

2026 Annual Report of the Secretary of the National Lutheran Secretariat

Over the past year, I have had the honor of serving as Secretary of the National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS). In collaboration with the Executive Committee, we have worked diligently to support the organization's mission while remaining rooted in our founding principles.

In the role of Secretary, several key initiatives were advanced. To promote greater transparency, Executive Committee meeting minutes have continued to be published on the NLS website. In partnership with both the Executive Committee and the Annual Gathering (AG) Host Committee, annual reports were successfully collected, and delegates for the Texas AG were verified. Additionally, collaboration with NLS Communications Director Karen Weires has increased, with a focused effort to update Via de Cristo community secretariats and maintain current contact information. Karen has also created a Google Drive for ease of sharing information. I extend my appreciation to Karen and to the broader community for their ongoing support and patience as this work continues.

It has been a privilege to serve alongside the members of the NLS Executive Committee. I am grateful for their guidance and mentorship throughout the past year and look forward to continued collaboration in the year ahead.

Sending God's Amazing Grace!

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