



# MINISTER TO MINISTER

*The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod | November 10, 2017*

## 2018 Board and Committee Nominations

Remember to submit nominations for open positions on the following boards and committee by this **Tuesday, NOVEMBER 14, 2017**.

Texas congregations may make nominations for District President and Area Vice Presidents up until **FEBRUARY 14, 2018**.

Click [HERE](#) for your area packet and nomination form and/or the Nomination Ballot for District President and Area Vice Presidents.

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## Hurricane Harvey Relief News

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many lives are being touched by the work the Texas District is doing to support those who have been ravaged by Hurricane Harvey. Not only are the victims of this storm receiving much needed relief, people from across our state are being moved to support our work in whatever way they can.

I recently received a letter from Rebeka, whose family decided to host a fundraiser to help with our relief efforts. Rebeka's story and letter are touching. Here's part of what she wrote me:

*The weekend following the hurricane, we hosted a "Dine-In for Disaster Relief" at our home. Basically, we cooked a meal and invited our friends, our church family, and our neighbors to come eat with us (yea for community!) and make a donation similar to the cost of a meal out to support relief efforts. Our own gift could be multiplied by this community*

*of believers and those who are connected to us, even if they are not part of the family of Jesus (yet).*

*One family - with a nine-month-old and twin four-year-olds - joined us for the party and made their family donation. Then, the mom handed me the bag you are now holding. She had been watching the news with images of Houston and her two four-year-olds were struck with compassion. They heard the news reporters ask for people to "text a donation to help."*

*These two little ones went to their room, emptied their piggy banks, and brought everything they had to their mom and said, "Mom, please text this to Texas." So, their mom brought their whole treasure to our party for us to send to you. You are holding the compassion and all the financial resources of two four-year-olds who were asked to help and responded at their current ability.*



It has been estimated that over 250,000 homes were flooded during Harvey and over 15,000 homes have been irrecoverably destroyed. Families continue to live in tents in their yards in the Golden Triangle and in the Coastal Bend. I know of over 50 families who are still set up in "tent cities" in the Golden Triangle. I also know of families who are living in homes that are moldy while sleeping on mattresses that are still wet.

You can help. You can make a difference. [HERE](#) to volunteer, or to make a donation.

We still have much work to do. More homes need to be mucked out. More mold needs to be treated. Sheet rock, along with other building supplies, is expected to increase around 20% on January 1, 2018, so the sooner we can purchase the materials we need to help with rebuilding process, the better. If two four-year-olds can give from their piggy banks, what can you give?

I am grateful for the compassion of these two little ones. I am grateful for your compassion too. Thank you for serving, thank you for donating, and thank you for loving your fellow Texans in Jesus' name.

Until they all know Him,  
Julie Tucker

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# Worker Wellness Survey

Ordained and commissioned ministers please watch for a follow-up invitation in your email inbox (*check their junk mail or spam folders*) to complete the Worker Wellness Survey. It will be kept open through Thanksgiving.

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## Prayers

Rev. Harry Klepper (Em., Pflugerville), on hospice care at The Harbor, the Memory Care at Buckner

Rev. Doug Rathgeber (Em., Beaumont) dealing with cancer and treatments

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### Mission Prayer of the Week:

- For those who fear the call to mission
- For those preparing for the mission and for ministry, that they recognize the heart and desire of Christ in every context to which they are called
- Pray that young & developing leaders in the church be protected by the Spirit.



We invite you to join [Mission Prayer](#) as we lift up our hearts and voices to God in prayer for His mission.

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## Ministry Calls Ordained

### Undecided

B.J. Froiland, Asst. Pastor, Christ, Platte Woods, MO to Pastor, Christ, Lubbock

Ryan Ogrodowicz, Pastor, Victory in Christ, Newark to Assoc. Pastor, Grace, Brenham

Martin Richardson, Assoc. Pastor, Crown of Life, Colleyville to Sr. Pastor, Peace with Christ, Aurora, CO

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# Ministry Calls Commissioned

## Accepted

KC Knippa, St. Paul, Plano to Youth & Family Ministry & Worship Leader,  
Concordia Garland

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## Shared Events Calendar

Texas District congregations and schools are invited to submit their special events for posting on our NEW Community Calendar, accessible at [txlcms.org](http://txlcms.org) under the 'Connect' tab. To check the calendar or submit an event, please click [HERE](#).

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## Upcoming Events

**June 14-16, 2018**

**2018 TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION**

*Firmly Standing Boldly Sending, I Cor. 15:1-6*

Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport, 4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, TX 75063

Click [HERE](#) for information and [registration!](#)

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## Stay Connected

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