

Board of Directors Meeting – January 28

The meeting began with Pastor John Davis, First Vice President, leading the board in a devotion. Following this, the board was honored to welcome LCMS Synod President Matthew Harrison.

President Harrison addressed the board, sharing insights into the Synod's ongoing work nationally and globally. He highlighted the growing diversity within LCMS, the church's efforts in disaster relief, support for the Right to Life movement, and initiatives that assist families after childbirth. He also shared valuable LCMS data and trends. (<https://www.lcms.org/about/leadership/president/district-visitation>)

Next, President Newman delivered his report, followed by a financial update. Treasurer Linda Hagge had previously presented the 2025 Texas District Budget, which was officially approved during this session.

Becca Jones, Executive Director of the Texas Church Extension Fund (CEF), presented the CEF report. The board also approved the January Texas District Board of Church Extension meeting minutes. Then, a discussion followed about how CEF could expand its reach and share its offerings with more LCMS members.

The board then expressed gratitude to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) for its generous \$15,000 gift to scholarships.

Lisa Candido, Director of External Relations, provided updates on Texas District Partners in Mission donations, plans for the upcoming convention, and future district communications strategies.

With all agenda items covered, the meeting was adjourned.