

The Board of Directors meeting took place on Tuesday, September 24, at the Texas District Mission Support Center. After the consent agenda was approved, President Newman delivered his report, beginning with a few thank-you notes he had received, including one from a teacher who benefited from disaster funding to repair her home after a natural disaster.

President Newman also presented a financial statement from the Synod highlighting an approximately \$80 million proposed 2025 budget.

Several special guests provided updates on their ministries, including the newly installed CEO of Camp Lone Star, Rev. Neuhaus, and Sally Krueger, president of the LWML Texas District, who offered greetings to the board. Charissa Koontz, a board member, shared information on the upcoming National Youth Gathering, noting that registration opens on November 1 and that Texas typically represents 10 percent of the attendees—a significant presence.

Linda Hagge, the district treasurer, presented her report, followed by Becca Jones from Texas CEF, who shared an update from the Board for Church Extension. Lisa Candido, director of external relations, gave an update on recent events, contributions to Texas Partners in Mission, and future objectives and strategies.

Dr. Jon Braunersreuther provided an update on the district's overarching strategy. Rev. Lincon Guerra shared stories of outreach through English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, updates on chartered congregations, and a report from the Board of Mission Administration.

The next in-person board meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2025, at the Texas District Mission Support Center.