

News Briefing

September 2011

Celebrating our Ministry together
in the NT-NL Mission Area

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DiscipleLife Alive!

Watch us Transform the Future of the NT-NL Mission Area

At the 2011 Mission Assembly voting members all around the assembly hall each brought forward a flower, collectively creating a fragrant bouquet that graced the altar. So too, we were reminded, the gifts that we have to offer – large and small – can accomplish much and be a true offering of ourselves to God.

DiscipleLife Alive! Leaders' Training Celebrations are planned for twenty-plus locations around the NT-NL Mission Area, beginning Sept. 26. Come hear about the progress of the DLA! Initiative, learn how to share with others the story and excitement that DLA! has generated, and plan ways to get your congregation involved in supporting this crucial work. Each gathering offers Bible study, presentations, training, reflections and a meal. Learn more at www.ntnl.org/index.php/disciplelife-alive/training-celebrations.

September

Sept. 26 – 6 p.m.
Holy Trinity, Shreveport

Sept. 27 – 6 p.m.
First, Longview

Sept. 28 – 6 p.m.
Faith, Flower Mound



Same Kind of Different

This year's Jr High Gathering, *Same Kind of Different*, is Nov. 11-13 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison and features the wit and wisdom of Wes Halula, a popular speaker. Those registering by Oct. 10 get a discount. Download the complete registration packet from the home page of NTNL.org.

Opportunities Abound for Leadership Formation for Mission this Fall

The home page of the NT-NL web site has been redesigned to make upcoming events a focal point of our news and information. Learn about these events and others by going to www.NTNL.org.

- **Briarwood's Gala & Auction, Champagne and S'more's** – Paradise Cove at Lake Grapevine, Sept. 9.
- **Men's Ministry Gathering** for the ETNL Conference – First, Longview, Sept. 17.
- **DLA! Celebration Day**, the kick off to the fall events in support of *DiscipleLife Alive!* – Briarwood, Sept. 20.
- **GUSTO! Speaker Series for Mature Adults** is the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at King of Glory, Dallas.
- **Leadership Outside the Lines** (leadership skills and development) – Briarwood, Sept. 20-21.
- **Luther's Vision of Freedom** (a lecture by Dr. Kurt Hendel) – Christ, Dallas, Sept. 22.
- **W-ELCA Fall Retreat** with the theme *Renewing Body & Soul* – Briarwood, Oct. 8.
- **NT-NL Campus Ministry Trivia Challenge** dinner and fund raiser – Christ, Dallas, Oct. 9.
- **Nelson Center's 15th Annual Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit (LSS)** – Flower Mound, Oct. 10.
- **Pre-Retirement Seminar** for ELCA rostered leaders – Briarwood, Oct. 11-12.
- **Stewardship Academy** (first of three sessions) – Briarwood, Oct. 14-15.
- **Bishop's Convocation** for all professional church workers, *Faithful DiscipleLife* – Briarwood, Oct. 17-19.
- **Mission Endowment Fund Dinner/Fund Raiser, Seeds That Change** – Advent, Arlington, Oct. 22.
- **Jr. High Youth Gathering, Same Kind of Different** – Crowne Plaza, Addison, Nov. 11-13.



FYI (Go to www.NTNL.org)

September Emphasis: Campus Ministry & Mission Endowment Fund

- ❖ What do you know about the **Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest**? Learn about its mission of theological education under the "Partners" tab of NTNL.org. Our 2011 Mission Assembly voted to more actively support LSPS.
- ❖ Want to be involved in some "applied stewardship"? Learn about the **Believe in the Trinity** project to address the problem of litter and dumping along the Trinity River. Learn more at www.TrinityTrashBash.com.