

The Northern Texas/Northern Louisiana (NT-NL) Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Newsletter

September 22, 2025

Churchwide News:



Bold Café

Join us for a conversation led by Dr. Crystal L. Hall about the benefits of rituals during difficult transitions. Granddaughters, daughters, nieces, etc., are encouraged to join! Participants are encouraged to bring a favorite stuffed animal or doll.

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2025

Time: 7:00-8:00pm CDT

Register: https://www.boldcafe.org/dinner/ Coloring Page: https://www.boldcafe.org/dinner/ content/uploads/2025/09/lamworthyColoring.pdf

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 with worship, workshops and service projects. Registration is open at https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page



july 16-19, 2026 des moines, iowa

Run, Walk or Roll is a fundraiser to support the work of the Women of the ELCA health initiative, Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls. You can participate in fundraising electronically and for more info, go to: https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2026-RWR-Pledge-Kit.final_.pdf



Quilting Challenge is where quilters of all abilities are invited to create a quilt interpreting the I am worthy Gathering theme with a \$25 registration fee. For more info, go to:

https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-

content/uploads/2025/07/QuiltChallenge-Information-2026-FINAL-with-Entry-v2-1.pdf



Workshops



Rev. Dr. Susan RoseCultivating Courageous
Leadership: The Diakonos
Solutions Story



Dr. Kelly Sherman- ConroyI AM WORTHY—Even when the ground shakes



Dr. Mary J. StreufertWhat is Faithful Language for
God? Exploring the Bible and
Artwork to Find Out



Joy McElroy Love Listens – Supporting Youth into Safe & Healthy Relationships

Synodical News

NT-NL SWO Convention

Dates: October 10, 2025 from 1:00-8:30pm with business meeting, games, dinner & worship

October 11, 2025 from 8:30am-4:00pm with worship, workshops & lunch

Place: Calvary Lutheran Church, 7620 Baker Blvd., Richland Hills, TX 76118

Keynote: Patti Reed, Smart Conversations for All Generations

Registration: \$40/person by October 3 or \$45 at the door and email pgrosze@tx.rr.com **Bring:** 1 voting delegate per church (so far we have 5 congregational delegates)

1 item/church for silent auction for SWO scholarship (optional)

Feminine hygiene products and/or diapers for NEED Food Bank (optional)

Business Meeting Agenda on October 10 from 1:00-3:00pm for each church delegate/guests:

- 1. Our Nominating Committee will be accepting nominations for all positions on our board and our 2027 Nominating Committee. Submit your nomination at http://bit.ly/4lMufYb
- 2. Nominate 2 delegates (nonwhite woman and a first-timer attendee) to vote at the 2026 Triennial from our NT-NL Synod by submitting your nomination to ggrundei51@gmail.com
- 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



Rev. Kirsten Wee King of Glory Lutheran Church



Rev. Dr. Kendra Mohn Trinity Lutheran Church

Continuing Education Scholarship Application Due November 15

Our Synodical Women's Organization will be offering \$500 scholarships to women in our organization who want to further their education and need some financial assistance. Applicant must be a participant in a WELCA unit and a voting member of the ELCA. Course of study may have a ministry job component, or it may be for continuing education in job training or updating vocational training. Deadlines for application are November 15 and May 15. To apply, click on https://ntnllutheranwomen.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Application.pdf



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/ntnlswo 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