

Mission Field

NT-NL covers 150,000 square miles of mission territory. More than half of NT-NL congregations are found in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. A fourth are in small town and rural contexts; the other fourth in small cities. We worship in as many as seven languages each Sunday. Every year we open a new mission, with much of that expansion happening among Hispanics and other ethnic groups (Oromo, Indonesian, Finnish). In total we are 111 congregations with a membership of 30,000. We are served by 170 active and retired rostered leaders. Every year we commit 47% of our offerings (congregational Mission Support) to the national and global work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Together with the 10,000 congregations that make up the ELCA, we are found in countless mission fields, educational institutions, new ministry developments and ministries of compassion and care nationally and globally.



Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus

We Are...

- ...30,000 faithful members, together with gifted lay leaders and 170 active and retired rostered leaders
- ...gathered into 111 congregations that are centers for mission in their communities
- ...exploring new and emerging alignments of congregations into mission clusters to accomplish special outreach projects
- ...developing the NT-NL DiscipleLife Center for Mission at Briarwood
- ...partnering with ministries of education, social service, compassion and care throughout our region
- ...meeting in assembly to elect our officers, leaders (Mission Council) and bishop to coordinate and encourage us in our common mission
- ...and focusing our collective energies on strategic positioning for our opportunities for ministry and mission.



NT-NL Mission Area

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What is *DiscipleLife* ?

We hear **DiscipleLife** as the invitation to be students of the Teacher.

We experience **DiscipleLife** as the challenge to grow, change and re-order the way we live our lives.

We discover that **DiscipleLife** is not just something we might do, it is something we are...it is not just something we practice, but something we become...it is not just learning about the living Christ, but allowing Christ to live in us.

We see our mission together as focused on the nurturing and creation of

- **Courageous Leaders**
- **Missional Congregations**
- **Evangelical Outreach**

For this we have been called, formed, gifted and sent by the One who so loved the world...



DiscipleLife Alive!

These days NT-NL leaders are deeply involved in the creative and energizing work of re-imagining the way we will pursue our mission into the future. Old structures are giving way to new and imaginative ways to be the People of God for our day and time. The Mission Assemblies set the stage for the conversation about *DiscipleLife* becoming *Alive!* in a new way. **Leadership Formation for Mission** drives all programming, staffing, training and organizational efforts. It's a new day.



Actions, not just words

You can see the people of NT-NL at work in diverse ways:

- In 111 congregations working individually and collectively as centers for mission.
- In our Parish Lay Mission Academy.
- In the camping and conference ministry at Briarwood.
- In our close relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (West Africa).
- In our three Endowment Funds:
 - ◇ Mission Endowment
 - ◇ Leadership Formation
 - ◇ Fund for Leaders.
- In campus ministry, men's ministry, women's ministry, youth ministry, and our partnership with educational, social service and ecumenical agencies of this area.

Bishop Kevin S. Kanouse

was elected in 2000 and re-elected in 2006 to serve as Bishop of the NT-NL Mission Area. A graduate of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, he was ordained in 1980 and served for many years as pastor of Advent Lutheran Church in Arlington. Together with the other leaders and staff, his ministry is to resource congregations with opportunities to enhance their ministries and strengthen their leadership. He proclaims the Good News we have in Christ, provides a vision for our work together as disciples, and calls the congregations and leaders into cooperative efforts intended to make Christ known among the people that we serve.



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Other Officers

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