research Center is hosting a visit by Dr. Kurt Hendel of LSTC as he lectures on *Martin Luther's Vision of Freedom*. The event is particularly designed for rostered leaders and takes place at Christ, Dallas, on Sept. 22, beginning at 10 a.m. [Learn more.](#)

Leadership Outside the Lines, a leadership development seminar, is being offered at Briarwood by presenters Pastor Rob Moore and Pastor Nancy Fisher. It meets twice: Sept. 20-21 and Oct. 14-16. [Learn more.](#)

SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT is the theme of the Nov. 11-13 NT-NL LYO Jr. High Gathering at the Crowne Plaza in Addison. Wes Halula is the featured presenter. [Learn more.](#)

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan has an active **Russia Adoption Program** with many children to place into families. They seek to find homes for them anywhere in the U.S. Info contact [Pastor Martha Nack](#) (608.270.6625).

King of Glory, Dallas, sponsors **GUSTO!**, a speaker series for older adults at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of each month, September through May. Additional workshops and field trips are also offered. [Learn more.](#)

The NT-NL W-ELCA Fall Retreat is set for Briarwood, Oct. 8. The theme is Renew - Respond - Rejoice. [Learn more.](#)

Lutheran Social Services has announced that they will close the **Nelson Children's Center** in Denton effective at the end of September. The move is a result of changing funding patterns and the regulatory environment.

The **South Dallas Youth Conference** at Mount Olive, Dallas, on June 11 was a tremendous success and a good example of how grants from the NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund can help plant "seeds that change". [Learn more](#) about the event.

If you or someone within the congregation is the designated Youth & Family Minister in your congregation, make sure you are hooked in to the others who offer this ministry within NT-NL. Contact [Tom Schwolert](#) (972.539.1031).

Believe in the Trinity is not a confessional admonition but a bit of "applied stewardship". It's a project to address the litter and dumping that pollutes the Trinity River. Churches and others are being asked to get involved. [Learn more](#).



And don't forget

A **Pre-Retirement Seminar** is offered at Briarwood about once every three years. The next is Oct. 11-12, 2011. The seminar is sponsored by the ELCA Board of Pensions and offers valuable information for those nearing retirement. This year the seminar is preceded by a **ReFirement Seminar** (Oct. 10) which helps participants look at the values and dreams that they hope their retirement will fulfill. [Learn more and register](#).

The **Congregational Leadership Academy** will be offered again in early 2012 to help develop the leadership skills of your top leaders. Skills for understanding congregational systems, conflict management, and missional vision are the primary skills that are considered. The event takes place at Zion, McGregor; the text is Peter Steinke's A Door Set Open. [Learn more and register](#).

This academy is funded in part by the Leadership Formation Fund made possible by *DiscipleLife Alive!*



The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center offers their **Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders** on October 3-7 in Dallas to teach leadership skills for conflict situations. The deadline for registration has been extended to Sept. 16. [Learn more](#).

The **2012 TriSynodical Theological Leadership Conference** takes place on January 23-25 at the Waco Convention Center and Hilton in Waco. Detailed information will be available on the event's [web page](#) by late September.

Bishop's Convocation is scheduled for October 17-19 at Briarwood. [Learn more](#).

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](#).