



# MINISTER TO MINISTER

*The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod - January 29, 2021*

## Texas District Convention Business

The Texas District will hold our district convention as scheduled on June 10-12, 2021 at the San Marcos Convention Center.

Delegates are also asked to register for the convention; congregations are asked to secure credentials for all delegates, and submit convention assessment payments by April.

District president nominations, area vice president nominations and overtures are all due on **February 10th**. Click [HERE](#) for all convention information.

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## LCMS Convention Referral Referendum

Congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are in the process of voting on whether or not to delay the LCMS Convention from 2022 to 2023 due to issues related to COVID. Each member congregation is to register its vote by midnight Central Time on Monday, **February 15**.

Voting credentials were mailed to congregations on Dec. 28, 2020. Member congregations that have not yet received credentials can email Rosters at [Rosters.Stats@lcms.org](mailto:Rosters.Stats@lcms.org) or call (314)996-1366 and staff will assist them.

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## 2020 Congregation Statistical Reports

On Wednesday, January 20, 2021, an email was sent to all LCMS congregations regarding the collection of the 2020 year-end statistics. The deadline for reporting statistics this year is **March 31st**.

Click below to answer your questions related to COVID pandemic and how to report certain statistics for 2020.

[How congregations should track attendance in this time](#)  
[LCMS congregation statistics field definitions](#)

If your congregation has questions or needs assistance using the online reporting tools, or help accessing their login information, contact us at [rosters.stats@lcms.org](mailto:rosters.stats@lcms.org), or the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-843-5267.

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## Christian Sympathy and Prayers

The family and friends of [Larry Schmidt](#) who died on January 23, 2021 in Springfield, MO. His funeral was held on Thursday at Our Redeemer, Springfield, MO. Larry was the father of Rev. John & Lisa Schmidt (St. Paul, Serbin) and grandfather of Krista Rodriguez (Redeemer, Austin).

We remember the Schmidt family in prayer, and celebrate the promise of the resurrection and victory that we all have in Jesus.

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## Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

### Retirement

Mt. Olive, Austin shares their thanks and praise for **Rev. Dr. Paul E. Meyer** and his service of over 37 years as he retires on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:00 am in their sanctuary and online. Sign-up to attend worship [HERE](#).

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## Prayers of Healing, Strength and Encouragement

- **Rev. Dr. Marty Brauer** (Good Shepherd, Cedar Park) continued healing
  - **Mrs. Debbie Frick**, wife of Rev. Michael Frick (Em., Sachse, TX)
  - **Mrs. Della Heckmann**, widow of Rev. Harold Heckmann, receiving treatments
  - **Mrs. Rebecca Heckmann**, wife of Rev. Michael Heckmann (St. Paul, Plainview) recovering after gall bladder surgery on January 28 in Lubbock
  - **Mrs. Kathy Hirsch**, wife of Rev. Dr. John Hirsch (Em., Round Rock) receiving treatments
  - **Mrs. Leann McClain** (Immanuel Lutheran School, Giddings) receiving treatments
  - **Dr. Will Sohns** (Em., Gatesville) recovering at home and doing well
  - **Mrs. Margaret Sturgis**, wife of Rev. Jim Sturgis (Em., Portland, TX)
  - **Mrs. Elaine Walquist**, wife of Rev. Randy Walquist (Em., Spring) continuing treatments
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This week we pray for...

### Texas Lutheran Campus Ministries:

Lord Jesus, while a different kind of ministry is happening on our university campuses, we pray for Your hand in defeating the spread of the COVID virus so that the campuses are once again open for outside activities and relationships can be built. Continue to help each of these leaders effectively deal with the mental fatigue and emotional problems of students due to isolation and upheaval of our country and the world.

**Texas Tech, Lubbock led by Rev. Jeff Jenkins** - Beginning a one-on-discipleship program using books based on student's interests and a group Bible study on Romans

**UT, Austin led by Rev. Richard Mittwede** - Creativity as they adjust their spring retreat and Easter plans for American and international students

**A&M, College Station led by Rev. John Karle** - Wisdom, discernment and courage as Pastor Karle and Jennifer settle in College Station, and as he and the students search to find an interim campus ministry location at A&M due to construction

**North Central Texas College & Midwestern State Univ., Flower Mound - The Station, led by Gary and Hanna Prindeville** - Continuing to connect with student and launching a virtual Bible study

UT, Arlington led by Rev. Steve Sandfort - Lead them to a coffee house/truck location and bless their spring visits to area congregations to share their ministry plans

We invite you to become a [Mission Prayer Partner](#) as we lift up our hearts and voices to God in more specific prayers for His mission.

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## Ministry Calls

### Commissioned:

#### Declined

Mr. Shawn Hoffman, Principal-Trinity Lutheran School, Bloomington, IL to Principal-Redeemer Lutheran School, Austin

#### Undecided

DCE Kathryn Schneider, Word of Life, Cibolo to St. John, Norwood/Young America, MN

### Ordained:

#### Undecided

Seth Kunze, Assoc., Christ the King, Kingwood to The Dwelling, New Caney

Alex LaHue, Assoc., Messiah, Boerne to Sole, Messiah, Boerne

Ely Prieto (LINC, San Antonio) to St. James Lutheran Church, Canton, MA

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## Texas District: Special Sundays

February 7 [Lutheran Hour Sunday](#)

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## Texas District Community Event Calendar

*Texas District congregations and schools can [submit their special events](#) to be included on our website Community Event Calendar.*

## Upcoming Texas District Events

Recorded Sessions available through January 31, 2021

### PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS CONFERENCE

*2020 Vision: I Was Blind, Now I See*

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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June 10-12, 2021

### 2021 TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

San Marcos Conference Center

San Marcos, TX

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

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