

EVERY DOLLAR

contributed to Texas Partners in Mission goes directly to support missions in the Texas District.



Our goal this year is:
\$500,000

Please consider joining us as a mission partner and help more Texans hear the Gospel.

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PRAY

It is our number one priority. Our goal is to have 10% of the Texas District, LCMS members praying regularly for the mission.



GIFTS

No gift to Texas Partners in Mission is too small. We need gifts to reach the thousands of people in Texas with the life-saving Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.



PEOPLE

We need church planters from our seminaries and from local contexts. We need evangelists who can be trained and sent. With more than 400 congregations in the Texas District, much can be accomplished.

Evangelist Development Ministry - Annual Highlights



DEACONESS NOEMI GUERRA
Districtwide Evangelist
Development Ministry Leader

To God be the glory for another year of growth in the Evangelist Training Ministry. In 2024, 71 new evangelists were trained and sent, joining over 230 trained since the ministry began. 92 individuals are currently in training, with over 140 evangelists actively sharing the Gospel across faith communities in Texas. These communities are forming in parks, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods—places where people who might never enter a church are hearing the Good News of Jesus.

Significant milestones included the completion of new Spanish and Youth/Young Adult curriculums, the beginning of an ASL curriculum, the beginning of a continuing education track, and the development of printed workbooks in English and Spanish. Every lead trainer now receives monthly coaching and one-on-one prayer support, and the ministry is sustained by regular team prayer meetings and growing partnerships with churches.

Looking ahead, we praise God as we prepare to finalize and distribute ASL and Spanish workbooks, expand in-person field visits, and deepen coaching and follow-up systems. We are also exploring the development of a senior-focused curriculum specifically for retirees who desire to serve God with their time, wisdom, and spiritual gifts. Our mission remains clear: to equip everyday Christians to be everyday missionaries. May all the glory be to Christ, who continues to draw people to Himself through His faithful servants.



OVER 70
PROFESSIONAL & LAY LEADERS
in Exponential Learning Communities specially curated for the Texas District

OVER 40
NEW CONGREGATIONS
planted in the last three years

Innovative ideas to reach the community were rewarded with
MORE THAN \$40k IN SPECIAL GRANTS
at the district's Catalyst Innovation Lab.



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Ministry Snapshot

To reach. To disciple. To care.

President's Message

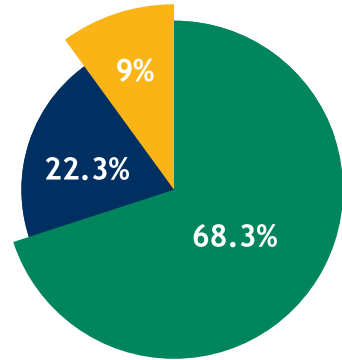


REV. MICHAEL NEWMAN,
President of the Texas District

2025 Budget
Summary Total
Annual Budget:
\$8,036,531

Helping congregations with the call process, school ministry, & other ministry matters 22.3%

Administration & Finance 9%
Missions & Church Multiplication 68.3%



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ—partners in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus,

This is my final Snapshot article as the president of the Texas District. After nearly 40 years of pastoral ministry—almost half of those serving this precious district, I've seen one truth stand out clearly: The Word of God works. It does not return empty.

As the God of Heaven proclaimed in Isaiah chapter 55:

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:10-11).

This promise of God has been part of the bedrock of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since its inception. No matter how the winds of culture blow, no matter what storms come against the church, no matter how much doubt or fear assail us, God's Word does not return empty. It accomplishes His gracious will to rescue the lost from sin and death with the forgiveness and eternal life won by His Son Jesus, crucified and risen. It comforts us, encourages us, unifies us, and equips us. The gift of grace prevails as the Word washes us in Baptism and dwells in us through the Lord's Supper.

In every season and along each step of my ministry, I have seen this promise kept by our gracious Heavenly Father. Just in the past three years, we've seen more than 40 new LCMS congregations planted, hundreds of Evangelists deployed, and dozens of new workers enter training for ministry. Congregations in Texas are shining brightly and blessing countless numbers with the Good News of our Savior. Faithful stewards are stepping up to fuel the mission of God with their generous gifts and fervent prayers. What a joy and privilege to serve you and to witness your commitment to the risen Savior who sits on the throne, Jesus Christ.

Let us keep trusting God's great promise. My prayer is that, with boldness, joy, confidence, and resolve, you will continue to "shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life" (Philippians 2:15-16).



Texas District
Church Extension Fund

Ministry Focused. Financially Responsible.



BECCA JONES
Executive Director, Texas District
Church Extension Fund

The Texas District Church Extension Fund (Texas CEF) remains deeply committed to supporting district ministries that are dedicated to multiplying followers of Jesus. Our mission unites sound business principles with a passionate drive to further God’s kingdom. We are truly thankful for the ongoing support of our investors and borrowers, whose faithfulness continues to propel our work forward.

With over **\$168 million** entrusted to us by individuals and congregations, we’ve been blessed to strengthen **122 congregations** across the Texas District, providing over **\$109 million in loans** - equipping them with the resources they need to thrive in their ministry.

By His grace, we are blessed with **\$224 million in assets**, allowing Texas CEF to continue to respond to the unique needs of our congregations and to provide investments for every age and every stage of life. Together, we give thanks and praise, recognizing that all glory belongs to God as we press on in His service with heart and purpose.

In Memoriam

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| + Rev. Norman R. Finke (1938-2024)
<i>Christ the King, Waxahachie</i> | + Mr. William D. Wenthe, Sr. (1938-2024)
<i>Zion, Walburg</i> | + Rev. James P. Kretzmann (1949-2025)
<i>Good Shepherd, Cedar Park</i> |
| + Rev. Robert B. Wedergren (1930-2024) | + Mr. Mark S. Boerger (1952-2024)
<i>Bethany, Austin</i> | + Rev. Willie C. Lucas (1947-2025)
<i>Holy Cross, Houston</i> |
| + Rev. James M. Richardson, Sr. (1936-2024)
<i>Faith, Lampasas</i> | + Mr. Andrew J. Bilich (1931-2024)
<i>St. Mark, Lake Jackson</i> | + Mr. Stephen M. Brennan (1966-2025)
<i>Trinity Klein, Spring</i> |
| + Rev. David G. Loeffler (1924-2024)
<i>Messiah, Keller</i> | + Rev. Arthur L. Hill (1954-2024)
<i>Trinity, Tyler</i> | + Rev. Edward R. Greenthaner (1933-2025)
<i>St. Paul: The Grove, Gatesville</i> |
| + Mr. Robert E. K. Oettel (1937-2024)
<i>King of Kings, San Antonio</i> | + Ms. Lori L. Bachmann (1957-2024)
<i>St. Paul, Harlingen</i> | |
| + Mrs. Eloise H. Roskavich (1937-2024)
<i>Our Savior, Rockwall</i> | + Mr. Burge C. Smith (1934-2025)
<i>Faith, Georgetown</i> | |

School Ministry in the Texas District -
Great Opportunities Are Before Us.

Our Texas Lutheran Schools have the blessing and privilege to share God’s Word, and HIS love and forgiveness with 16,653 students in our 120 Lutheran schools and early childhood centers in the Texas district with 2,667 educators each day.

School ministries are outreach ministries for congregations as they are involved in reaching into their communities.

Our schools have seen continued growth. Additional classrooms are being added, new buildings are being erected, and we are seeing an increase in our early childhood programs making the bold commitment to expand into elementary programs, St. John Academy, Hamilton; and St. Peter, Roanoke; and elementary programs to high school with Westlake Lutheran Academy in Katy.



DR. BILL HINZ
Director of School Ministry,
Texas District

With the Texas House vote 86 - 63 in favor of Parental School Choice on Maundy Thursday, more students and families will get to know, Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Governor Abbott signed SB 2 into law on May 3, 2025.

We have been blessed to bring to our Texas leadership teams a number of outstanding enhancement programs. Principal 360, an 11-month leadership development program; the Herzog Foundation; SLED (A Synodical Leadership Program); FACT (Future Administration Training) for high school administrators and Leadership program of Van Lunen (Executive Management in Christian Schools) for Heads of Schools and Ascending Leaders, designed to equip aspiring leaders. We also applauded the continuous learning by our administrators who have worked or are currently working towards their doctoral degrees in leadership.

We are preparing future leaders, as our students are being equipped with the Word by caring, loving teachers. What exciting opportunities our schools will have as these enhancements provide more space which will bring more students and their families to hear about Jesus and to grow in their faith.



To God be the glory!

Donation Card

Do you want to be a part of the mission movement in Texas to reach thousands with the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ? Become a mission partner with the Texas District today.

Will you prayerfully consider one of the following:

- Funding an annual start-up grant for a church planter for \$35,000.
- Sponsoring training and coaching for an evangelist for \$1,200.
- Providing a scholarship for an EIIT or SMP student for \$10,000.
- Gifting a pastor, church worker, and evangelist with the Exponential church planting experience for \$1,750.

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Amount: ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$125
☐ Other _____

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Texas Partners in Mission Memorial and Honorarium Gifts

Memorial Gifts for Mr. Richard (Dick) Hansen

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| • Mr. & Mrs. James Hale | • Mr. Frederick Mallon | • Mr. Glenn Hansen |
| • Ms. Karen Luckett | • B.J. Kramer with Two Sketch LLC | • Mr. Gregg Hansen |
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