

EVERY DOLLAR

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

Our goal this year is: **\$500,000**

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. bit.ly/missionprayertx



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.

Evangelist Development Ministry - Annual Highlights



DEACONESS NOEMI GUERRA
Districtwide Evangelist
Development Ministry Leader

In 2023, we achieved significant milestones in operational success and spiritual growth. Our efficient management of budgets, reports, and surveys ensured seamless operations, allowing us to focus on our core mission. Participation in key conferences and training programs enriched our spiritual journey and empowered our team. We also welcomed new team members, including Rev. Juan Zamora, David Baldner, and Deaconess student Dayana Fernández, fostering personal and professional development.

We enhanced our curriculum, producing instructional videos in English and Spanish to make training more accessible. Engagement in various events, like Discovery Classes and Retreats, boosted interest and participation. We certified numerous evangelists, with many more scheduled for certification, underscoring our commitment to continuous improvement.

Our outreach efforts, including monthly events at Texas State University and local community centers, led to meaningful conversations and spiritual support. Weekly Bible studies and community programs fostered significant spiritual growth and engagement. Area-specific highlights showcased contributions from David Baldner, Rev. Juan Zamora, Laura Sanders, and Rev. Aaron Lytle, alongside Dayana Fernández, each driving outreach and training efforts. As we celebrate our 2023 accomplishments, we look forward to continued growth in 2024.

LAST YEAR

2023

6 Trained in Area A with 1 certified to be a trainer
27 Trained in Area C with 1 certified to be a trainer

13 Trained in Area B
23 Trained in Area D

Texas District congregations and mission partners planted

15

NEW CONGREGATIONS
in 2023

Through the district's church planting forums, **MORE THAN 70 MEMBERS** of the St. Louis and Ft. Wayne seminary communities were exposed to the church planting process.



Through Exponential Learning Communities,

75

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

were exposed to discipleship and congregation multiplication thinking.

INNOVATIVE IDEAS to reach the community were rewarded with more than **\$40k** IN SPECIAL GRANTS at the district's first-ever Catalyst Innovation Lab.



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Ministry Snapshot

To reach. To disciple. To care.

President's Message



REV. MICHAEL NEWMAN,
President of the Texas District

2023 was a banner year for mission in the Texas District. Thanks to your prayers, your support, and your partnership, a record number of new congregations were planted and thousands of new people are hearing and confessing the Good News of Jesus, our Savior.

We give all glory to God and rejoice in His desire that all people are saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). God's intent, according to His Word, is that the unsearchable riches of Christ and His manifold wisdom are made known through His Church—you and me (Ephesians 3:8-11). What an awesome privilege we have and what a beautiful gift we are given to share with all people!

Fifteen new Texas District LCMS congregations were started in 2023! That's more than one each month. In addition, dozens of lay evangelists are being trained and sent to share the Gospel among communities that need the love, forgiveness, and eternal hope of Jesus. By God's grace, we are nearly halfway to our prayerful goal of seeing 500 new servant-leaders establish Gospel ministry in 500 new communities by 2031, the 125th anniversary of the Texas District.

The mission momentum is growing in Texas. Even a 14-year-old newly trained Evangelist from one of our churches began a gathering for prayer and Bible study for her friends at their public school. This young lady is reaching a new generation with the Gospel and counteracting the anxiety and confusion of the culture with the message of Christ crucified and risen. She is emblematic of the passion and bravery of God's people in the Texas District.

Thank you for shining the light of Jesus Christ so faithfully and boldly!

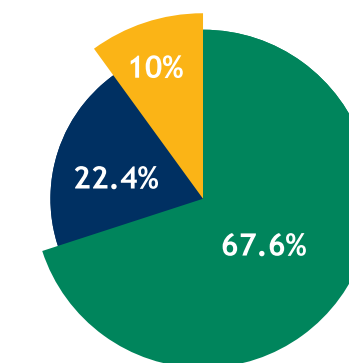
2024 Budget Summary Total Annual Budget:

\$7,494,521

Helping congregations with call process, school ministry, & other ministry matters 22.4%

Administration & Finance 10%

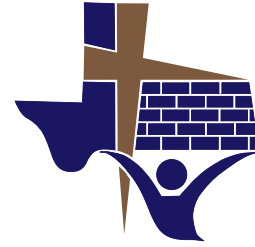
Missions & Church Multiplication 67.6%



We have a goal of seeing **500** NEW SERVANT-LEADERS establish GOSPEL MINISTRY in **500** NEW COMMUNITIES by **2031**, the **125th** ANNIVERSARY of the Texas District.

Texas District Church Extension Fund (CEF)

Partnerships Across Generations



BECCA JONES
Executive Director, Texas District Church Extension Fund

At Texas District Church Extension Fund, we are committed to catalyzing an exponential mission movement in the Texas District through intentional offerings designed to meet the financial needs of our investors and ministries focused on multiplying followers of Jesus.

We have been entrusted with over \$176 million in investments by individuals and congregations, which has allowed us to provide over \$117 million in loans to 121 borrowers. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the faithfulness of our investors and partners in ministry.

With \$229 million in assets, we continue to respond to the unique needs of our ministry partners, throughout the Texas District and across generations. We are committed to remaining open to the many possibilities provided by God, and to continuing our mission of catalyzing an exponential movement for the sake of the Gospel.

In Memoriam

- + Rev. Carroll C. Kohl (1935-2023)
Alive in Christ, Big Spring
- + Ms. Diane D. Wallis (1948-2023)
Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio
- + Mr. Theodore F. Zoch (1936-2024)
St. Paul, Austin
- + Mr. Jerome G. Berry (1941-2023)
Immanuel, Giddings
- + Rev. Ronald R. Rodeck (1935-2023)
Hope, Lubbock
- + Mr. James E. Kamprath (1946-2024)
Cross, New Braunfels
- + Mrs. Lillian E. Deterling (1931-2023)
Bethel, Dallas
- + Mrs. Connie M. Telschow (1981-2023)
Faith, Plano
- + Mr. Robert L. House (1931-2024)
Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio
- + Rev. Wayne E.W. Schumpe (1939-2023)
St. James, Lexington
- + Mr. William H. Lubben (1947-2023)
Fishers of Men, Port Isabel
- + Rev. Gary A. Koopmann (1942-2024)
Cross, New Braunfels
- + Rev. Hiram E. Orea (1949-2023)
Zion, Dallas
- + Rev. Gerald L. Thiele (1934-2023)
Zion, Vernon
- + Rev. James F. Haupt (1933-2024)
Mt. Calvary, San Antonio
- + Rev. Charles L. Houska (1941-2023)
Our Savior, McKinney
- + Mr. Bruce D. Rudi (1953-2023)
Concordia, San Antonio

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.

Will you prayerfully consider one of the following:

- Funding an annual start-up grant for a church planter for \$35,000.
- Sponsoring training and coaching for an evangelist for \$1,200.
- Providing a scholarship for an EIIT or SMP student for \$10,000.
- Gifting a pastor, church worker, and evangelist with the Exponential church planting experience for \$1,750.
- Supporting a new church plant for \$70,000.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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

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OR:
Want to give by credit card?
Scan the QR Code below or call 844-374-9008

School Ministry in the Texas District - Great Opportunities Are Before Us.

Our Texas Lutheran Schools are blessed to share God's Word and His love and forgiveness with every student. Teaching the love and forgiveness of Jesus and their eternal value as children of God is our most important mission. Building their lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ and cultivating their God-given gifts is crucial for their future service to God, their families, and neighbors.

Our schools are growing, with new classrooms and buildings providing more space for students to grow in faith. As enrollment rises, we celebrate and thank God for the funding that allows expansions, like St. Peter in Roanoke, to extend their preschool program into elementary education.

We are blessed with leadership development through programs like the School Leadership Development Program (SLED), Future Administration Candidate Training (FACT), Van Lunen (Executive Management in Christian Schools), and Ascending Leaders, which equip our future leaders with the necessary skills. The Principal 360 program and advanced degrees pursued by our veteran leaders further enhance our leadership teams.

Every day, we have the privilege of sharing Jesus with 16,781 students in 122 Lutheran schools and early childhood centers in Texas, supported by 2,936 educators. We prepare future leaders with the Word of God, guided by caring teachers. Despite challenges, God's love and mercies sustain us.



DR. BILL HINZ
Director of School Ministry,
Texas District



\$665,968

returned to ministry through the Incentive Rebate Plan

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NEW INVESTORS in the Texas District Church Extension Fund ministry!

\$91,650

in matching gifts to Texas Partners in Mission

Texas Partners in Mission Memorial and Honorarium Gifts

Memorial Gifts

- Mr. Daniel Albers
by Mrs. Joyce Heckmann
- Mr. Curtis Mickan
by Mr. & Mrs. James Albers and
Mr. & Mrs. Lance Kroesch
- Mrs. Sandra Horn
by Rev. Randall (Craig) Sanders

Honorarium Gifts

- Epiphany Lutheran Church
in honor of Rev. Nathan Wendorf,
St. Paul, Harlingen
- St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid, San Benito
in honor of Dcs. Sara Zambrano and
Dcs. Gladys Rosales Lopez

