

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

December 15, 2024

Churchwide News:

Blue Christmas Service: Our virtual Blue Christmas Service offers a safe place to bring your grief, fear, and loss. Brief readings. Quiet and reflective music. Prayers. All are welcome. Spanish translation provided.

Date: Saturday, December 21, 2024

Time: 7:00pm CST

Register: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/blue-christmas-service-virtual-2>



Raising Up Healthy Women & Girls Seed Grants opens Dec. 15

We are committed by our purpose statement to promoting healing and wholeness in our church, society, and world. Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls Seed grants embolden women and girls to make a difference where they are. Application materials for the 2024-2025 Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls seed grants cycle begin December 15-April 5 at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/SeedGrantApplication2025.pdf>

WELCA Continuing Education Scholarships opens Dec. 15 Women of the ELCA Scholarships help women continue their education in ordained ministry, academics and leadership. The 2025-2026 scholarship application process opens December 15-April 5 at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/scholarships>



WELCA Triennial Convention will be held online from July 13-15, 2026 due to expenses for the WELCA 2023 Triennial Convention and Gathering exceeded revenue by close to \$1 million. This resulted from higher expenses after COVID and lower attendance. There will be a pre-Convention virtual practice sessions for voting members to become familiar with the virtual voting process.

WELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from July 16-19, 2026. Registration will open July 15, 2025 at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

Synodical News - Save the Dates:

Dallas Area Metro North Conference Spring Retreat

Dates: April 5, 2025

Time: 8:30am-4:00pm

Place: Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
821 S Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002

Register: TBD



Northern Texas - Northern Louisiana Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

NT-NL Synod Assembly

Date: April 25-26, 2025

Place: MCM Elegante Hotel & Suites
801 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79401

Register: <https://www.ntnl.org/event/2025-nt-nl-synod-assembly>

NT-NL SWO Convention

Dates: October 10-11, 2025

Place: Calvary Lutheran Church
7620 Baker Blvd., Richland Hills, 76118

Action items so far:

1. Our Nominating Committee will be looking for 2 candidates to replace Board Member Paula Jensen and Treasurer Linda Heyde.
2. Nominate 3 delegates to vote at the 2026 Triennial besides the SWO President:
 - a first timer
 - a woman of color
 - one with no restrictions
3. Pass a resolution, which the board is recommending:
"Resolve to discontinue the allocation of yearly checking account interest to the various Custodial Accounts and instead deposit all interest from the account into the Scholarship Fund in order to better utilize these funds to help all in need to participate in WELCA and the NT-NL SWO."



Goal #1 is to improve communication with several methods:



- Join our FaceBook NT-NL SWO Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/748717508538531> where this page features local events within our NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization.
- Join our FaceBook NT-NL SWO Page at <https://www.facebook.com/ntnlswow> where this page features Synodical Women's Groups from around the ELCA
- Check out our website at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/>

Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!
Jane Winge, NT-NL SWO President