

2026 NTNL Synod Vice President Report  
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### **Leadership**

- To fulfill motion passed in last synod assembly of establishing 4 new mission starts one of the things we will need is leadership
- We have to be intentionally raising up leaders, both lay and ordained up from within each of our own local congregations
- We have to be intentional about planting those seeds of leadership in our youth
  - Confirmation
  - Camp
  - ELCA Youth GatheringWe have funds from Briarwood Endowment to do that
- Parish Lay Ministry Academy is an invaluable tool to train lay leaders and to help others to discern the call for ordained leadership

### **Church Innovations**

- Lay led group that the ELCA has employed to help synods and churches think in new ways to sort out and define their mission.
- Can help connect churches who are doing similar mission projects
- Contact them at [lab@elca.org](mailto:lab@elca.org)

### **Association of Synod Vice Presidents**

- New organization for synod vice presidents was established this past August at the Church Wide Assembly in Pheonix
- As the ELCA has evolved using more lay leadership, the role of the VP is evolving and growing.
- This organization will serve as a collegial and consultative body, composed of the vice presidents of the synods of the ELCA, for mutual support and leadership development.

### **Luther Bot**

- Play with it. Look at <http://www.NTNL.org> then for LutherBot in the top ribbon or at the bottom right corner of each page
- Not a pastor substitute! Not a counselor! Not a full internet AI program.
- Can be used to help plan lessons, not to write sermons for preaching but try asking it to write a sermon on Luther and alcohol aimed at bartenders just for fun. Let your imagination suggest a sermon you have always wanted to hear!

