

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

December 22, 2025

Churchwide News:

WELCA Triennial Convention will be held online from July 13-14, 2026. Thanks in advance to our NT-NL SWO Voting Delegates elected at our SWO Convention on October 10, 2025:







Cate Berridge



Renea Tucker

Delegates are asked to volunteer for one of the following business committees:

- Conduct of Elections Committee
- Credentials Committee
- Memorials Committee

- Minutes Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Reference & Counsel Committee

WELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from July 16-19, 2026 with worship, workshops and service projects. Take advantage of early bird registration **by January 5** at https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page

Bold Café

Our host, the Rev. Angela T. Khabeb, will lead our discussion about love in the new year. Granddaughters, daughters, nieces, etc., are encouraged to join! Participants are all encouraged to bring a favorite stuffed toy or doll.

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026

Time: 7:00-8:00pm CST

Register: https://www.boldcafe.org/dinner/
Coloring Page: https://www.boldcafe.org/dinner/
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We are thankful to all our donors for giving to Women of the ELCA through the SALT Appeal for Giving Tuesday! We are still honoring the \$50,000 matching gift from our generous donor, Churchwide board member, Julia Hong Sabella, until January. Make your gift today! This generous match will help us achieve our appeal goal of \$250,000 at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/salt-appeal

WELCA Campus Ambassador

Are you on campus? Are you looking to engage in authentic intergenerational relationships? The Beloved: WELCA Campus Ambassador program will connect young adult women on campus with peers, raise awareness about WELCA's ministry, and provide students with mentoring opportunities with girls ages 7-12 in local ELCA congregations. Learn more and apply at: https://www.womenoftheelca.org/ministry-action/intergenerational-2/welca-leader-page-campus-ambassador-program



Synodical News

NT-NL SWO \$500 Continuing Education Scholarship Awarded

Congrats to Tricia Huston whose application was approved for a \$500 scholarship to further her education as a Deaconess at Luther Seminary. Applicants 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 applied for continuing education in job training or updating vocational training. Deadlines for application are **May 15 and November 15.** To apply, click on https://ntnllutheranwomen.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Application.pdf



Dallas Area Metro North Spring Retreat on April 18



Don't miss an opportunity to join with other members of the Dallas Area Metroplex North Conference! We have great speakers, interesting and fun breakout sessions, and always great food and conversation!

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026 Place: Trinity Lutheran Church

> 1515 N. Travis St Sherman TX 75092

Speaker: Rev. Cheryl Herreid

Theme: Each of you should use whatever gift you have

received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

NT-NL SWO Fall Retreat Save the Date!

Save the date for our NT-NL SWO Fall Retreat and more information will be coming!

Date: October 9-10, 2026

Place: St. Matthew Lutheran Church

800 N New Road Waco TX 76710



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