

In what capacity do you feel called to serve? (Please note a position or area of interest.)

Consultation Committee

Name

Franz Schemmel

Age

Over 35 years old

Gender (Required according to our bylaws)

Male

Congregation & Location

Messiah Lutheran Church, Weatherford, TX

Conference

Metroplex West

Occupation

Pastor

Education:

B.A. Luther College, Decorah, Iowa
Master of Divinity, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa

Certifications, Ordination, and/or Licenses:

Rostered in the NTNL as Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament

Expertise:

- Social Ministry

Congregational Involvement: (Past and Present)

I have served ELCA congregations in Odessa, Fort Worth, and Springtown. Beginning in 1999 I was first the mission developer and subsequently the pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Weatherford, where I continue to serve at the present time.

Synod/Churchwide Involvement: (Past and Present)

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 Involvement: (Past and Present)

In Weatherford I participate in an 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.

