



August 2024

Dear Presidents of Texas District LCMS Congregations:

Greetings in the name of Christ, the Lord of the Church!

Sharing a partnership in the mission of God across the Texas District, we work together so our labor will be God-pleasing and efficient. Anticipating the 2025 Texas District Convention, June 5-7, 2025, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston, the District Nominating Committee invites and encourages your participation in the nominating process.

The responsibility of the District Nominating Committee is to gather nominations for board and committee positions and the district secretary. *(Nominations for the positions of district president and area vice presidents are handled separately and managed by the District Secretary, Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse. Those nomination ballots will be mailed to congregations on October 4, 2024.)*

In this process the eligible voting members of Synod (pastors and congregations) may submit nominations. Therefore, your pastor will also receive a letter with details regarding the nomination process and inviting his participation in this process.

Nomination forms for board and committee positions and the district secretary position, as well as descriptions for these positions, are available for download in PDF format at <https://txlcms.org/2025-texas-district-convention/>. The PDF files are formatted by regional area (A, B, C, D), with each file containing information about the offices for which your congregation is eligible to nominate and the nomination form for those offices. *(Please note that some nominations are area specific. So, it is of utmost importance that one use only the forms for the geographic area in which your congregation is located. For your reference, lists of pastors by Area A, B, C and D are also available on the district convention website noted above.)*

To retrieve and submit the nomination packet and forms appropriate for your congregation, go to the convention web page, click on the appropriate “Nomination Forms” link for your district geographical area, e.g. Area A, B, C or D, complete the downloadable forms, and return the forms according to the instructions included in the PDF file. ***Please note that hard copies of these forms will not be mailed to your congregation.*** If, however, for some reason you are not able to download the PDF file, please contact Cindy Hilewitz in the President’s Office at chilewitz@txlcms.org to request a set of nomination forms for your congregation.

In this process, we urge you prayerfully to consider and nominate those who are full of the Spirit and wisdom that our District may follow the pattern of the early church for the sake of the Gospel (Cf. Acts 6).

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Your District Nominating Committee has adopted the following timetable -- in conformity with the District Handbook and according to practical deadlines:

August 4, 2024 - Nominations Open
November 4, 2024 - Nominations Close

Cf. Texas District Bylaw 4.031 reads:

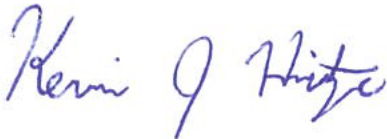
- a. The nominations committee shall meet early enough so that approximately ten months before the convention it can solicit nominations and information about nominees from congregations, pastors, and circuit visitors. The nominations committee shall be briefed on explicit procedures and requirements of the handbook in their first meeting by the secretary of the district.
- b. The nominations committee shall seek to include in its nominations for all elected positions representatives from each of the major racial groups in Texas, especially giving attention to the major boards of the district (board of directors and board of mission administration).

Congregations are encouraged to consider this important privilege at a Voters' Assembly or locally elected leadership group, as your congregation bylaws may dictate, meeting prior to the November 4, 2024 deadline. All nominations must be completed and returned by November 4, 2024. Again, for your reference, lists of pastors by Area A, B, C and D are available on the <https://txlcms.org/2025-texas-district-convention/>.

After nominations are received, consent and information forms will be requested of those nominated. Nominees will need to have completed and returned those forms by January 8, 2025 in order for the individual to be considered by the Nominating Committee.

If you have questions about the nominating process, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee. We pray for God's guidance on all that is done and for His blessing on all who will be nominated and elected.

God's blessings as you serve the Lord!



Rev. Kevin J. Hintze
Nominating Committee Chairman

2025 DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ORD-A	Rev.	Robert	Pase	Our Savior	Abilene
ORD-B	Rev.	Kevin	Hintze	Zion	Walburg
ORD-C	Rev.	Bill	Knippa	Bethany	Austin
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