

**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.

