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# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

December 20, 2024

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



**A Christmas Poem // Lost & Found:** Texas District President Rev. Mike Newman shares a Christmas poem he wrote to celebrate Jesus' birth. <https://youtu.be/R8IDaBWwV30>

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## WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

*Pray for those in need of guidance, affirmation, healing, relief, and assurance.*

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## Prayer Requests

- Rev. Michael Frick (Em., Sachse) - at the passing of his wife, Deborah (arrangements pending)
  - Family of Rev. Eloy González (Em., Mission)- at the passing of his mother-in-law, Elva
  - Rev. Aaron Kalbas (St. John, Hamilton) - mother, Judy Kalbas, joined Jesus' side
  - Rev. James Kretzmann (Em., Cedar Park) - moved to hospice
  - Susannah Stroud, 2-year old granddaughter of Rev. Lynn Stroud (Em., Bryan) - recovery after appendectomy
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## New Calls

### Commissioned

#### Undecided

Mr. Matthew Babisak, Teacher, Faith, Plano to Teacher, Memorial, Houston

### Ordained

#### Declined

Rev. Eloy González, Em., Mission to Sole (ITP), St. Paul/St. Paul, Bishop/Kingsville

Rev. Dale Bohm, Sole, St. John, Giddings to Sole, Resurrection, Fredericksburg

#### Accepted

Rev. Loucan Saling, Sole, Faith/St. Paul, Woodville/Jasper to Sole, Our Redeemer, Longview

Rev. Eloy González, Em., Mission to Sr. (ITP), Trinity, San José, CA

#### Undecided

Rev. Thomas Chandler, Sole, Trinity, Albany to Sole, Hope, Winnie

Rev. Timmothy Heath Jr., Sole, Zion, Owego, NY to Assoc., Faith, Plano

Rev. Brandon Koble, Principal, Trinity HS, West Allis, WI to Headmaster, Memorial, Houston

Rev. Robert Paul, Assoc., Memorial, Houston to Education Executive, Indiana District

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## Installations

John Cotner // Ordination & Installation: January 5, time TBD // SMP, Messiah, Corpus Christi

Rev. Josh LeBorinous // January 12, 3:00 p.m. // Sr., Hope, Friendswood

Jae Park // Ordination & Installation: January 12, 3:00 p.m. // Assoc., Lamb of God, Flower Mound

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## Ordination Anniversaries // December

#### 45 years

Rev. David Bergman (12/9) - Em., Hewitt

#### 20 years

Rev. Brent McGuire (12/5) - Our Redeemer, Dallas

#### 10 years

Rev. Brad Jurischk (12/6) - St. Timothy, Houston

Rev. Michael Cody (12/7) - Good Shepherd, Iowa Park

5 years

Rev. Steve Headley (12/15) - Good Shepherd, Cedar Park

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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**Catalyst Innovation Lab:** Join us January 22, 9a-2:30p at the Texas District Catalyst Innovation Lab, a dynamic and inspiring event where creativity and innovation collide! Discover new and unique ideas to grow ministries and multiply disciples of Jesus. This in-person event will take place at the Texas District Mission Support Center and is open to public attendance. Register for free at the following link: [Learn more](#)

**Evangelist Training Series:** Embark with us on a mission that goes beyond the church doors—become an everyday missionary with the Texas District Evangelist training! Ever wished your friends, family, and coworkers could experience the love of Jesus but felt uncertain about making that connection? You're not alone. [Learn more](#)

**2025 Missional Youth Retreat:** The 2025 Missional Youth Retreat (MYR) will be held this summer, June 1-5! At MYR, students can experience, pursue, and thrive in their life passions through worship, small group time, and service projects. This experience is perfect for young people with demonstrated leadership potential who have a calling for ministry and are passionate about sharing the Gospel in their daily work and vocation. Registration is now open! [Learn more & register](#)

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## 2025 Convention Info Center

**Call for Nominations:** Nomination forms for District President and Area Vice Presidents, as well as descriptions of these positions are available for download now. Nominations for these positions will close February 4, 2025. [Learn More](#)

**2025 Texas District Convention Registration:** Register NOW for the 2025 Texas District Convention. [Learn more](#)

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## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Tech Tip // Ransomware & Ransom Scams:** Ransom scam messages include disturbing emails from people demanding ransom payments or other actions. Some of these messages now include pictures of people's homes or other personal details in an attempt to personalize them and give an appearance of legitimacy. [Read more](#)

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## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

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JANUARY 15, 2025 (start date) // 8-week Evangelist Training Cohort // [Learn More](#)

JANUARY 22, 2025 // Catalyst Innovation Lab // [Learn More](#)

FEBRUARY 3-5, 2025 // Texas District Spiritual Renewal Retreat // [Learn More](#)

FEBRUARY 4, 2025 // DP and Area VP Nominations Deadline // [Learn More](#)

JUNE 5-7, 2025 // Texas District Convention // [Learn more](#)

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