



2021 - A New Year - Not A New God

"If we live by the Spirit, let us stay in step with the Spirit." - Galatians 5:25

By now, we are all past the Christmas Season and the New Year celebrations.

Some of us may be in the "Bah Humbug" frame of mind due to the unrest and division in our country. Things look so different than any other January in my memory. But maybe we can each spend more time thinking about what is really important to us.

Our Lord teaches us the importance of walking in our convictions. With so much happening in the world, I think for many of us as Christians, it has caused us to look inward at the heart of who we have become. It has made us look closer at who we are in the flesh and who God actually calls us to be. Do we look more like the world --- than people of God?

It has made us ask, "how did we get here and how can I move forward boldly living for Christ?"

We are united in His love and by our commitment to the Via de Cristo ministry. Let us step forward in prayer and grace-driven conviction to walk the journey in His name.

Wendy Showalter
NLS President



Eternal God,

You have placed us in a world of space and time,
and through the events of our lives You bless us
with your love. Grant that in this new year we may
know Your presence, see Your love at work and live
in the light of the event that gives us joy forever
- the coming of Your Son, Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship



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Our Mission

Statement:

By grace, with the Holy Spirit, we challenge leaders to discover and achieve their personal calling, assisting them to influence their environments with the Gospel.

New Committees

Greetings and blessings to all of you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!

Top on my mind and my heart right now is the health of our ministry. The Via de Cristo way is built on connections and personal relationships... having weekends, reunion groups, ultreyas. Covid is an evil that looks to disrupt that and isolate us... because as we all know "An isolated Christian is a paralyzed Christian." As an Executive Committee, we have spent time in prayer and discussion on what the leadership team needs to look like to best support our secretariats and the Via de Cristo body as a whole. As we have announced on the NLS facebook, we are taking two positions that have historically been individual roles and turned them into teams of 3-5 people to help divide up the work and improve our overall ability to reach



others. Rick Hanzlik has agreed to be the Chair of the Technology group and Amanda Hunter has agreed to lead the Communications group. We are blessed to have these humble servants of God lead us in these areas and look forward to what God has in store for us here. **If you have interest in volunteering on one of these committees, please reach out to me for more information.**

In addition to the new committees forming, we have had a couple of other existing positions on the National Secretariat that open and opportunities for service. Our Archivists Skip and Lori Gooch, our Newsletter Editor Hollie Jennings, and our Compliance Coordinator (Tax Advisor) Rhonda Balsley have discerned God's call to serve in other areas. Please join me in thanking them for their service to our Ministry and praying for them as they enter their new phase of service. **If you have interest in volunteering for one of these roles, please reach out to me for more information.**

We also have the Regional Coordinator position available in regions 6 and 7. **If anyone feels called to serve in that capacity, please reach out to Lindsay Daugherty, our VP of Outreach for more information.** The infographic below gives some high level suggestions on beneficial skills of each position and what it entails. I urge you to consider whether God is calling you to serve in any of these capacities. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly if you want to talk about any of these positions or just talk about what is on your mind!

I want to close today by praying for you. Whatever troubles your heart, whatever struggles you face, may God keep you safe in his arms and bless you abundantly.

In His Service,

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[Technology Committee Responsibilities](#)

[Communications Committee Responsibilities](#)

Opportunities to serve our Lord

<u>Open Roles</u>	<u>Desired, but NOT required skills</u>	<u>Key Responsibilities</u>
Non Profit Compliance <i>(formerly tax advisor)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPA, Finance background • Experience with auditing in some manner • Ability to drive closure to tasks, independently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help ensure government filings complete • Work with distribution center and database to validate key things are done correctly
Archivist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a passion for history and VdC • Ability to complete activities, work independently • “Out of the box” thinker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining and adding to our archives • Sharing our history in a creative way with the body
Regional Coordinators in Region 6 & 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outgoing personality - willing to build relationships • Virtual connectivity experience (ie Facebook, Zoom) • Able to work independently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep relationships and connectivity with secretariats in your region • Encourage events as a region
Technology Committee Member <i>3-5 spots</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in website technical execution • Well versed in communication technology, social media • Database experience • Self starter, willing to see projects through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to maintain website and current technology - implement new technologies to spread our message • Be reference to local secretariats
Communications Committee Member <i>3-5 spots</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated experience in org comms, education • Experience w/multiple communication technologies • Self starter, willing to see projects through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish the news letter, manage the facebook, and help with web content • Look for new ways to spread our message • Ensure we stay in line with our strategy

Calling All 4th Day Community

May the Lord shine bright for you today and always!

I have been thinking a lot about all the recent events within the last year and the last three months. The turbulence we have all been feeling is getting bumpier and I thought I would reach out to everyone.

We have an Annual Gathering coming up in July in Texas! We have been actively getting ready for this event, however it has come to my attention that many of you want to have this meeting in person, while the other half think we should hold it online only. I would like to hear from some of you about this dilemma.

1. Would you like to have the Annual Gathering held in person? Yes or no

2. Would you like to hold the Annual Gathering online? Yes or no

I am not asking you to commit to anything right now, just trying to understand if we should proceed with planning an in-person event or switch to online.

With the pending inoculations, we are discussing the wisdom of holding a face to face Annual Gathering. We will be conscientious as we watch the health reports. The Executive Committee will make a decision within the next couple months. I am hoping that by the end of the summer or year, everyone will have been vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine and we can begin to have a sense of normalcy.

Please respond to:

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Thank you and May God watch over us today and always!

My hope is in the Lord,

Debbie Klatt

Vice President of Administration

Your Fellow Servants

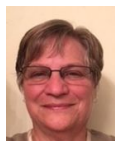
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