

NLS Annual Gathering 2020
NON-PROFIT/TAX ADVISOR
Annual Report

As Nonprofit/Tax Advisor, I work behind the scenes for the NLS to monitor new and revised laws and regulations related to nonprofit operations and tax compliance for organizations incorporated in the state of MN. I research whether new laws have been passed that are relevant to National Lutheran Secretariat and then inform the board of any findings. None were found in the last year.



Over the last year I have been learning about the various business filings that are required of a MN nonprofit organization, how to file them and when they are due and I'll be assuming responsibility for these filings later this year. Our treasurer has been taking care of them while I get up to speed.

I also worked on special requests from the NLS to research topics of interest. For example, we are researching the need to designate a MN registered agent with the MN Secretary of State to overcome the requirement to change our business address every two to four years as our board members change. In addition, I have reviewed proposed changes to NLS bylaws and revised our Via de Cristo logo and trademark policy for our new website.

In addition to my work on NLS, I am active on my local TX Lutheran Via de Cristo board, holding the positions of Secretary and Training Coordinator. I also serve as Co-Inventory Coordinator for the Unit Advisory Council for the Kairos Prison Ministry- Ruben Torres Unit in Hondo, TX.

I am sad that we cannot conduct our Annual Gathering in person this year. May we all be filled with loving kindness towards one another as we navigate our way through the current challenges that face the world.

Peace in Christ,

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