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February 2012

Celebrating our Ministry together in the NT-NL Mission Area

April 27-29 in Irving

Mission Assembly – Celebrating!

The 2012 Assembly brings to conclusion a six-year string of assembly themes that have all been focused on *DiscipleLife*. This will be a turning-point assembly. We will celebrate all that we have done together in mission these six years, all that God has entrusted to us as we are God's witnesses and hands in this world, and all that we want to do in the future as we "run the race with perseverance". First, we will celebrate our own plans for mission in the NT-NL as we hear of the power and progress of the *DiscipleLife Alive! Initiative*. Second, we will celebrate the mission of the whole ELCA as we enjoy the stories and music of our global mission. Our assembly speakers are leaders in the ELCA's global mission effort: the Rev. Rafael Malpica-Padilla, Sunitha Mortha, and our own Pastor Kate Warn. And, third, we will elect a bishop to shepherd us for the next six years. No wonder the key word of the assembly is *Celebrating!* It will be a busy assembly. Learn more at NTNL.org – assembly.

You're Invited to a "Glocal" Mission Festival

You may not be a voting member or visitor at the 2012 Mission Assembly, but you may want to enjoy the activities that are a part of their agenda on Saturday, April 28. The day will transform into a "Glocal" Mission Festival (global + local) as speakers, musicians, worship, and a global marketplace invite everyone into a new and deeper appreciation for the worldwide work of the ELCA. Join the fun as we hear, see, sing and participate in the global mission of the church. Learn more at NTNL.org – assembly – glocal festival.

Speak Now and Forever Hold Your Faith

LYO's Sr. High Gathering features keynote speaker Jason Davis during a fun and eventful weekend, Feb. 17-19 at Briarwood. Jason is a former NT-NL LYO president and currently the Director of Youth and Family Ministries at Mt. Calvary in Boulder. Download the registration packet on the homepage of NTNL.org.

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February Emphasis: *Fund for Leaders in Mission*

- **Back to School?** Want to go deeper in your understanding of the Bible and the traditions and teachings of the church? Consider signing up for the next class for the Parish Lay Mission Academy. Learn more at PLMAcademy.org.
- **The Heart & Soul Gala** on Feb. 24 at the Westin Galleria Dallas benefits the ministry provided by Mosaic on behalf of those with intellectual disabilities. Learn more at MosaicInDallas.org or call 972.866.9989 x321.
- **Voting Members** at the coming Mission Assembly (April 27-29) will elect a bishop to serve in the NT-NL Mission Area for a six year term. The Committee on the Bishop Election encourages you to be in prayer about the election and nominees. Information about the process is found at NTNL.org – Assembly.
- **Created by God**: this human sexuality workshop on Feb. 3-4 is for kids in 5th, 6th, and 7th grade and is offered by King of Glory, Dallas. Human sexuality is presented in a safe, warm and Christian context. Register at KingOfGlory.com.
- **New Visions: Leadership for Mission,** March 5-6 at Briarwood. The event will help congregational leaders increase mission awareness, improve congregational vitality, grow leadership skills and manage change in healthy ways. $295 per person; housing additional. Instructor: Pr. Jon Lee. Learn more at NTNL.org.
- **The ALOA Senior Fest** (Adult Lutherans Organized for Action) is Saturday, Feb. 18, at King of Glory, Dallas, featuring The Rev. Walt Waiser on the topic of Prayer. Learn more at NTNL.org.
- A **Lost and Found** concert takes place March 4 in Edmond, OK. Learn more at NTNL.org.