



September 25, 2024

Dear Fellow servants of Jesus,

After much prayer and conversation, my wife, Cindy, and I are convinced that God is moving us into a new season of life—that of retirement and devotion to family. Therefore, as we look to the 2025 district convention and elections, I will not allow my name to stand for nomination for the office of President of the Texas District.

This is not because the job has been hard. I like a challenge and have embraced the stimulating ministry rigor of serving as the Texas District President. We are simply being called to a new season. I am not in a countdown mode, but I am ramping up for the exciting ministry remaining in my term and the joyful season of shining Jesus' light that lies ahead. I will not lay back and coast to the end of my term, but will sprint through the finish line for the good of God's people and to glorify our Savior Jesus who redeemed us and called us to serve Him.

There is much yet to be done in the Texas District. Millions of people need to hear and believe the Good News of Christ crucified and risen. Churches need to be started in new communities. Evangelists need to be sent to share Jesus in word and deed. Congregations and workers need to be cared for and guided. Much ministry lies ahead.

What are your next steps? Historically, Texas District congregations have submitted nominations for president from the district vice-presidents and staff. Pastors from the district staff and vice-presidents have served as the Texas District President since 1963. Congregations have been good stewards of the mission we share.

My prayer is that the Texas District will continue to move forward with Gospel strength and zeal, hearts filled with the love of Jesus, partnering together for God's great mission among us. I am confident that, led by the Holy Spirit, you will submit your nominations to that end.

Cindy and I thank you for your kindness, love, prayers, and Christ-honoring support throughout these years of service. We praise God for you, and we love you in Jesus' name.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. Newman".

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“This God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.” (Psalm 48:14)

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