



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

April 11, 2025

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

**April Messenger // Resurrection:** "Sometimes, Good Friday drought convinces you that life and hope are gone for good. The darkness of sin is so convincing: Failure, sadness and loss; chaos, anxiety and exhaustion; lovelessness, coldness and loneliness; a slain Savior, lifeless on a cross, crushed for your iniquities. How could anything good ever bloom from the brittle stalks of your lostness? And then comes Easter. Resurrection."

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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. Dr. Wilbert Sohns (Em., Gatesville) - recovering from RSV
- Mrs. Catherine Stoppenhagen, wife of Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) - uterine cancer

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### New Calls

#### Commissioned

##### Undecided

Mr. Sugita Tetsuya, Dir. of Music, Bethel, Bryan to Dir. of Music, Holy Cross, Kearney, NE

#### Ordained

##### Declined

Rev. Brad Akey, Assoc., Zion, Seymour, IN to Sole, Redeemer, Fredericksburg

Rev. Kyle Winter, Sole, Church at Creston, Kalispell, MT to Sole, Trinity, Weatherford

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## Installation

Rev. Duane Bamsch // May 4, 4:00 p.m. // Sole, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls  
Rev. James Jennings // May 10, 4:00 p.m. // SMP, Gethsemane, Houston  
Rev. Tom Obersat // April 27, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Trinity, Eden

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## Ordination Anniversaries // April

### 20 years

Rev. Larry Knobloch (4/10) - Trinity, Riesel

### 10 years

Rev. Nelson Hernandez (4/19) - Candidate, Houston

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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** The synodical convention is next year, and your congregation's input this year is crucial. Please submit your statistics **BY MAY 2, 2025**. The following link explains how to do this online and provides a link to a PDF form. If you experience issues accessing the online form or have questions, please call the Office of the President at (512) 926-4272, x224. [Learn more](#)

**Rio Grande Valley Flood Recovery:** The RGV has had 22 inches of rain in 25 hours leading to extensive flooding and damage. In an effort to support their recoveries, we have created a form for volunteer interest (see following link). Once the assessments are complete and they are ready to receive volunteers, you will be notified. Please do **NOT** self deploy. [Sign up for volunteer updates](#)

**CSL Call Day:** Concordia Seminary's service for vicarage assignments will take place Wednesday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m. The service for calls will be the same day at 7:00 p.m. Services will be available via livestream. [Learn more](#)

**CTSFW Assignment & Call Services:** CTSFW's vicarage and deaconess internship assignment service will take place Monday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. The candidate placement service will take place Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. Services will be available via livestream. [Learn more](#)

**Legacy Deo Executive Search:** Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick is retiring as CEO of Legacy Deo, and we thank and praise God for his leadership and efficacy for God's kingdom. Legacy Deo is looking for the next CEO to lead the organization into the future. If you or someone you know may be a fit, applications are being received. [Learn more](#)

**Black Ministry Family Convocation 2025:** Registration is open for the Black Ministry Family Convocation, hosted by Saint Paul Lutheran Church & Christian Academy in Dallas, Texas and the Rev. Byron Williams. Adult Registration is \$175 per person, Youth Registration is \$75 and the Banquet is \$45 per person. [Learn more](#)

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2025 Convention Info Center

**Convention Credentialing:** Voting congregations, ensure your delegates are properly credentialed, using the [2025 Voting Delegate Credential Form](#). The deadline for Advance Submission (strongly encouraged for a smoother check-in) is May 5. Credentialing *does not* replace convention registration. Both must be completed. [Learn more](#)

**Slate of Nominees Available to View:** The slate of nominees for District President and Area Vice Presidents as well as for District Secretary, Boards and Committees is now available. [Learn more](#)

**2025 Texas District Convention Registration:** Register NOW for the 2025 Texas District Convention. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 23.** [Learn more](#)

## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Mission Insight // Religious Landscape Study:** Pew Forum has released their 2023-2024 Religious Landscape Study. Explore the following link to gain broad insights on updated Christian cultural trends. [Learn more](#)

## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

### Upcoming Events

MAY 2, 2025 // (Updated) Congregational Statistics Reports Due // [Learn more](#)

MAY 5, 2025 // District Convention Voting Delegate Credential Form Advance Deadline // [Learn more](#)

MAY 23, 2025 // District Convention Registration Deadline // [Learn more](#)

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

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