



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

January 16, 2024

Happy New Year greetings from the NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Board! We were recently elected at our October 13, 2023 Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Convention and have met twice online since. Please keep our board members in your prayers to fulfill our mission in "Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ."

- Jane Winge, President from Rejoice in Frisco
- Pam Grosze, Vice President from Christ the Servant in Allen
- Linda Heyde, Treasurer from St. Matthew in Waco
- Renee Slegeir, Secretary from First Lutheran in Longview
- Ginny Grundei, Board Member from Christ the Servant in Allen
- Paula Jenson, Board Member from St. Matthew, Waco
- Vivian McElligott, Board Member from First Lutheran in Longview
- Alice Parsons, Board Member from Emanuel in Dallas
- Sally Weber-Hawthorne, Board Member from Trinity in Sherman

Our #1 goal is to improve communications to our churches in the synod. We will be following up individually with those who completed a survey in 2023 about their WELCA groups' status. We've also split the conferences up to provide individual contacts:

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You can be recognized as an active WELCA unit by simply meeting together for study, support and mission using <https://www.gathermagazine.org/> or <https://www.boldcafe.org/>. Beyond your church, please save the date for the upcoming retreats planned so far:

- Saturday, April 13 at DAMN spring retreat and concert at Rejoice Lutheran in Frisco with Jill Miller, Nashville recording artist/songwriter
- Saturday, October 12 at SWO Fall Retreat at King of Glory Lutheran in Dallas with Catherine Walker, author of *Boosting Your Joy*

Funding for scholarships are available at <http://ntnllutheranwomen.com/> for:

- Synodical events, i.e. Fall Retreat application no less than one month prior to registration deadline
- Continuing education at <https://ntnllutheranwomen.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Application.pdf>, i.e. funds shall be used to further professional or vocation training, retrain due to job displacement or education for entering into ministerial service **by May 15<sup>th</sup>** with proof of registration.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact a board member for your conference to coordinate.

God bless you,

Jane Winge