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- Lawrence M. Stratton [blogs the lectionary](#): "The concept of the common good is a central theme of Roman Catholic social teaching, but is underutilized in Protestant discourse."
- "[The pastor's wife reports to traffice school](#)," a poem by Nola Garrett