

Women's & Men's Ministries

Two Partner Organizations in the NT-NL

Two particular organizations – the **Women of the ELCA** and **Lutheran Men in Mission** – are invaluable partners in ministry and mission within the ELCA. Each is organized on the local (congregational), regional (the NT-NL), and national (the ELCA) level. They offer opportunities to grow their members in faith, wisdom, leadership, and relationships. Together, these organizations are two strong arms within the church, embracing the Church's mission on earth and faithfully providing the energy, time, talent and financial support to accomplish it.



The NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization is headed by Leslie Dunlap of Winters, Texas. As a unit of the Women of the ELCA, it supports a vast range of ministries: raising funds for local, synodical, and churchwide scholarships for women, helping with children's advocacy organizations, helping battered women, helping low-income families and the homeless, providing food and money to food banks, creating quilts to use as fund-raisers and to send to Lutheran World Relief, supporting



Briarwood Retreat Center, providing support to the NT-NL's companion church in Sierra Leone, supporting the Mission Endowment Fund, and sending a variety of kits to Lutheran World Relief including health kits, school kits, and sewing kits for women, children, and families all over the world. Learn more about women's ministry in the NT-NL at www.NTNLLutheranWomen.com.

Lutheran Men in Mission in the NT-NL is headed by H. Davis Tubre of Fort Worth, Texas. LMM is the men's ministry organization within the ELCA. It is dedicated to strengthening men's Christian faith, relationships and opportunities for service. In recent years the NT-NL LMM has helped by sponsoring work days with Habitat for Humanity, Mosaic and Briarwood. It regularly offers retreats (e.g. Meridian State Park and a visit to the Rock Church in Cranfills Gap) and regional gatherings (e.g. in



Brenham). LMMers from NT-NL participated in the National Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering in Denver this past July. LMM has a special interest in promoting the *Master Builders* edition of the Bible, in helping congregations develop a men's ministry, and in seeking to develop mentoring relationships between younger and older men. Learn more about men's ministry in the NT-NL at www.NTNLMM.org.