

The Northern Texas/Northern Louisiana (NT-NL) Synodical Women's Organization (SWO)

April 25, 2024

He has risen! He has risen indeed! Easter greetings from the NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Board! It's been a busy month as we strive to fulfill our #1 goal is to improve communications to our churches in the synod.

Former NT-NL SWO President, Pam Nye, met me in Abilene on April 11th to transfer files. We met for lunch along with Marilyn Nelson, my navigator, and one of our former church members, Nancy Winegardner. It was helpful to hear updates from them about the Panhandle and Conference Out West Conferences.



Nancy Winegardner, Jane Winge, Pam Nye and Marilyn Nelson (pictured l. to r.)

Our Dallas Area Metro North Conference hosted our spring retreat at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Frisco on April 13th with 48 participants. Jill Miller, singer/songwriter/author, was our keynote speaker and many participants said the event was uplifting.



Jill Miller (pictured front center in white top and black pants)

This past weekend was the NT-NL Synod Assembly at Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria De Guadalupe in Irving. Dr. James Hopper was the keynote speaker, who has a great deal of experience working in schools and institutions building community across the challenges of our society. He shared about how to create connections and be #TogetherInMission by being an intergenerational and multicultural church. We had a WELCA exhibit table in the parlor and received 8 inquiries from women for more information! Afterwards, our NT-NL SWO board members met in-person with 3 board members on Zoom. Next year's Synod Assembly will be in the Panhandle Conference and we look forward to seeing you there!



Dr. James Hopper



Bishop Erik Gronberg leading worship



Jane Winge, Marilyn Hoppe, Tricia Huston (pictured l to r)

You can be recognized as an active WELCA unit by simply meeting together for study, support and mission using <https://www.gathermagazine.org/> or <https://www.boldcafe.org/>. Beyond your church, please save the dates for:

- May 4 for a WELCA Leadership event for everyone from 1-5:30pm CST. Please register at



You are invited to **Servant Leader: Present, Equipped, Here**—this year's churchwide-sponsored leadership event. It's open to all, whether involved in Women of the ELCA or not. Including worship, Bible study, speakers and breakout sessions, this year's leadership event will reintroduce the servant leader concept and its connection to relationships and community while acknowledging the many challenges facing organizations like ours in our current context. Participants will explore the leader-full community that is Women of the ELCA.

Servant Leader: Present, Equipped, Here will occur Saturday, May 4 from 1:00-5:30 p.m. CDT. Register at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/leadership-event>.

- May 18 at 1pm for the WELCA Conference Out West (COW) meeting at Calvary Lutheran Church, 3231 Rolling Hills Blvd., San Angelo with Bishop Erik Gronberg. No RSVP needed.
- October 11-12 at our SWO Fall Retreat at King of Glory Lutheran in Dallas with Catherine Walker, author of *Boosting Your Joy*.

Friendly reminder that funding for scholarships are available at <http://ntnlutheranwomen.com/> for:

- Synodical events, i.e. SWO Fall Retreat application no less than one month prior to registration deadline
- Continuing education at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Application.pdf>, i.e. funds shall be used to further professional or vocation training, retrain due to job displacement or education for entering into ministerial service **by May 15th** with proof of registration.

Please continue to keep our board members, conferences and congregational units in your prayers to fulfill our mission in "Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ."

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact a board member for your conference to coordinate.

God bless you,

Jane Winge