

May Board of Directors Meeting Recap

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the Texas District Board of Directors convened at 8:30 a.m. at the Mission Support Center. The meeting opened with a devotion led by Rev. James Runzheimer, who concluded the time of worship by sharing and leading the board in singing a song he had written, God's Given Us a State All Around.

Rev. Brian Hesse provided the attendance report. Following that, President Michael Newman presented the consent agenda for approval, which the board unanimously adopted. He then offered an overview of his recent activities and continued his tradition of reading aloud letters of gratitude received by the district. The board took a moment to give thanks to the Constitution Committee and approved the constitutions and bylaws of six congregations. Additionally, Comunidad Cristiana Bethel was formally approved for circuit assignment.

President Newman shared a significant milestone: 50 new congregations have been established over the past 40 months. With deep appreciation, he thanked the board for their partnership and faithful service, noting this meeting marked his final board meeting as president.

As part of the meeting, Newman presented a resolution acknowledging the dedicated service of the board. The board also took time to commend Rev. Dr. John Davis for earning his doctoral degree.

Treasurer Linda Hagge provided the financial report. The Audit Committee presented its annual report, with Hagge and Becca Jones, CEO of Texas CEF, highlighting key takeaways and insights. Jones then presented the Texas Church Extension Fund (CEF) report.

The meeting continued with Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther delivering a report on the district's mission strategy, followed by a presentation from Deaconess Noemi Guerra on evangelist training efforts. Lisa Candido presented the External Relations report, which included a viewing of a new faith story video shared with the board.

Following the morning session, the board adjourned for lunch. After lunch, Dr. Bill Hinz, Director of School Ministry, shared his report. The board then had a brief conversation regarding logistics for the upcoming district convention before entering into executive session to conclude the day's agenda.