



## 2026 NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization (SWO – aka WELCA)

Thanks to Calvary Lutheran Church in Richland Hills, TX and our Metrowest Conference committee members for hosting our October 10-11, 2025 NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Convention for 70 women. We are grateful to our speakers and participants.

### Worship leaders



Rev. Kirsten Wee



Rev. Dr. Kendra Mohn



Patti Reed, author, providing our keynote and workshop



Packing backpacks for Safe Haven



Yma Mulero, WELCA Board Member, and Jennifer Hockenbery, WELCA Interim Executive Director, leading at our business meeting & Luther trivia game.

There were also conference gatherings held throughout the year.



DAMN Conference Spring Retreat in April where presenters were Rev. Veronika Czutor, Jenny Halderman, Ann Hanley, Rev. Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, Pam Groze, and Charlene Minard.



HOT Conference Gathering in May where Rev. Christopher Richmann served as officiant for Holy Communion and keynote speaker.



Eastern Conference Retreat in July where Rev. Cheryl Herreid led worship and served as keynote speaker.

Congrats to Tricia Huston whose application was approved for a \$500 scholarship to further her education as a Deaconess at Luther Seminary. Deadlines for application are **May 15 and November 15**. To apply, click on <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Application.pdf>



Our #1 goal is to improve communications to our churches in the synod, so we're sharing their individual contacts if you have questions or suggestions:



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- website at <https://ntnlutheranwomen.com/>. Thanks to Rachel Brown for her service and please email [jwinge@aol.com](mailto:jwinge@aol.com) if you can serve as our new webmaster.

There are multiple ways you can connect with other Lutheran women. You can be recognized as an active WELCA congregational unit by 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 upcoming events:



April 18 at DAMN spring retreat and concert at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sherman with Rev. Cheryl Herreid. Registration is \$25 or \$30 at the door by emailing [pgrosze@tx.rr.com](mailto:pgrosze@tx.rr.com) or online at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10789524>



April 18 at HOT spring gathering at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Waco with Carrabie Vice from Isaiah 117. Registration is \$35 by emailing Kim Browne at [brownkim3@gmail.com](mailto:brownkim3@gmail.com)



October 23-24 at our SWO Fall Retreat at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Waco by emailing [pgrosze@tx.rr.com](mailto:pgrosze@tx.rr.com)

WELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from July 16-19, 2026. Registration is \$525 due by June 21st at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

By Jane Winge, NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization President