

EVERY DOLLAR
contributed to
Texas Partners in Mission
goes directly to
support missions in
the Texas District.

Our goal this year is:
\$400,000

Please consider joining us as a mission partner and help more Texans hear the Gospel.

Donor Card is on reverse side.



PRAY

It is our number one priority. Our goal is to have 10% of the Texas District, LCMS members praying regularly for the mission.
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GIFTS

No gift to Texas Partners in Mission is too small. We need gifts to reach the thousands of people in Texas with the life-saving Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.



PEOPLE

We need church planters from our seminaries and from local contexts. We need evangelists who can be trained and sent. With more than 400 congregations in the Texas District, much can be accomplished.

Unveiling the Texas District Mission Support Center



On July 7 a group of more than 200 people celebrated the dedication of the Texas District Mission Support Center in Round Rock. The mission support center opens its doors, ending a journey of almost five years and heralding a new era in training, sending and collaboration with district congregations, faith communities and church workers.



Matthew Chapter 5 "You are the light of the World" was the text for President Michael Newman's message. "Even the shape of the building and its various appointments all reflect the Gospel light of Jesus from Matthew 5," said President Newman. "We want this to be a shining light of the Gospel for all people and encourage all people."

This text was the same one used in the inaugural sermon of the Texas District, LCMS in 1906. "It has become our theme verse and our marching orders," President Newman, said.

Designed to meet the evolving needs of the Texas District, the center boasts cutting-edge features for collaborative meeting spaces and advanced technologies, pre-function spaces designated for networking and sharing knowledge, large archive display, and food preparation area for event hosting. "The new mission center has a direct impact on 100,000 people and growing," says President Newman.

As the Texas District Mission Support Center opens its doors, the great state of Texas and the LCMS await the incredible possibilities it will unlock. "Wear it out for Jesus," President Newman said about the building, being the light of the world to those around you.

Texas District Evangelist Training

LAST YEAR:

28 graduated from the evangelist training program

16 Trained in AREA A NORTH TEXAS

11 Trained in AREA C HOUSTON AREA

MORE THAN **112** EVANGELISTS

have been trained since 2018.



Photo: Evangelists CJ and Jessica Panichi, Roy Price, and Kathy Paulson went to Texas State University in San Marcos and set up in the free speech zone to engage in conversation. These four evangelists are from Cross New Braunfels and were part of the Area C Evangelists that were certified and sent on February 26, 2023.



President's Message



REV. MICHAEL NEWMAN,
President of the Texas District

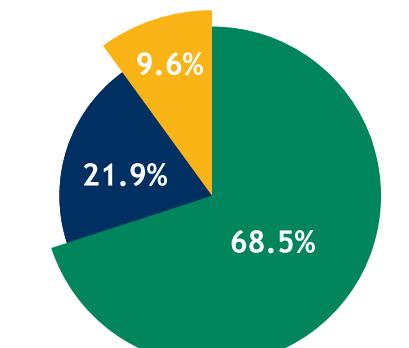
2023 Budget Summary Total Annual Budget:

\$7,107,251

Helping congregations with call process, school ministry, & other ministry matters 21.9%

Administration & Finance 9.6%

Missions & Church Multiplication 68.5%



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Ministry Snapshot

To reach. To disciple. To care.

A Scripture verse that I come across again and again when I read the historical accounts of the LCMS is from Isaiah chapter 55:

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."
~ Isaiah 55:10-11

This is the promise our church has held to firmly as we face the future. We trust that God provides His living, active and effective Word that bears fruit and saves.

Every day, I see this promise fulfilled as congregations, schools and missionaries in the Texas District hold out that Word of life—Jesus Christ—to tens of thousands of people. Twelve new LCMS congregations were started in 2022 thanks to the partnership we share. A cadre of more than 100 evangelists are reaching new people with the Gospel. By God's grace, we are on our way to seeing 500 new servant-leaders—both church planters and evangelists—establishing Gospel ministry in 500 new communities by 2031, the 125th anniversary of the Texas District.

Thank you for your partnership in prayer and for your generous financial support of a mission like no other. We plant and water, trusting that God is faithful and will continue to provide Gospel growth!

Rev. Michael Newman
President, Texas District

101 GRADUATES

from Texas graduated from Concordia Seminary and Concordia Theological Seminary over the past 11 years.



The Expansion Mission Network, based in Rockwall, has

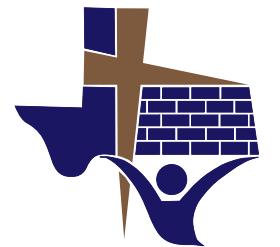
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church planters and deaconesses and has planted seven churches in 6 years in the DFW area.



Texas District Church Extension Fund (CEF)

Partnerships Across Generations



BECCA JONES
Executive Director, Texas District Church Extension Fund

At Texas District CEF, we have many “new” things to celebrate - from new staff joining our team to new board members who serve our ministry to a brand-new investment opportunity with the Jumbo Investment, and let’s not forget a new office in the Texas District Mission Support Center! We praise God for the new building, the new relationships we have built and for the established partners in ministry who continue to allow us to fulfill our mission of being the preferred financial resources partner for district ministries focused on multiplying followers of Jesus.

Texas CEF is purposefully built to operate from a position of financial strength and stability, always with a commitment to supporting ministry.

With \$195 million in total investments, and \$117 million in total loans, we are blessed with both a solid business plan and unyielding ministry focus. We give God praise for the over 11,000 investors and 127 borrowers who have faithfully partnered with our ministry.

These relationships provided us the opportunity to bless Texas District congregations with loan rebates totaling \$618,615.96 in 2022—dollars put back into ministry!

If you are a new partner with us, we want to say welcome and thank you! If you are a seasoned partner, we thank you for your faithfulness and trust in our ministry as we work to support the extension of Kingdom work together.

Above all, we give thanks to the Lord for His provision. **To Him be all the glory!**

11,000+
Investors

127
Borrowers

\$117
Million

\$195
Million

Our investors have a heart for ministry and help Texas CEF fulfill their mission

We are blessed to be the preferred financial resources partner for 127 Texas LCMS congregations

Loaned to ministries focused on multiplying followers of Jesus

Invested by congregations and their members who support the Texas CEF ministry

Texas Partners in Mission Memorial and Honorarium Gifts

In Memorium Dr. Keith Loomans
Mrs. Peggy Turnipseed

In Memorium Rev. David Joeckel
Mrs. Joyce Heckmann

Honorarium Pastor Mark and Laura Pulliam
Mr. Larry Tippens

In Memorium Eugenia Peterman
Mr. Al Mowdy

In Memorium Joyce Krentz

Mr. Robert Trapp
Mrs. Kenda Zawadzki
Mrs. Mary Ambelang
Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther
Mr. Keith Howanitz
Rev. Larry Krueger
Ms. Evelyn Saunders-Webb
Mr. Rick Dworak
Ms. Karen Neigebauer
Mrs. Sandra Wunluck
Ms. Joan Seevers

In Memoriam

- + Rev. Chester McCown (1943-2022)
Faith, Sweetwater
- + Rev. Howard W. Mueller (1934-2022)
St. Paul, Austin
- + Rev. David B. Joeckel (1933-2022)
Grace, Arlington
- + Mr. Stephen Michael Henke (1944-2022)
Our Savior, Houston
- + Rev. Robert T. Kuhlmann (1932-2022)
Our Savior, Rockwall
- + Rev. Robert W. Schaibley (1946-2022)
Faith, Plano
- + Rev. Stephen P. Rynearson (1961-2022)
Peace, Hewitt
- + Rev. George P. Ascher (1929-2022)
Clifton
- + Rev. Hubert F. Beck (1931-2023)
Bethany, Austin
- + Rev. Tom C. Hadley (1951-2023)
Tree of Life, Garland
- + Rev. Danny E. Chambers (1966-2023)
Cross, New Braunfels
- + SMP Rev. Joseph A. Pelto (1951-2023)
Peace, Texas City
- + Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Klaus (1948-2023)
St. Peter, Gun Barrell City
- + Rev. Robert D. Case (1932-2023)
Hope, Lubbock
- + Rev. Kenneth W. Baisden (1932-2023)
Bethany, Austin
- + Rev. Ernesto L. Garcia (1937-2023)
St. Paul, McAllen

Texas District Office of School Ministry



DR. BILL HINZ
Director of School Ministry,
Texas District

Our Texas Lutheran Schools continue to have great opportunities to share Jesus daily. Additional classrooms are being added and enrollment is increasing. We are experiencing new building additions that will provide more space for students and children to grow in their faith.

As our enrollment grows, we celebrate new beginnings. We thank God for the opening of a new preschool at Grace Lutheran Church in Victoria, Texas. We celebrate the expansion of programs with Lutheran High North (now Lutheran North Academy) adding a middle school program, and exciting building project like the new 20,000 sq. ft. Outdoor Learning Center (that serves preschool and elementary students) at Our Redeemer Lutheran School in Dallas.

We have been blessed to have a number of the next generation of leaders for our Lutheran schools participate in advance programs further developing their God given talents. These programs include: SLED (School Leadership Development Program); FACT (Future Administration Candidate Training) geared for high school administrators; Van Lunen (Executive Management in Christian Schools) geared for heads of schools/executive directors; and new this year is the Principal 360 (an intense 11-month leadership development program) powered by the Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF).



We have the privilege to share Jesus with 16,248 students every school day, in our 126 Lutheran schools and early childhood centers in the Texas District, with 2,547 educators. We are preparing future leaders, as our students are equipped with the Word by caring, loving teachers. There were celebrations. There were challenges. We are strengthened by God's grace and trust in His continued faithfulness to a new generation.

To God be the glory!

Donation Card

Do you want to be a part of the mission movement in Texas to reach thousands with the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ? Become a mission partner with the Texas District today.

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Amount: \$1000 \$500 \$250 \$125

Other _____

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*Minimum \$5,000 investment required.

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OR:

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