



Report to the 2018 Synod Assembly

Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod

Thank you for the privilege of being a partner with you in the mission of Lutheran higher education.

Highlights of the 2017-18 year at Texas Lutheran University include:

- Record Enrollment in the Fall of 2017, with our largest Freshmen class in history.
- A new Master of Science in Data Analytics.
- A \$1.9 million grant to our nursing program.
- Continued high ratings of TLU by *U.S. News and World Report* and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- Celebration of *500 years of Reformation* with noted speakers such as Kathleen Norris, Rev. Timothy Wengert and Rev. Bradley Schmeling, along with a Reformation Cantata featuring the TLU Choir in a world premiere performance.
- Hosting a national gathering of retired ELCA bishops and spouses on campus.
- Higher Spring Enrollment and higher retention.
- Celebration of the Grand Opening of the Weston Center for the Performing Arts.
- Hosting nationally noted speakers such as Rita Moreno, Diane Guerrero and Shaka Senghor.
- Addition of two new members to the TLU Corporation (both of which are TLU alumni):
Ms. Sarah Lynch, member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Worth
Pastor Jeremy Ullrich of Shepherd King Lutheran Church in Lubbock
- Addition of one member of the TLU Board of Regents, representing the NTNL Synod:
Pastor Kendra Mohn of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Worth

TLU is proud to be part of the ELCA's life and ministry. We are grateful for the continuing national recognition we receive for academic quality, value and service. We feel pride in our expansion of facilities for nursing, theatre, music and athletics. We welcome your support in prayer, students and contributions. The opportunities and challenges before the university never cease to engage and enliven our vision and conversations. Thank you for your partnership with us in our mission of higher education. Together we are finding ways to learn boldly and live to inspire.