



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

September 5, 2025

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Texas District Pastors Conference

Proclaiming the Word: 2025 and Beyond

The Big Idea and Questions: Contemporary society hears the Word in the context of the cultural milieu. How can pastors best proclaim the unchanging truth of God's Word in a constantly changing contemporary context? What techniques, technologies, and approaches most readily connect with hearers today?

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Commissioned Minister Advisory Delegate Nominations

Are you a rostered commissioned minister on active, candidate, or emeritus status? Are you willing and able to attend the Synodical Convention in Phoenix, AZ on July 18-23, 2025? Please submit your Commissioned Advisory Delegate nomination, using the link below, by September 26, 2025.

[SUBMIT NOMINATIONS](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Family of Rev. Joe Ardy (Em., Midlothian) - Joe's passing
- Family of Rev. Ed Boineau (St. Luke, Sweeny) - Ed's passing
- Rev. Jeff Doria (St. Paul, Thorndale) - recovering after shoulder surgery
- Family of Mrs. Marlys Erickson, former Treasurer of the Texas District

(Georgetown, TX) - Marlys' passing

- Family of Rev. Steve Larsen (Em., Lake Jackson) - passing of son, Strahan
 - Family of DCE Randy Moerbe (Em., College Station) - passing of daughter, Marie O'Neill
 - Family of Rev. Curt Schneider (Em., Brownwood) - passing of mother, Juanita
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New Calls

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Anthony Celia, Assoc., Bethany, Austin to Sr., St. Paul, Westport, CT

Undecided

Rev. Richard Mittelstadt, Sole, Grace, Brownwood to Sole, Ebenezer, Manheim

Rev. Dr. Arthur Rickman, Missionary, Office of Intl. Mission to Sole, Resurrection, Fredericksburg

Rev. John Schmidt, Sole, St. Paul, Serbin to Sole, St. Paul's, Marshfield, MO

Rev. Al Schubert, Sole, Our Redeemer, Clinton, MS to Sole, St. John, Beaumont

Ordinations & Installations

Rev. Daniel Bueckman // October 5, 4:00 p.m. // Campus Pastor, ULC, College Station
Walker Nery // Ordination & Installation: September 28, 3:00 p.m. // Assoc., Bethel, Dallas

Jonas Ntagawa // Ordination & Installation: September 28, 3:00 p.m. // Assoc., Bethel, Dallas

Vr. Carlos Sandoval // Ordination & Installation: September 7, 2:00 p.m. // SMP, Zion, Alamo

Rev. Thomas Thierfelder // September 14, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, St. Paul/St. Paul, Bishop/Kingsville (service location: St. Paul, Bishop)

Funerals

Rev. Joseph M. Ardy (Em., Midlothian), was gathered into Jesus' embrace on September 2, 2025. His visitation will be Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., followed by his memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at St. John, Mansfield (1218 E Debbie Ln). Please keep his wife, Karen, and their friends and family in your prayers.

Rev. Edward L. Boineau (St. Luke, Sweeny), entered the presence of his Lord the evening of September 4, 2025. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his wife, Peggy, and their friends and family in your prayers.

Mrs. Marlys Erickson, former Treasurer of the Texas District (Georgetown, TX), was called to be with Jesus on August 20, 2025. Her funeral is tentatively scheduled for November 24 at Faith, Georgetown. More details to follow. Please keep her daughter, Nancy, and all Marlys' friends and family in your prayers.

Ordination Anniversary // September

5 years

Rev. Nelson Ortega (9/6) - Our Redeemer, Irving

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Texas District Is Hiring: The Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator (CCE Coordinator) plays an important role in telling the story of God's work across the Texas District. This individual will develop and share stories that celebrate the mission outreach of evangelists, congregations, schools, lay members, and partner ministries. [Learn more](#)

LWML Texas District Grant Proposals: LWML Texas District is now accepting mission grant proposals for the 2026-2028 biennium. Proposals are due November 1. [Learn more](#)

Back to the Bible Summit: We will likely be part of the first generation to see universal Bible access for every person on the planet. However, in spite of an unprecedented number of formats and versions, only about 20% of Americans engage their Bible outside of church weekly. You are invited to the Back to the Bible Summit, on September 9, to consider with experts meaningful steps to encourage Scripture engagement. [Learn more](#)

Catalyst Innovation Lab 2026: The Texas District Catalyst Innovation Lab is back! We are encouraging mission innovation from ministries in the Texas District, and project leaders may apply for up to \$50,000 toward their efforts. If your ministry has an idea to help catalyze a mission movement in your context, we want to help make it reality. But be quick! Applications are due November 15! [Learn more](#)

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED



Faith Stories // Can God Still Use Me: Beth Lauterbach recounts her journey of discovering that God still uses us, regardless of our stage in life. <https://youtu.be/j0Q-TQ4u5xo?si=BNGKjeQX9MHOGdUO>

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2025 // Hispanic Ministry Retreat // [Learn more](#)

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025 // Pastors' Wives Retreat // [Learn more](#)

SEPTEMBER 27 // Treasurer's Workshop // [Learn more](#)

OCTOBER 13-14, 2025 // Texas District Pastors Conference // [Learn more](#)

OCTOBER 18, 2025 // Deadline for synodical nominations // [Learn more](#)

NOVEMBER 1, 2025 // LWML Texas District Mission grant proposal deadline // [Learn more](#)

JULY 18-23, 2026 // LCMS National Convention // [Learn more](#)

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