

Have taught workshops on interfaith relations and on pastoral care in various churches

**NT-NL/CW** - Desires to be active

**Community** - -Meals on Wheels Volunteer, Fort Worth, TX: 2015-present; Ballet/dance teacher at various studios: 2008-present; Perinatal bereavement coordinator, Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, IL: 2014-2015; Sarah's Inn Domestic Violence Hot line Volunteer (Certified Domestic Violence Advocate in Illinois), Oak Park, IL: 2014-2016; Heartland Hospice Volunteer, Norman, OK: 2008-2011; Internship at the Council on American Islamic Relations, OKC, OK: 2009-2010; Internship at the Xenia Institute for Dialogue, Norman, OK: 2009; Participated in various community interfaith dialogue initiatives in and around OKC. Founded the semi-annual interfaith coffee and conversation at the University of Oklahoma: 2008-2011

**BALLOT - J. 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member  
Male – Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament**

**Elect ONE**



**NAME: The Rev. Franz Schemmel**

Messiah / Weatherford, TX  
Metroplex West Conference

**Occupation:** ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament

**Education:** B.A. Luther College, Decorah, Iowa and  
MDiv, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa

**Leadership:**

**Parish -** All aspects of congregational life. ELCA congregations in Odessa, Fort Worth, and Springtown; 1999, mission developer and subsequently the pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Weatherford, where I continue to serve at the present time.

**NT-NL/CW** - I have served many years on the NTNL Public Witness Team. most recently leading the 2017 Creation Care: It's About the Kids seminar. I am presently one of the NTNL representatives on the board of Texas Impact. I have served on the board of the Church of the Damascus Road since its inception and am now the treasurer. Twice I have been on the synod assembly planning team, most recently as Dean of the University of Samaria. I'm a pretty regular participant in the Metroplex West semi-monthly pastor's Bible study.

**Community** - Interdenominational group called Churches Uniting in Christ that has a special focus on undoing racism in our community. In 2017 I visited Texas legislators in Washington on behalf of the hunger organization Bread for the World. My wife Ann Hafften and I have led several trips to the Holy Land to learn from and support our Lutheran brothers and sisters there.

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**Part C - Addendum**



**NAME:** **The Rev. Edy Santos** Adviento / Arlington, TX  
Metroplex West Conference

**Occupation:** ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament/Mission Developer

**Education:** - Studies in Philosophy & Theology at Roman Catholic Seminary (Colombia); Studies in Missionary Theology at Theological Institute of Central America (Costa Rica); Bachelor in Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Saint Thomas University (Colombia); Diploma in Conceptual Pedagogy with Emotional Intelligence; Certificate of Civil Rights in America / Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (USA); Diploma in Lutheran Tradition / Augsburg Seminary (Mexico); Courses: \*Theology of the Lutheran Confessions and \*A Latino appropriation of the Lutheran Theological Heritage; Wartburg Theological Seminary (USA)

Leadership:

**Parish -**

Ordained priest developing an ecumenical pastoral work in Colombia for almost 10 years. Then I moved with my wife Ingrid to Brisbane, Australia and there we became members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. There we were active members in our congregation and we participated in different church activities. Since we arrived to Arlington, Texas in 2016, I received a call to develop the Hispanic ministry in Advent Lutheran Church. This is a multicultural ministry because we have members from different Latino American countries. Also this is a wonderful congregational work where together as Christians, we can grow as church with two different expressions.

**NT-NL/CW -**

Pastor, Mission Developer at Iglesia Luterana Adviento (Since 2016); Instructor at PLMA (Fall 2017); Board member Mission Endowment Fund (Since 2017); Voting member at Synod Assembly 2016, 2017, 2018.; Coordinator & developer of Latino Leadership Program (Secondary School of Theological Education)

**Community -**

We have developed the day laborers' Bible breakfast program. I started this program almost a year next may. Every Monday from 8 am to 9 am, some Latino and Anglo volunteers, we start the day working together to feed those in needs. I participate in Arlington Ministerial Association meetings where we share about different issues and religious activities for the benefit of this city. I am volunteer chaplain at Medical City Arlington. This is the closest hospital to our congregation and there I have the opportunity to serve the Hispanic community that need pastoral care in Spanish.

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**NAME:** The Rev. Nathan Strong Grace / Carrollton, TX

Occupation: ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament

Education: Luther Seminary, M.Div. 2011; Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD 2007

Leadership:

**Parish** - Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church of Carrollton, TX; Senior Pastor at Portland Lutheran Parish, Portland, ND; Pastor at Norman and Davenport Parish, Kindred, ND

**NT-NL/CW** - None yet – new to synod – desires to be active

**Community** - Chaplain for Portland Fire and Rescue; Chaplain for Mayville Fire and Rescue; Chaplain for Traill County EMS; Chaplain for Traill County Sheriff; Church Representative for Traill County Giving; Church Representative for Traill County Health and Wellness

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**BALLOT - K. 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member  
Lay Female – 18 – 35 yrs old.**

**Elect ONE**



**NAME:** Ms. Bianca Blaney Rejoice / Frisco, TX  
Dallas Area Metro North Conference

Occupation: College Student

Education: High School Diploma at Prosper High School - Class of 2015; Current Student at the University of Texas at Austin - Class of 2019; Degree Plan: BS Biology with Composite Teaching Certification

Leadership:

**Parish** - Council President at Lutheran Campus Ministry Austin: Jan '18-Present; Council Vice President at LuMin Austin: Aug-Dec '17; Ministry Board Member at LuMin Austin: Aug '17-Present; Council Member at LuMin Austin: Aug '16-Present; Member of Music team at LuMin Austin: Aug '15-Present; Member of Music team at Rejoice Lutheran Church, Frisco: 2013-2015; Former Monthly Assistant Minister at Rejoice Frisco: 2014-2015 ; Former Sunday School/Vacation Bible School Assistant at Rejoice Frisco; Former Youth Member at Rejoice Frisco

**NT-NL/CW** - Selected as Servant Companion for National Youth Gathering; 2018 Houston; Attendee of NTNL Young Adult Retreat Winter 2017; Attendee of National Youth Gathering in Detroit