

Biographical Sketch—Rev. Dr. John Messmann, D. Min., CGLC (2023)

John Messmann served as Senior Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ft. Worth, Texas for 30 years, following 10 years as Associate Pastor for congregations near Chicago and Detroit. The Indiana native received a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL.

Developing Mission and Ministry leaders has been a focus of John's pastoral calling, particularly the past 30 years at St. Paul. Through that congregation 16 men were ordained into the pastoral ministry of the LCMS, while also 10 men and women were commissioned as DCE's, 10 as Lutheran Teachers, and 2 women as Deaconesses.

John is a Guest Instructor for the EIIT of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and has been a guest lecturer at Lutheran seminaries in Brazil and South Africa. He has provided missions design and leadership training for believers in Brazil, South Africa, Malawi, Ethiopia, Canada and regionally in Texas.

As a Certified Global Leadership Coach through Coaching Mission International, John's coaching and consulting practice continues since retiring from pastoral ministry in 2022, under the name Mission Leader Institute. His wife, Sharon, is a teacher and trainer with Lutheran Special Education Ministries.

The Messmann family, including three married children and six grandchildren, live in Texas.