



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

February 14, 2025

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Building Spiritual Wells // "Our world is full of people who are spiritually thirsty. Many aren't stepping into churches, but they are spiritually thirsty. Through the Evangelist Training Ministry, you can learn how to be part of Jesus' ongoing work by building what we call "spiritual wells"—places where He meets people in their everyday lives. Whether in your workplace, a park, or even over a cup of coffee at your kitchen table, you can help create spaces where Jesus does what He can do: offer living water to those around you." [Read more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Donald Black (Trinity, Houston) - at the passing of his wife, Audrey
- Mrs. Arlene Greenthaner, wife of Rev. Dick Greenthaner (Em., Killeen) - recovering from foot surgery
- Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas) - at the passing of his wife, Judy
- Rev. Randy Ledbetter (Em., Pearland) - foot surgery
- Mrs. Catherine Stoppenhagen, wife of Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) - uterine cancer

Funerals

Mrs. Audrey Black, wife of Rev. Donald Black (Em., Houston) entered glory on January 18, 2025. Her visitation will be held February 15, 10:00 a.m., followed by her funeral at 11:00 a.m., at Trinity, Houston (800 Houston St.).

Mrs. Judy Kurth, wife of Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas) entered glory on January 25, 2025. A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on February 14, 2025 at Peace, Hurst (941 W Bedford Eules Rd). In lieu of flowers, please direct any gifts to the

“Judy Kurth Music Memorial Fund” at Peace Lutheran Church.

Rev. Willie C. Lucas (Holy Cross, Houston) was called to glory on February 5, 2025. His visitation will be held Thursday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. at McCoy and Harrison Funeral Home (4918 Martin Luther King Blvd, Houston), followed by his funeral at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be the same day, 1:45 p.m. at Houston National Cemetery (10410 Veterans Memorial Dr).

New Calls

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. James Jennings, SMP, Holy Trinity, Rome, GA to SMP, Gethsemane, Houston
Rev. David Ficken, Candidate, Arlington Heights, IL to Assoc., St. Peter, Arlington Heights, IL

Undecided

Rev. Kyle Blake, Assoc., Bethany, Long Beach, CA to Sole, Family of Faith, Houston
Rev. Keith Grimm, Sr., Family of Christ, Ham Lake, MN to Assoc., Trinity-Klein, Spring
Rev. Jonathan D. Meyer, Sole, Holy Trinity/St. James, Fedor/Lexington to Sole, Our Savior Zephyrhills, FL
Rev. Jonathan F. Meyer, Sole, Zion, Victoria to Sole, First Evangelical, Orange Grove
Rev. Dr. Rance Settle, Sr., Lamb of God, Flower Mound to Sole, Risen Savior, Broomfield, CO

Installations

Rev. Mark Hotopp // February 16, 10:30 a.m. // Assoc. (part-time), Tree of Life, Garland

Ordination Anniversaries // February

10 years

Rev. Beto Alzate (2/15) - Holy Cross, Dallas
Rev. Sabir Bashir (2/15) - Prince of Peace, Carrollton

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Catalyst Innovation Lab: The Catalyst Innovation Lab has been rescheduled for March 11. This in-person event will take place at the Texas District Mission Support Center and is open to public attendance. [Re-register](#)

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2025 Convention Info Center

2025 Texas District Convention Registration: Register NOW for the 2025 Texas District

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Worker Care // Available Support Resources: Various worker care and support resources are available to workers in the Texas District. Perhaps one or more of these could be helpful to you! [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

MARCH 5, 2025 // Day of Repentance 2025 // [Learn More](#)

MARCH 11, 2025 // (Rescheduled) Catalyst Innovation Lab // [Learn More & Re-register](#)

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

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