



**Report to the Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana
Synod Council and Assembly April 23-24, 2021
Director for Evangelical Mission Rev. Irma Bañales**

*Psalm 24:1-3 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world,
and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and
established it on the rivers.*

The goal of our stewardship ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents and finances God has entrusted to them.

Congregational Vitality:

+ Stewardship, + Mission Start & Renewal Team +

As the ELCA looks ahead to the future, we aspire to have congregations whose faith shines in their relationships with God, each other and their community. *Vital congregations* experience heightened worship, prayer, study of scripture, and sharing of testimony as they discern the presence and will of God in their midst.

In partnership with the NTNL teams and colleagues we have done mission and ministry in totally different way than a traditional way. We have practiced on how to be adaptive and open for new ways to do God's mission.



Welcome to New Multi-denominational Ministry: [kin.dom Community](#), McKinney
Rev. Pepa Paniagua: Grace Presbyterian (PUSA), United Methodist Church, and ELCA

❖ **Visits & Consultations:**

- + Community of Hope, Ft Worth
- + St Stephen Lutheran church, Shreveport LA
- + Bethany/Central, Dallas
- + Santa Maria at McArthur. Irving TX
- + Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod; Bishop Mike Reinheart
- + Southeaster Synod: Assistant to the Bishop Justin Eller
- + Zion Lutheran Church, McGregor. Visioning Retreat
- + King of Glory, Fort Worth.

❖ **Trainings & Events:**

- + Stewardship Kaleidoscope Virtual Conference
- + Thrivent & ELCA: Money Matters/Asuntos de Dinero:

- 3 leaders from 4 Latinx congregation
- + ELCA Congregational Vitality Training
- + Generosity 365 Academy
- + Discovering Hope online Workshop
- + New Ministry and Mission Developer's Training

❖ **Reports & Leadership Formation:**

- + ELCA Covid 19 grants reports
- + ELCA Mission Developers reports
- + MEF stewardship report
- + Teaching Fall Spanish Parish Lay Ministry Academy
- + December 2020. Graduated: Fuller Seminary: Professional Certificate the Church's Response to the Immigration Crisis
- + Presentation to LSPS: NTNL Latinx Ministries

ELCA Partnership Gatherings

- + Holy Innovation Team
- + Latino Strategy Team
- + Weekly Director for Evangelical Mission Gathering
- + Region 4 DEM gathering
- + Region 4 Portico Being Academy
- + Board member Stewardship of Life Institute (SOLI)

Blessings, Thank you/ Bendiciones, Gracias

In Mission Together/Juntos en Mission!
Rev. Irma Banales