



“Juntos en Misión/Together in Mission”

Report to the Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Synod Assembly April 25-26-, 2025 Lubbock TX Director for Evangelical Mission Rev. Irma Bañales

NTNL Mission: To raise up leaders who can model Christian discipleship, preach the Law and the Gospel, develop and grow communities of faith, work for justice, and welcome all to the table of grace.

Leadership: Leaders are essential to the mission of the Gospel. NT-NL is committed to developing leaders of all ages to serve, proclaim good news, and work for justice. This includes leaders in local congregations, as well as rostered leaders in the ELCA.

The values of Future Church: God’s Love Made Real are being:

- A Welcoming Church: Engaging new, younger and more diverse people
- A Thriving Church: Rooted in tradition and radically relevant
- A Connected, Sustainable Church: Raising the bar together

Visits & Consultations:

- + Adviento Lutheran Church, Arlington TX
- + Central Lutheran Church, Dallas TX
- + Community of Hope Lutheran Church, Ft Worth TX
- + Emanuel Lutheran Church, Dallas TX
- + Faith Lutheran Church, Flower Mound TX
- + Faith Lutheran Church, Fort Worth TX
- + First Lutheran Church, Temple TX
- + First Sagrada Familia Lutheran Church, Garland TX
- + Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Irving TX
- + Santa Maria de Guadalupe Lutheran Church, Irving TX
- + San Gabriel Lutheran Church, Alvarado TX
- + Rejoice Lutheran Church, Frisco TX
- + New Ministry PODER (*People of Devotion Encouraging Renaissance*)
- + Rev Linda Anderson-Little St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Richardson TX
- + Revs Phil Heinze, Jesus Escamilla; Grace ft Worth & San Gabriel, Alvarado

NTNL Mission Developers and Redevelopers monthly meetings.

- SAWL: Connie Ortega: *New Ministry Adviento, Arlington TX.*
- Rev Adam Stockton: *The Table Gathering, Frisco TX.*
- Rev Moises Carrasquillo: Santa Maria, Irving TX
- Rev Jose Rodriguez: First Sagrada Familia, Garland TX
- Rev Nicholus Chove: Community of Hope Lutheran Church, Ft Worth TX

- PLM Angela Alarcon & Lupita Escamilla; *New Ministry Latinx Young Adult Ministry: PODER* (*People of Devotion Encouraging Renaissance*)
SAOM (Synodical Authorized Outreach Ministry)

Trainings & Events

- + ELCA Mission Developers training. October 2-4.
- + Building a Cultural of Generosity in Spanish: October 25, 2024 First session in person. Six sessions January 22 – April 2025.
- + Community of Hope Lutheran Church, Ft Worth. Spiritual & Vitality Retreat. Nov 23
- + ELCA Spanish Coaching Training: Puerto Rico. January 15-19, 2025
- + ELCA Holy Innovation Project: Six Synod partnership “Sembrando en los Margenes- Sowing in the Margins” San Diego & Tijuana Feb 4-7, 2025
- + Latino Christian National NetWork, Washington DC. Feb 16-18, 2025
- + UMC Fresh Expression Conference, Atlanta GA National Gathering “Love Alike; We Can Do Hard Things!” Feb 26-March 1, 2025
- + Ecumenical Partner Ordination Rev Joanna Kim; Saint Barnabas Presbyterian Church, Plano TX March 2, 2025.

ELCA Partnership:

- + NTNL Six Synod partnership “Sembrando en los Margenes- Sowing in the Margins” NTNL Team: Adviento, Emanuel and First Sagrada Familia.
- + DEM Region 4 Retreat; Sep 24-26, Kansas City
- + NTNL Companion Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church Sierra Leone, Africa. Oct 21- 30.
- + Spanish Coaching Team
- + Warburg Seminary NTNL Latinx Contextual Learning.
- + SOLI (Stewardship of Life Institute Board)
- + DEM's Annual Gathering. Nov 12-15
- + DEM's Interviewer Team
- + Mission Developers & Developers planning team

DEM Advisory Team members:

Co-Chairs: Leah Lawson & Austin Nickel

Trent Ormsbee-Hale, Larry Mercer, Alicia Thompson-Summers, Jeff Borgwardt, & Moises Carrasquillo.

