

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

March 3, 2025

Churchwide News:



Celebrating Bold Women of Faith

Follow the Bold Women of Faith blog every week throughout March, which is written by Dr. Jennifer Hockenbery, interim executive director, Women of the ELCA at https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog

Bold Café: You're invited to join Rev. Andrea Walker, who will lead our conversation about what she learned from her mother about worthiness. Granddaughters, daughters, etc., are encouraged to join us and bring their favorite bear or doll to this special dinner in honor of Women's History Month

Date: March 6, 2025 Time: 7pm CST

Register: https://www.boldcafe.org/dinner/





Raising Up Healthy Women & Girls Seed Grants due April 5th

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 due by April 5th at https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-

content/uploads/2024/11/SeedGrantApplication2025.pdf

WELCA Continuing Education Scholarships due April 5th

Women of the ELCA Scholarships help women continue their education in ordained ministry, academics and leadership. The 2025-2026 scholarship application are due by April 5th at https://www.womenoftheelca.org/scholarships





WELCA Leadership Event on Zoom

All are invited to join a virtual Leadership Event on "Yes! What's Next?

Date: April 5, 2025 **Time:** 12:00-4:00pm CST

RSVP: https://www.womenoftheelca.org/event/2026-leadership-event

WELCA Triennial Convention will be held online from July 14-16, 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:



Seeking a NT-NL SWO Webmaster

After many years of faithful service, Leslie Jenkins, has stepped down as our NT-NL SWO webmaster. If you're interested and have experience with WordPress, please let me know to help us update our website at https://ntnllutheranwomen.com/. Minimal updates needed monthly.

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: Make checks payable to NT-NL SWO and mail to Pam

Grosze, 2600 Ash Dr., St. Paul, TX 75098

\$20 early bird registration by March 15

\$25 registration by March 29 \$30 registration at the door





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

Heart of Texas (HOT) Conference Spring Retreat

Dates: May 3, 2025 Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Place: St. John Lutheran Church

10801 FM-929, Gatesville, TX 76528

NT-NL SWO Convention

Dates: October 10-11, 2025

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

Action items so far:

1. Our Nominating Committee will be accepting nominations for all positions on our board, because we were all elected in 2023

2. Nominate 2 delegates (a woman of color and a first-timer attendee) to vote at the 2026 Triennial besides the SWO President

3. Pass a resolution, which the board approved and 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."





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Join our FaceBook NT-NL SWO Page at https://www.facebook.com/ntnlswo where this page features Synodical Women's Groups from around the ELCA

Check out our website at https://ntnllutheranwomen.com/

Peace.

Jane Winge, NT-NL SWO President

