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The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod - October 7, 2022

DEAR ROSTERED COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

VOTING IS NOW OPEN! Elect your Commissioned Ministers of Religion - Advisory Delegates to the 68th Synodical Convention (2023). When voting is completed, the delegates will be contacted directly. Please email [Lee Gaines](#) with any questions.

Voting closes at 5:00 pm on Friday, October 14, 2022

[VOTE NOW](#)

Milestone Anniversaries

October 2022

*O Lord, we give you thanks and praise for these faithful servants of your Word!
Continue to fill and bless them in service to others.*

30 Yrs.

Rev. Dimas Jimenez, 10/24/1992

20 Yrs.

Rev. Seungwoong Ok, 10/1/2002

District Website Overhaul



Strengthening Congregations

The mission of the Texas District is to strengthen congregations to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for people - locally and globally.

[Learn More](#)



See What's New

[Watch Videos](#)



[The Texas District website](#) is now cleaner, faster, securer, and more organized. Explore a bit when you get a chance. If you experience a problem locating a resource that has been moved or a link not working how it should, please email [Lisa Candido](mailto:Lisa.Candido).

Student Loan Forgiveness Opportunity

Could you or someone you know (any church workers, especially) benefit from student loan forgiveness?

This month (October 2022), the Department of Education will release the application form for qualified individuals to apply for student loan forgiveness (<https://studentaid.gov/debt-relief-announcement/>)

In advance of this form's release, individuals with student loans should check to see that their income and loans qualify. Student loan debt relief will be limited to borrowers who make less than \$125,000 per year, or married couples or heads of households earning less than \$250,000. The type of loans (i.e., Pell Grants, etc.) received are used in determining the amount of forgiveness. If approved, applicants may receive up to \$20,000 in debt forgiveness. Obviously, a reduced balance in loan debt will eliminate or reduce the monthly student loan payment. This may have a significant impact on cash flow for the family! Individuals are encouraged to apply as soon as the application becomes available. Please watch the website noted above to learn more about this opportunity!

70th Anniversary - Grace, Arlington

Grace, Arlington is celebrating 70 years of ministry on Sunday, October 9. You are invited to 10:00a worship with special guest speaker President Mike Newman, as well as a meal and activities following. Please contact churchoffice@grace.lc for more information.



October Is for Church Worker Appreciation

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read a letter from LCMS President Matthew Harrison about Church Worker Appreciation Month, and consider ways you can encourage the church workers in your life.

Resources for congregations to participate in Church Worker Appreciation Month and Synod's *Set Apart to Serve* church worker initiative include:

- Church worker appreciation [RESOURCES](#)
- *Set Apart to Serve* Sunday (10/23) [RESOURCES](#), including SAS sermon, children's message, bulletin insert, and prepared Bible study
- President Harrison's church worker appreciation [VIDEO](#)

Mission Support Center Construction Progress

Want to keep up with the construction progress of the Texas District Mission Support Center? Just bookmark [THIS SITE](#). The photo shown is updated every hour.

Join a New D2MC Community

D2MC walks alongside you and your team, working together to set a vision for the future of your church. We teach the biblical tools needed to become the Church sharing the Gospel in day-to-day lives. You'll be amazed at what you'll see!

A new D2MC group is starting in November in Fort Worth! Call Raechel at 630-795-9747, or [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



Administrative and Financial Job Openings

[Texas Church Extension Fund](#) currently has two full-time job openings.

1. Administrative Clerk: [CLICK HERE](#) for details. Resumes may be sent to [Cheryl Springer](#).
 2. Financial Clerk: [CLICK HERE](#) for details. Resumes may be sent to [Ruby Cruz](#).
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Prayers of Healing, Strength and Encouragement

Dear healing Jesus, hear our prayers for...

- Mrs. Betty Baden, wife of Rev. Tom Baden (Bethel, Ballinger)
 - Rev. Don Black (Visitation, Trinity-Downtown)
 - Mrs. Linda Braun, wife of Rev. Wayne Braun (Fishers of Men, Sugar Land)
 - Naomi Brunette, daughter of Rev. Mark & Michelle Brunette (Joy, Houston)
 - Rev. Mario Casillas (Trinity, Port Arthur)
 - Rev. Dan Chambers (Evangelists, Kingsbury)
 - Rev. Art Farrow (Trinity, Commerce)
 - Mr. David Goeke (Concordia, San Antonio)
 - Rev. Tom Hadley (Em., Campbell)
 - Mrs. Cynthia Hadley, wife of Rev. Tom Hadley (Campbell)
 - Mrs. Judy Joeckel, wife of the late Rev. Dr. David Joeckel (Arlington)
 - Rev. Chris Johnson (Em., Hewitt)
 - Mr. Tim Kerkman, son of DCE Randall & Sandra Kerkman (Em., Austin)
 - Mrs. Nancy Loomis, widow of Rev. Richard Loomis (Memorial, Katy)
 - Mrs. Evie Mann, wife of Rev. James Mann (Em., Cedar Park)
 - Rev. Gary Miller (Abiding Savior, Zapata)
 - Mr. Bruce Rudi (Concordia, San Antonio)
 - Rev. Dr. Stephen Ryneerson (Peace, Hewitt)
 - Rev. Robert Schaibley (Em., Plano)
 - Rev. Jon Scicluna (Beautiful Savior, Arlington)
 - Mr. Danny Simms (Redeemer, Baytown)
 - Rev. Mark Tews (Trinity, Uvalde)
 - Mrs. Laurine Watson, wife of Chaplain Joe Watson (Buckley SFB, CO)
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Texas Mission Prayers

Father, send Your Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of those yet to know Jesus, and bring His love and good news through these mission workers. Protect them and provide all that they need to live out Your plans and purposes.

This week we pray for these Hispanic Evangelists, bringing the Gospel into their relevant ministry contexts.

- Mr. Oscar Perez - Zion, Dallas
- Rev. Juan Zamora - Our Redeemer, Irving
- Dcss. Marisella Casillas & Rev. Mario Casillas - Iglesia Cristiana Verdad y Vida, Baytown
- Rev. Mauricio Franco - San Pablo Ministry, Harlingen
- Mrs. Kenny Hernandez & Rev. Nelson Hernandez - Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel, Houston
- Evangelist Aldo Martinez - Grace Lutheran Church, Ennis

For expanded weekly prayer lists click [Mission Prayer Partner!](#)

Upcoming Installations

Lord, thank you for providing shepherds for our flocks. Please work through these men in their new callings, to love and lead with the heart and Spirit of Christ.

Rev. Ethan Luhman, Concordia, San Antonio - 10/9/22, during morning worship

Rev. S. Nathan Misch, St. Paul, Plainview - 11/6/22, 3:00p

Rev. Craig Stephens, Redeemer, Fort Worth - 11/6/22, afternoon

Ministry Calls

Gracious God, we give You thanks and praise for our church workers, and their opportunities to serve. Give them Your Spirit's gifts of wisdom, discernment, and faith to trust you in their decision making.

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. James Mayland, Trinity, Livingston to Trinity, Wausau, WI

Declined

Rev. Laerte Tardelli Voss, Igreja Luterana Cristo Redentor, Rio de Janeiro to LINC San Antonio

Undecided

Rev. Ken Burkhard, vacancy to St. Paul, Magnolia

Rev. Lonnie Gonzales, LINC Houston to Assoc., Trinity, Houston

Rev. Chris Holder, Bethel, Dallas to Sr., Bethel, Dallas

Rev. Joseph Llewellyn, St. Paul, Hubbard Lake, MI to Immanuel, Clifton

Rev. Bryan Roberts, Zion, Pevely, MO to St. Paul, Wichita Falls

Upcoming Events

October

October 24-25, 2022

TEXAS DISTRICT PASTORS CONFERENCE

REGISTER

November

November 3-5, 2022
**DISCIPLESHIP TO MISSIONAL COMMUNITY
(D2MC)**
50% Scholarship until 9/30/22
St. Paul, Fort Worth

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

November 7-8, 2022
EC DIRECTORS RETREAT
Drury Plaza Hotel, San Antonio

REGISTER

November 20-22, 2022
EDUCATORS CONFERENCE
Cross Lutheran Church, New Braunfels
"Grace Under Pressure"

[CLICK HERE](#) to review Conference Information prior to registering.
Cost: \$150 per attendee. Registration deadline: November 3, 2022

REGISTER

2023

July 29-Aug. 3, 2023
[LCMS CONVENTION](#)
"We Preach Christ Crucified" - I Cor. 1:18-
25
Milwaukee – Wisconsin Center
[Call for Nominations](#)

March 9-11, 2023
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS
CONFERENCE**
Embassy Suites, San Marcos

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