



October 10, 2017

Dear Presidents of Texas District Congregations:

Greetings in the name of our living and loving Lord Jesus!!!

In preparation for the 2018 District Convention in Irving (June 14-16, 2018), it is my responsibility as District Secretary to solicit nominations from the congregations of the Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for the offices of District President and District Vice Presidents for the next triennium. The nomination process for these respective offices is detailed in the district bylaws, in part, as follows:

**From the 2015 District Handbook Regarding Nomination of President:**

- 1.021.a Each voting congregation shall be entitled to nominate from the ordained roster of the synod two ordained ministers as candidates for president;
- 1.021.c Each nominating ballot shall be signed by the president and the secretary of the voting congregation and shall be sent to the secretary of the district not later than four months prior to the opening date of the convention;

**From the 2015 District Handbook Regarding Nomination of District Vice Presidents:**

- 1.045.a Each voting congregation shall be entitled to nominate for its area (A, B, C, and D) two ordained ministers for vice president from the ordained roster of the district with residence in the designated region.
- 1.045.c Each nominating ballot shall be signed by the president and the secretary of the voting congregation and shall be sent to the secretary of the district not later than four months prior to the opening date of the convention.

Therefore, my encouragement is that you include, as soon as possible, an agenda item for prayerful action by your congregation in accord with your local governing practice as per your congregation's bylaws, e.g. voter's assembly, board of directors, etc., to nominate two candidates for District President and two candidates from your district geographic area for Area Vice President. To assist in your considerations, please find with this letter a summary from the synod and district bylaws about the duties of the District President and District Vice Presidents.

Then, complete (with signatures) the nomination ballot included with this letter and return it by the deadline to my office at the address provided on the ballot, The deadline for your District President and Area Vice President Nomination Ballot is February 14, 2018.

For your reference, lists of pastors by Area A, B, C and D are available on the Texas District convention website: [www.txlcms.org/2018-texas-district-convention](http://www.txlcms.org/2018-texas-district-convention), included in the specific Area Nomination Packet information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me via email: [larrykrueger@gmail.com](mailto:larrykrueger@gmail.com). Please keep this nomination and election process in your prayers.

God's blessings in Christ Jesus, our Lord!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Larry Krueger".

Rev. Larry Krueger  
Secretary, Texas District

ENCLOSURES:

District President and Area Vice President Nomination Ballot  
Description and Requirements of the District President and District Vice Presidents

## **Description and Requirements of the District President**

*(Excerpted from Synod Bylaws 4.4.1-4.4.8. For full description, read the referenced bylaws.)*

- 4.4.1 The district president is the chief executive of the district.
- 4.4.1 The district president shall represent the Synod in his district.
- 4.4.3 The district president shall represent the Synod in connection with all ordinations, commissions, and installations.
- 4.4.4 The district president shall, in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod, in his ministry of ecclesiastical supervision visit the congregations of the district.
- 4.4.5 Each district president, in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod, shall supervise the doctrine, the life, and the official administration on the part of the ordained or commissioned ministers who are members through his district or are subject to his ecclesiastical supervision, and shall inquire into the prevailing spiritual conditions of the congregations of his district.
- 4.4.6 The district president, even without formal request therefore, may through the proper channels arrange for an official visit or investigation when a controversy arises in a congregation or between two or more congregations of the district or when there is evidence of a continuing unresolved problem in doctrine or practice.
- 4.4.7 The district president shall be responsible for maintaining the official rosters of his district.
- 4.4.8 The district president shall, with the assistance of his district's circuit visitors, promote and pursue unanimous participation by congregations in the submission of annual statistical reports as an expectation of membership in the Synod

## **Functions and Duties of the District Vice Presidents**

*(As per Texas District Bylaw 1.039)*

- a. The [*district*] president may use his vice presidents in any way that may seem helpful. He will call upon them for such counsel and service as he may deem necessary. He need not, however, be guided by their suggestions and counsel.
- b. The president shall at all times keep the vice presidents informed on conditions in the district, especially in the respective administrative area represented by each.

*(As per Texas District Bylaw 1.057)*

The Vice Presidents shall:

- a. perform the usual duties outlined in the district bylaws, receiving their responsibilities from the president and being accountable to him;
- b. visit the congregations of the circuit visitors in their administrative area;
- c. advise the president on conditions within their respective areas;
- d. serve as voting ordained minister representatives from their respective areas on the board of directors;
- e. serve as the president's representatives, as assigned by him, in advisory membership on boards and committees; and
- f. be voting members, and attend all district conferences, of circuit visitors called by the district president.

**2018 TEXAS DISTRICT NOMINATION BALLOT FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENT AND AREA VICE PRESIDENT**  
*(Congregations may nominate two ordained ministers from the roster of synod for each office.)*

**TEXAS DISTRICT PRESIDENT**

Your Circuit # \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastors nominated for the Office of President at an official meeting of our congregation are:**

1. Nominee's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Nominee's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**AREA VICE PRESIDENT**

*(As per Texas District Bylaw 1.045(a), area vice president nominations shall be "from the ordained roster of the district with residence in the designated region." Please circle your area designation below.)*

**Area A                      Area B                      Area C                      Area D**

**Pastors nominated for the office of Area Vice President at an official meeting of our congregation are:**

1. Nominee's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Nominee's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Signatures:** \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Congregation                      Elected Secretary of Congregation

*\*Both the president and secretary of the congregation are required to sign in accord with Bylaws 1.021(c) and 1.045(c) of the Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, each of which state, "each nominating ballot shall be signed by the president and the secretary of the voting congregation."*

This nominating ballot shall be sent to the secretary of the district not later than **February 14, 2018**.  
Contact the District Secretary, Rev. Larry Krueger, with any questions: [larrykrueger@gmail.com](mailto:larrykrueger@gmail.com)

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