

Churchwide News:



Bold Café on July 17 @ 7:00 p.m. CDT

Join us for a conversation about Process Theology led by Kamila Gutierrez, Women of the ELCA's Communication intern. Bring your granddaughters, daughters, nieces, and others! We'll provide a downloadable coloring sheet for everyone, and participants are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal or doll.

Date: July 3, 2025

Time: 7:00-8:00pm CDT

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

WELCA Triennial Convention will be held online from July 14-16, 2026.

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 16, 2025 at

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>



Synodical News

Triennial Scholarships Available!

Wondering how to go to the Triennial Gathering? The NTNL SWO can help you reach that goal! Our Synodical Women's Organization will be offering **\$500** scholarships to women in our organization who want to attend and meet the requirements:

1. Applicant must be a participant in a W-ELCA unit and a voting member of an ELCA congregation.
2. Persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English should be given first consideration.
3. Special consideration will be given to promote diversity of geographic location, ages, and experience.
4. Preference will be given to first time attendees.
5. Delegates are not eligible for scholarships.
6. Application deadline should be no less than three months prior to registration deadline

You may also contact the scholarship committee with any question or to obtain the scholarship application: Linda Heyde at lheyde52@aol.com



NT-NL SWO Triennial Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: Day _____ Night _____

Email address: _____

Race: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Primary Language: _____

Name of your ELCA Congregation: _____

Congregation City and State: _____

Written Response (You may submit these answers on a separate sheet of paper.)

1. How are you involved in Women of the ELCA?

2. How many times have you attended WELCA Triennial?

3. Are you a delegate for the 2026 WELCA Triennial? Y or N

Email completed application to Linda Heyde at lheyde52@aol.com no less than three months prior to the 2026 WELCA Triennial registration deadline.



**Rev. Cheryl
Herreid**

Eastern Conference Summer Retreat

Date: July 26, 2025

Time: 10am-4pm

Place: First Lutheran Church, 3901 Bill Owens Pkwy., Longview, TX 75605

Keynote: Rev. Cheryl Herreid, Pastor at Christ the Servant Lutheran, Allen, TX

Cost: Free with lunch and door prizes

Registration: Email Belinda Walenta at belindawal@aol.com or 903-918-1314

Agenda: 3 Bible studies from summer issues of *Gather magazine* on:

- Relationships that form us: All in the family
- Relationships that sustain us: Where you go, I will go
- Relationships that push us to grow: For such a time as this

NT-NL SWO Convention

Dates: October 10-11, 2025

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

Keynote: Patti Reed, Smart Conversations for All Generations

Registration: Early bird \$35/person by 9/12/25 and email pgrosze@tx.rr.com



Agenda:

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."



**Patti Reed
Author**



**Jennifer Hockenbery
WELCA Interim Director**



**Yma Mulero
WELCA Board Member**

Goal #1 is to improve communication with several methods:



- Join our FaceBook NT-NL SWO Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/748717508538531> where this page features local events within our NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization.
- Join our FaceBook NT-NL SWO Page at <https://www.facebook.com/ntnlsw> 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