

2025 CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS



63rd Convention of the Texas District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
June 5-7 2025

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Proceedings of 2025 Texas District Convention

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I. Preface

63rd Convention of the Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod June 5-7, 2025

The delegates of the 63rd Convention of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod assembled from June 5-7, 2025 for the district's triennial convention at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas. The tone of the convention was set in the opening comments by the President of the Texas District, Rev. Michael Newman, as he quoted LCMS President Friedrich Pfotenhauer, who said, "And now... let us go to work in the name of God. May we have a convention that will delight the angels, bring joy to Christians, and promote the glory of our Savior!"

The Convention celebrated the mission emphasis of, "being God's people, gathering in God's house, to do God's business." This was the first Texas District Convention hosted by a congregation in many years. The mission heart of God shining through the mission directives of His Word provided the heart and soul of this convention and inspired attendees to go forth as relentless proclaimers of the Gospel in our churches, communities and the world that all may see the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Convention attendees were also gathered in God's Word with Bible study throughout the convention. President Newman led the study "Struggle Well", sharing insights from the Book of Daniel. The principles gleaned from this study provide examples of encouragement from God's Old Testament people to continue struggling well for the Gospel.

Within the mission context, these Proceedings, along with the Convention Workbook, are prepared to provide an accurate and orderly account of the actions taken by the Texas District at this convention and to serve as a record of the business of the Church in this place for those who will follow.

"The mission of the Texas District is to strengthen congregations to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for people - locally and globally." May the work of this convention and the congregations and people of this district be blessed in His mission by Almighty God to this end and to His glory.

Respectfully submitted in the service of Christ and His Church,

Rev. Dr. Brian J. Hesse
District Secretary



II. Officers and Convention Staff

TEXAS DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Rev. Michael Newman - President (Chairman of the Board)
The Rev. Dr. John Davis - First Vice President (Vice President Area D)
The Rev. Allan Eckert - Second Vice President (Vice President Area A)
The Rev. Larry Krueger - Third Vice President (Vice President Area B)
The Rev. Nathan Wendorf - Fourth Vice President (Vice President Area C)
The Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse - Secretary
Mrs. Chaessa Koontz - Commissioned Minister
Mr. Seth Gehrke - Commissioned Minister
Mr. David Balder - Layperson Area A
Mr. Katari (KT) McDonald - Layperson Area B
Mr. Ray Walther - Layperson Area C
Mrs. Elizabeth Killinger - Layperson Area D
Mr. James Runzheimer - Layperson at Large

2025 TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Convention Committee Chairman

Rev. Michael W. Newman
Texas District President

Convention Manager

Mrs. Lisa Candido
Texas District Staff

Gloria Dei Convention Coordinator

Mrs. Beth Koerber
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Worship Committee

Rev. Dan Schepmann
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Mr. Jason Phelps

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Mr. Omar Aguilar

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Prayer Team Leaders

Rev. Steve Garrabrant
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Rev. Randy Miller

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Rev. Andrew Walker

Texas District Staff

Registration Committee

Rev. Larry Krueger, Emeritus
Vice President, Area B

Ms. Amanda Berryhill

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Ms. Cindy Hilewitz

Texas District Staff

Ms. Jill Meyer

Texas District Staff

Hospitality & Volunteer Committee

Mrs. Audrey Duensing-Werner
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Mrs. Lori Knutson

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Mrs. Crystal Oliver

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston



Media Committee
Mr. Keith Howanitz
Texas District Staff

Mr. Mario Vargas
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Texas District Secretary
Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Waco

Texas District Treasurer
Mrs. Linda Hagge

Texas District Area D Vice President
Rev. Dr. John Davis
Memorial Lutheran Church, Katy

Texas District Circuit Visitor - Circuit 36
Rev. Matthew Brackman
Peace Lutheran Church, Texas City

Vendors and Sponsorships
Mr. Hugo Fonseca
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Mrs. Beth Koerber
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Ms. Jill Meyer
Texas District Staff

Spanish Translation Committee
Dcs. Perla Gil de Rodriguez
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston

Rev. Lincon Guerra
Texas District Staff



III. 2025 Convention Floor Committees

FLOOR COMMITTEE #1 - Mission and Ministry

Rev. Nathan Wendorf, St. Paul, Harlingen	Area C Vice President, Chairman
Rev. Ted Doering, Narrative, Round Rock	Area C Ordained
Dcs. Perla Gil de Rodriguez, Gloria Dei, Houston	Area D Commissioned
Rev. Lincon Guerra, Lubbock	District Staff Advisory Member
Mr. Jeff Heath, St. Peter, Roanoke	Area B Lay
Mr. Kurt Rosenhagen, Gloria Dei, Houston	Area D Lay
Rev. Eric Stinnette, St. Paul, Wichita Falls	Area A Ordained
Rev. Juan Zamora, Our Redeemer, Irving	Area B Ordained

FLOOR COMMITTEE #2 - Governance and Administration

Rev. Dr. John Davis, Memorial, Katy	Area D Vice President, Chairman
Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther, Tomball	District Staff Advisory Member
Rev. Martin Danner, Bethany, Austin	Area C Ordained, Vice Chairman
Rev. Eric Hiner, Hope, Lubbock	Area A Ordained, Secretary
DCE Leslie Sullivan, St. John, Cypress	Area D Commissioned
Rev. Martin Richardson, Crown of Life, Colleyville	Area B Ordained
Mike Martin, Faith, Georgetown	Area C Lay
William Vorva, St. Paul, Fort Worth	Area B Lay

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Kevin Hintze, Zion, Walburg
Mr. Keith Lund, Grace, Denison

MINUTES REVIEW COMMITTEE

Rev. Keith Aschenbeck, Grace, Victoria
Rev. Gene Johnson, Trinity-Klein, Spring
Rev. Nathan Misch, St. Paul, Plainview

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Elected 2021 Convention)

Rev. Kevin Hintze, Zion, Walburg	Ordained Area B, Chairman
Rev. Dr. William Knippa, Bethany, Austin	Ordained Area C
Rev. Robert Pase, Our Savior, Abilene	Ordained Area A
Rev. Jon Salminen, Epiphany, Pearland	Ordained Area D
Mr. Paul Krentz, Narrative, Round Rock	Commissioned Area C
Mr. Keith Lund, Grace, Denison	Commissioned Area B, Secretary
Mrs. Kelly Bernhardt, Prince of Peace, Amarillo	Lay Area A
Mr. Gary Juhl, Concordia, San Antonio	Lay Area C
Mrs. Donna Snow, Salem, Tomball	Lay Area D



IV. Convention Schedule
63rd CONVENTION OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT LCMS

Thursday, June 5, 2025

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| 8:00 a.m. | Gloria Dei Doors Open |
| 8:30 a.m. | Convention Registration Opens (Life Center) |
| 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Floor Committee Hearings
Mission & Ministry Floor Committee - Student Center Room 198
Governance & Administration Floor Committee - Student Center Room 196 |
| 11:00 a.m. | Vendor Area Opens (Life Center) |
| 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. | Breakout Lunches |
| • | Faith to the Moon and Back, Col. Michael Fossum (Chapel). Sponsored by Lightwell Insurance |
| • | Emotional and Mental Health in Life and Ministry, Rev. Jim Otte and DCE Christiane Hobbs (Student Center Gym). Sponsored by Concordia University Irvine |
| • | Kingdom Over Castle, Rev. Al Doering and Rev. Dr. Stephen Sohns (Rooms 211/213). Sponsored by The Center |
| • | Funnel Fusion: Leveraging Assimilation to Catalyze Multiplication, DCE Jason Phelps (Rooms 215/217) |
| 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Coffee Break Sponsored by Legacy Deo |
| 12:45 p.m. | Gathering (Worship Center) |
| 1:00 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. | Opening of Convention |
| 1:20 p.m. - 1:35 p.m. | Devotion - Rev. Steve Garrabrant |
| 1:35 p.m. - 2:25 p.m. | Essay/Bible Study - President Michael Newman |
| 2:25 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. | Primer on Parliamentary Procedure - Rev. Larry Krueger |
| 2:40 p.m. - 2:55 p.m. | Keypad Orientation - Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse |
| 2:55 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Registration Report - Rev. Larry Krueger |
| 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. | Ballot Instructions and Prayer for the Elections
Elections: District President, Vice Presidents and Rankings |
| 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. | President's Report |
| 4:15 p.m. - 5:10 p.m. | Registration Report and Prayer for the Elections
Elections: District Secretary, Board of Directors, Board of Mission Administration, District Nominating Committee, Synod Committee for Convention Nominations, Alternate- Synod Committee for Convention Nominations, Ratification of Circuit Visitors |
| 5:10 p.m. | Floor Committee 2 Special Presentation |
| 5:30 p.m. | Closing Prayer - Rev. Dan Schepmann
Registration Closes |



7:30 p.m.	Worship - Rev. Dr. Scott Murray (Worship offering designated for Texas Partners in Mission)
8:30 p.m.	Convention Reception (Life Center)
10:00 p.m.	Convention Doors Close

Friday, June 6, 2025

7:00 a.m.	Convention Doors Open
7:30 a.m.	Coffee break Sponsored by Lifetime Commercial Roofing Registration Opens Vendor Area Opens
8:15 a.m.	Gathering (Worship Center)
8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Devotion - Rev. Randy Miller
8:45 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	Minutes Review Committee Registration Report - Rev. Larry Krueger
8:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Business Session I
Noon	Prayer - Rev. Dan Schepmann
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Breakout Lunches
	• Renewing Your Church and Reaching Out through Evangelist Development (Bilingual Session), Deaconess Noemi Guerra (Rooms 215/217) • Pastors Wives and Friends: Major League Baseball, Life and Mission, Scott and Kelly Linebrink (Chapel). Sponsored by Concordia Plans • Connecting with Jesus in Your Devotional Life and Prayer, Renee Page (Rooms 214/216) • Connecting with your Community, Stephanie Knea (Student Center Gym)
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Coffee break Sponsored by GSB Fundraising
1:30 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.	Prayer - Rev. Dan Schepmann
1:35 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Mission Report - Texas District Mission Team
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Business Session II
3:15 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.	Standing Prayer
3:20 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.	Essay/Bible Study - President Michael Newman
4:10 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.	Business Session III
5:10 p.m.	Closing Prayer - Rev. Dan Schepmann Electoral Caucuses (if desired - find a comfortable space to meet)
6:00 p.m.	Dinner (on your own) Vendor Area Closes Convention Door Closes

Saturday, June 7, 2025

7:00 a.m.	Convention Door Opens
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7:30 a.m.	Coffee break Sponsored by FiveTwo
8:15 a.m.	Gathering (Worship Center)
8:30 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.	Opening Prayer - Rev. Dan Schepmann
8:35 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.	Minutes Review Committee - Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse Registration Report - Rev. Larry Krueger
8:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Synod Report - Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison
10:00 a.m.	Closing Prayer - Rev. Dan Schepmann Break and Worship Preparation
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Closing Worship and Memorial Service - Rev. Michael Newman
Noon	Convention Door Closes

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V. Standing Rules
As amended and Adopted on June 5, 2025

1. The chair shall see that the agenda is followed as closely as possible.
2. Each member of the convention, when recognized by the chair, shall state his or her name, the congregation represented and its location, and indicate pastoral voting delegate, lay voting delegate or advisory delegate status.
3. Voting Delegate Procedures
 - a. Voting delegates must wear their badges at all sessions.
 - b. Only delegates wearing voting delegate badges will be allowed to vote using the electronic voting system. Delegates may vote only on their assigned individual keypad.
 - c. Voting shall ordinarily be accomplished by use of an electronic response system that requires delegates to be in their seats during the times when such voting will occur. When the electronic system is not used, the Chair, on motions before the convention, shall request a voice vote or call for the raising of the right hand or use any other appropriate means of non-electronic voting.
4. Voting Delegates, Advisory Delegates, Guests
 - a. Only voting delegates may introduce motions, speak on the floor of the Convention and vote.
 - b. Advisory delegates may speak, but not vote.
 - c. Non-delegate guests may attend and observe convention sessions, but are entitled to neither voice nor vote while the Convention is in session.
 - d. Upon proper clearance by the registration chairman, a person registered as an alternate voting delegate may be transferred from alternate to voting delegate at any time during the business sessions of the convention and shall retain the position of voting delegate throughout the remainder of the convention.
5. Discussion will be limited to two minutes for each voting or advisory delegate on each motion or resolution. No one may speak more than twice to each question. If necessary, floor committees will be granted additional time for response to questions, provision of additional information, etc. The chair shall have discretion to make exceptions to this rule.
6. While any voting delegate may move to close debate (called the question) at any time that it is his or her turn to speak, a vote on closing debate (two thirds vote required) on the pending motion shall be put by the chair after every 20 minutes of debate. The chair may also call for a vote on closing debate (two thirds vote required) when in his judgment the assembly has heard sufficient speaking from both sides of the issue.



7. If a substitute motion is offered and seconded, the presenter shall be offered two minutes to provide the rationale for offering it and a member of the floor committee shall be offered two minutes to present rationale for why the committee believes the original motion is to be preferred. The convention shall decide by majority vote without further debate whether or not to consider the substitute. If the decision is in the affirmative and if the substitute motion is subsequently adopted, the original motion dies. If the substitute motion does not receive favorable action either to consider or adopt, the original motion is again considered. (This is the so-called Behnken rule for dealing with substitute motions.)
8. Whenever an amendment is offered from the floor that seeks to make it editorial or other helpful suggestions to a pending resolution coming from a floor committee, the chair of the floor committee shall have the option of accepting such an amendment. If it is accepted, then the amendment is made without further debate or formal vote of the assembly.
9. No motion to reconsider or rescind shall be made or called up during the last day of the convention.
10. Any voting delegate who has spoken to an issue may not call the question to cease debate at the end of his/her speech.
11. Resolutions or motions from the convention floor, offered by voting delegates, may be brought to the attention of the delegates only between agenda items, as the chair moves to a new item on the agenda. Please address the chair, "Mr. Chairman".
12. A motion from the floor of the convention must be presented in writing and signed by the delegate who offers the motion. A copy is to be handed both to the secretary and to the chair at or prior to the time of presentation of the motion.
13. The Chair shall have the privilege of calling up for action resolutions which, in his judgment, must be acted upon by the convention before adjournment.
14. It shall be the discretion of the chairman or presenting member of the floor committee to read the preface, preamble, rationale, and whereas sections of resolutions from floor committees. In addition, the chair of the convention is not required to read each resolution as he states the question and then as he calls for the vote
15. Proposed resolutions prepared by the floor committees, which are not acted upon by the convention before adjournment, die.
16. Area Vice Presidents will be ranked using three successive ballots. The first ballot will be used to rank the 1st Vice President (until one candidate receives a majority). The second ballot will be used with the remaining candidates to rank the 2nd Vice President (until one candidate receives a majority). The final ballot will rank the 3rd and 4th Vice Presidents.
17. Parliamentary Procedure



- a. Unless covered by these standing rules of the convention, parliamentary procedure shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, unless in conflict with the Bylaws of the Texas District and/or The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
 - b. The parliamentarian shall interpret the rules and advise the chair on parliamentary procedure when necessary and/or when asked to do so.
18. Announcements necessary during the convention should be handed to the pages, who will deliver them to the District Convention Office. At the chairman's discretion, announcements will be posted.
19. Phones and other sound producing or communication devices shall be silenced or turned off during the convention and shall not be used to influence delegate action or distract from proper convention communication during convention sessions.



VI. Convention Minutes

63rd Convention of the LCMS Texas District
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston, TX
June 5-7, 2025

The 63rd Convention of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod took place June 5-7, 2025, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road, Houston, Texas.

Pre-Convention Events

Pre-Convention Events: Events prior to the convention included registration of voting delegates, advisory delegates and guests. Floor Committee Open Hearings were also held on the morning of June, 5. The Prayer Center and vendor booths were open for delegates and prior to the convention being called to order a pre-convention video was shown to the assembly prior to the opening gavel.

General Session: Thursday Afternoon, June 5

General Session Called to Order:

President Newman's opening remarks included thanking Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Pastor Dan Schepmann, and the Gloria Dei Team for making this convention happen at one of our congregations. President Newman quoted President Friedrich Pfotenhauer from the 1929 LCMS Convention. President Newman discussed the blessing of being able to do God's business, in God's house for God's glory.

The 63rd Convention of the Texas District—LCMS was called to order by President Newman at 1:06 PM with a gaveled invocation.

President Newman introduced the front table of assistants including the vice presidents, Rev. Scott Schaller (Assistant Secretary), Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse (District Secretary), and Mr. Kirk Overby, Parliamentarian. The president also made several other announcements regarding opportunities available at the convention including prayer memorials, counseling, first aid, and information regarding sponsors and vendors.

President Newman welcomed various dignitaries as well.

Greeting from Mayor Phil Johnson

President Newman invited Mayor Phil Johnson, Nassau Bay Mayor, to the podium to offer greetings. Mayor Johnson made Proclamation of Welcome from the City of Nassau Bay to the 63rd Convention of the Texas District LCMS. The Mayor also made a Proclamation of Appreciation and Honoring the Life-time Faithful Service for President Mike Newman. Mayor Phil Johnson presented President Mike Newman a key to the city.

Opening Devotion and Bible Study: Pastor Steve Garrabrant was introduced and offered the opening devotion on the theme of the Commanders. This was followed by a Bible Study led by President Mike Newman. The Bible Study was a gospel centered response on "How To Respond When the Storms Come." The Bible Study used the Book of Daniel to offer 7 Gifts of How to Respond and Struggle Well.



Parliamentary Procedure Briefing and Keypad Orientation: Vice President Larry Krueger was welcomed to the podium to lead the assembly in a basic briefing in parliamentary procedure and standing rules. This was followed by instruction from District Secretary, Brian Hesse, on operation of the keypad voting devices with practice questions.

Registration Report #1:

REPORT DATE: 6/5/2025	REPORT TIME: 2:52 PM
VOTING DELEGATES	Clergy: 194 Lay: 192 TOTAL VOTING: 386
NON-VOTING DELEGATES	Advisory, Ordained: 45 Advisory, Commissioned: 23 TOTAL NON-VOTING: 68
GUESTS	Guests, Visitors, Exhibitors: TOTAL GUESTS: 195
TOTAL FOR CONVENTION	TOTAL: 649

A delegate moved for adoption of the Standing Rules and it was seconded by another delegate of the assembly. Rev. Nate Hill moved to amend the standing rules by striking language in Rule 3a and b about restricted seating assignments. A delegate of the convention seconded the amendment.

Vote to Amend the Standing Rules approved with 336 or 93.59% Yes votes and 23 or 6.41% No votes.

Adopting the Standing Rules as Amended was approved with 352 or 97.24% Yes votes and 10 or 2.76% No votes.



Election of President and Vice Presidents:

(NOTE: The full tally of each ballot result for all district officers, boards and committee members is reported in the Tally of Election Results section of the Convention Proceedings.)

A delegate moved to ratify the slate of candidates for the positions of President and Vice Presidents. A delegate seconded the motion. The motion was adopted with 361 or 98.8% Yes Votes and 4 or 1.10% No Votes. The vote approves the slate of candidates for the position of President and Vice Presidents.

Pastor Dan Schepman prayed for the elections.

Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther was elected president on the 1st ballot.

Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther addressed the assembly as the new District President.

The elections continued with the election of the district area vice presidents, resulting in the following individuals being elected.

Rev. Eric Hiner was elected as Vice President of Area A on the 1st ballot.

Rev. Larry Krueger was elected as Vice President of Area B on the 1st ballot.

Rev. Nathan Wendorf was elected as Vice President of Area C on the 1st ballot.

Rev. Dr. John F. Davis was elected as Vice President of Area D on the 1st ballot.

The elected district area vice presidents were also voted into the following rank:

First Vice President: Rev. Dr. John F. Davis was elected on the 2nd Ballot

Second Vice President: Larry Krueger was elected on the 1st Ballot

Third Vice President: Rev. Nathan Wendorf was elected on the 1st Ballot.

Fourth Vice President: Rev. Eric Hiner was elected by placement of the previous ballot.

Following the election and ranking of the district area vice presidents, President Newman welcomed to the stage the current vice presidents along with their wives to thank them for their service during the past quadrennium.

President's Report

Following this recognition President Newman also recognized former district presidents and their wives. Recognized were Glenn and Sandra O' Shoney as well as Jeanne Lindermann could not be present. Rev. Dr. Jerry and Terry Kieschnick, Ken and Val Hennings were presented on stage and thanked by the assembly.

President Newman offered his report to the convention assembly which began with citing LSB 467 vs. 5. "Misfortunate now is play..." President Newman commented on "play," citing numerous encouraging scriptural examples. A Video: The Faith Story of Texas District Evangelist Estefania Fernandez was shown to the assembly. President Newman's encouragement was, "together we go forward." Additional report information is also available in the official convention workbook.



Registration Report #2:

Vice President and Convention Registrar Larry Krueger was called to the podium and offered the following registration report.

REPORT DATE: 6/5/2025	REPORT TIME: 4:01 PM
VOTING DELEGATES	Clergy: 194 Lay: 192 TOTAL VOTING: 386
NON-VOTING DELEGATES	Advisory, Ordained: 46 Advisory, Commissioned: 23 TOTAL NON-VOTING: 69
GUESTS	Guests, Visitors, Exhibitors: TOTAL GUESTS: 196
TOTAL FOR CONVENTION	TOTAL: 651

Additional Elections:

Following the Convention Registration Report #2, Pastor Dan Schepman was called forward and returned to the podium to offer prayer for the next elections.

Rev. Kevin Hintze, chair of the Nominating Committee and elections committee, and Mr. Keith Lund, Secretary of the nominating committee and elections committee led the convention through the process of the following elections:

Texas District Secretary: Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse was elected on the 1st ballot.

Texas District Board of Directors Lay Member Area A: Mr. Thomas Wolfmueller was elected on the 1st ballot.

Texas District Board of Directors Lay Member Area B: Mr. Chris Rodgers was elected on the 1st ballot.



Texas District Board of Directors Commissioned Minister: Mrs. Charessa Koontz was elected on the 1st ballot.

Texas District Board of Mission Administration Ordained Member (First Election): Rev. Ted Doering was elected on the 2nd ballot.

Texas District Board of Mission Administration Ordained Member (Second election): Rev. David Murillo was elected on the 3rd ballot.

Texas District Board of Mission Administration Lay Member: Mrs. Gladys Franco was elected on the 1st ballot.

Texas District Nominating Committee Ordained Area A: Rev. Nathan Misch was elected on the 2nd ballot.

Texas District Nominating Committee Ordained Area B: Rev. Kevin Hintze was elected on the 1st ballot.

Texas District Nominating Committee Ordained Area C: Rev. Martin Danner was elected on the 1st ballot.

Texas District Nominating Committee Ordained Area D: Rev. Dan Schepman was elected on the 1st ballot.

Texas District Nominating Committee Commissioned Member (1st Election): Mr. Paul Krentz was elected on the 3rd ballot.

Texas District Nominating Committee Commissioned Member (2nd Election): Mr. Scott Browning was elected on the 2nd ballot.

Texas District Nominating Committee Lay Member (1st Election): Mrs. Christine Armstrong was elected on the 3rd ballot.

Texas District Nominating Committee Lay Member (2nd Election): Mrs. Kelly Bernhardt was elected on the 1st ballot.

Texas District Nominating Committee Lay Member (3rd Election): Mr. Larry Harvey was elected on the 3rd ballot.

President Newman called Rev. Kevin Jennings and Mr. David Baldner forward for recognition. Rev. Kevin Jennings served 13 years as Circuit Visitor. Mr. David Baldner has completed his time as Lay Member of the Texas District Board of Directors. Both men were given honorary recognitions.

Recognition of Retiring President Michael Newman: President Newman transferred the chair of the convention to Vice President Larry Krueger. As Chair, Vice President Larry Krueger called forward Vice President John F. Davis for a presentation honoring the completed service President Mike Newman. The Assembly joined in singing the doxology giving thanks to President Newman's service. There was also an update given to commemorate his service in the Mike and Cindy Newman Mission fund, the offerings totaled \$280,004.30. A story video



was shared with the assembly. Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther spoke on behalf of the District Staff. President Newman shared his thanks for his family and the ministry opportunities to serve.

Orders of the Day: Vice President Larry Krueger returned the chair to President Newman. At 5:50 PM are the orders of the day. Pastor Dan Schepman returned to the podium, he recognized the tech team of Gloria Dei and closed the meeting with

Opening Worship: The Convention opening worship service was held at 7:30 PM and was led by President Newman and the Vice Presidents of the District with the assistance of the Gloria Dei team. The preacher was Rev. Dr. Scott Murray, Third Vice President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. A Convention reception followed the opening worship service.

General Session: Friday June 6, 2025

Morning General Business Session 1 of June 6, 2025: The assembly was greeted with a video sharing Texas Partners in Mission. President greeted the assembly of the convention beginning at 8:31 AM. The total amount gathered in the worship offering was \$5,562.35 to benefit Texas Partners in Mission.

Opening Devotion and Bible Study: The 63rd Convention of the Texas District continued with the opening devotion offered by Rev. Randy Miller sharing from Acts 6.

Minutes Review Committee and Registration Report #3: Secretary Brian Hesse reported that the previous days minutes have been reviewed by the Minutes Review Committee and found to in order. The minutes are made available via the Convention District website.

Rev. Larry Krueger provided the following Convention Registration Report.

REPORT DATE: 6/6/2025	REPORT TIME: 8:30 AM
VOTING DELEGATES	Clergy: 194 Lay: 192 TOTAL VOTING: 386
NON-VOTING DELEGATES	Advisory, Ordained: 46 Advisory, Commissioned: 23 TOTAL NON-VOTING: 69
GUESTS	Guests, Visitors, Exhibitors: TOTAL GUESTS: 208



TOTAL FOR CONVENTION	TOTAL: 663
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Elections Continued: Rev. Kevin Hintze

Election of LCMS Committee for Convention Nominations Delegate: Rev. Dan Schepman was elected on the 2nd ballot.

Election of LCMS Committee for Convention Nominations Alternate Delegate: Rev. James Martin Richardson was elected on the 3rd ballot.

Ratification of the Circuit Visitors' Slate:

President Newman presented the slate of 40 district circuit visitors for ratification by the assembly. The slate was ratified by the assembly by 304 or 97.75% Yes votes and 7 or 2.25% No votes. The president asked the circuit visitors to stand and be recognized.

Resolutions of the Mission and Ministry Floor Committee:

President Newman welcomed before the assembly Floor Committee One, chaired by Vice President Nathan Wendorf.

Resolution 01-01-25 was presented to the assembly and the floor committee moved adoption. Delegates requested Points of Information and discussion on the motion. Pastor Hill moved the previous question and it was seconded. The motion to end debate was adopted 281 or 87% Yes votes and 42 or 13% No votes. The resolution was adopted with 282 or 86.77% Yes votes and 42 or 13.23% No votes.

Resolution 01-02-25 was presented to the assembly and the floor committee moved adoption. There was no discussion on the motion. The resolution was adopted with 293 or 90.71% Yes votes and 30 or 9.29% No votes.

Resolution 01-03-25 was presented to the assembly and the floor committee moved adoption. There was discussion on the motion with 3 delegates speaking in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted with 311 or 93.11% Yes votes and 23 or 6.89% No votes.

Resolution 01-04-25 was presented to the assembly and the floor committee moved adoption. There was a requested point of information on the motion. The resolution was adopted with 314 or 95.44% Yes votes and 15 or 4.56% No votes. President Newman then asked the commissioned workers of the district present to stand and be recognized.

Resolution 01-05-25 was presented to the assembly and the floor committee moved adoption. There was discussion on the motion. The resolution was adopted with 310 or 93.66% Yes votes and 21 or 6.34% No votes.

Omnibus Resolution A: President Newman provided explanation on the purpose of an omnibus resolution. The floor committee presented the omnibus resolution to the assembly and the floor committee moved adoption. There was no discussion on the motion. The resolution was adopted with 278 or 86.88% Yes votes and 42 or 13.12% No votes.



The work of Floor Committee 1 was completed and the assembly thanked the floor committee by offering applause.

The Assembly took a short standing break.

Resolutions of the Governance and Administration Floor Committee:

President Newman welcomed before the assembly Floor Committee Two, chaired by Vice President John Davis. Vice President Davis offered some introduction from the floor committee regarding the revisions made as a result of the open hearings held the previous day. An editorial change was also made to Omnibus Resolution A for the title to read: “Omnibus Resolution A—To Respectfully Refer Overtures.

Resolution 02-01-25 was presented to the assembly and the floor committee moved adoption. Brian Kachelmeier moved to offer a substitute resolution of the original Overture 02-01-25 as printed on page 209 and 210 of the Convention Workbook. The motion was seconded. The Behnken Rule was applied by the chair and the delegate was given 2 minutes for rationale of the substitute motion. The Floor Committee was also given 2 minutes to offer rationale. The Behnken Rule requires immediate vote to accept the substitute motion. The substitute motion was defeated with 114 or 34.44% and 217 or 65.56% No votes.

Rev. Bryan Wolfmueeller moved amendment to Resolution 02-01-25 the amendment was seconded by the assembly. The Amendment to add the following language:

WHEREAS, changing the “sabbatical” from a time of renewed blessings for the church worker to a time of stress, uncertainty, and confusion, thus misusing and abusing the “sabbatical” as a tool to bring about an artificial peace and to present both parties with a white-washed appearance, as if there is no harboring of hatred against and hurt from the other; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of Texas District of the LCMS be encouraged to establish a review board to oversee all “sabbaticals” that are initiated while a district representative is engaged with a congregation involved in a dispute, with the goal of protecting the congregation and the church worker; and be it further

President Newman as the Chair is ruling the amendment out of order in accordance with the Bylaws of the Synod.

Resolution 02-01-25 was moved to be postponed until the afternoon business session and motion was seconded. Rev. Nathan Hill moved the previous question to cease debate on postponing the motion. Motion to cease debate was approved with 300 or 91.19% Yes votes and 29 or 8.81% No votes. The motion to postponing Resolution 02-01-25 was adopted with 241 or 70.26% Yes votes and 102 or 29.74% No votes. Resolution 02-01-25 is postponed until the afternoon business session.

Resolution 02-02-25 was presented to the assembly and the floor committee moved adoption. Rev. David Reedy, pastoral voting delegate, moved to call the previous question to cease debate. Motion to cease debate was adopted 273 or 80.53% Yes votes and 66 or 19.47% No votes. The resolution was adopted with 282 or 84.43% Yes votes and 52 or 15.57% No votes.



Resolution 02-03-25a was presented to the assembly and the floor committee moved adoption.

Rev. Brian Kachelmeier moved amendment of the 5th Whereas on page 2 of the resolution. A delegate seconded the amendment as stated below:

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Confessions uphold and affirm that a Christian's identity - not just individually but also corporately - may be expressed differently in different places because of our unity in faith and simultaneously our freedom in Christ never-the-less, to nurture unity in practice this freedom should not be abused. "Still, we teach that freedom should be so controlled that the inexperienced may not be offended and, because of freedom's abuse [Romans 14:13-23], may not become more opposed to the true doctrine of the Gospel. Nothing in customary rites should be changed without reasonable cause. So to nurture unity, old customs that can be kept without sin or great inconvenience should be kept. Apology, Article XV, 51 (Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions)."

The amendment received discussion. After a time of debate and discussion on the amendment, Rev. Nathan Hill moved to call the previous question and end debate. The motion was seconded. Motion to cease debate was adopted with 232 or 70.52% Yes votes and 97 or 29.48% No votes. Motion to amend was defeated with 142 or 43.03% Yes votes and 188 or 56.97% No votes.

Resolution 02-03-25a is returned to the floor of the assembly for debate and discussion. Rev. Ted Benson moved to call the previous question to end debate and the motion was seconded. The motion was adopted 232 or 68.44% Yes votes and 107 or 31.56% No votes. Resolution 02-03-25 was adopted with 174 or 50.43% Yes votes and 171 or 49.57% No votes.

Privileged Motion to have the opportunity to record names of No votes for Resolution 02-03-25a with the District Secretary for inclusion in the minutes was adopted with 232 or 69.46% Yes votes and 102 or 30.54% No votes. These names will be recorded in [Appendix A](#) below.

Resolution 02-04-25a was presented to the assembly and the floor committee moved adoption. There was no discussion on the motion. The resolution was adopted with 294 or 90.74% Yes votes and 30 or 9.26% No votes.

Omnibus Resolution A - To Respectfully Refer Overtures was presented to the assembly and moved for adoption by the floor committee.

A delegate moved to amend the resolution to add Overture 02-14-25. The amendment was seconded. There was discussion on the amendment. The amendment was adopted with 259 or 79.94% Yes votes and 65 or 20.06% No votes.

Omnibus Resolution A as amend goes before the assembly with discussion and debate. The chair per the orders of the day ended the debate calling for vote on the resolution. Omnibus Resolution A was adopted with 256 or 79.01% Yes votes and 68 or 20.99% No votes.

Lunch Break Out Sessions: At 12:05 PM the orders of the day were reached. Pastor Dan Schepman offered prayer for lunch.



Business Session II: President Newman began this session with prayer.

District Catalyst Team: President Newman welcome the Mission Catalyst Team to the podium for their report.

Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther began the report with an introductory video and continued with the missional aims of the district.

Rev. Pete Mueller offered a report and commentary on the Evangelist Training happening district wide.

Rev. Lincon Guerra presented on the expansion of Hispanic ministry across the Text district.

Rev. Ben Gonzalez shared on the Discipleship and Prayer Ministry.

Additional Business of Floor Committees:

General Consent Addition to the Minutes: It was requested to be stated in the minutes that Resolution 02-03-25a was not referencing Concordia University Texas or any part for the Concordia University System. This is added to the minutes by the general consent of the assembly with no objections.

Postponed Resolution 02-01-25 returns to the assembly for consideration. Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller moved to amend the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, Sabbaticals can serve to bless both the church worker and the congregation/ministry when there is a mutual awareness of the need of and opportunities provided by such a sabbatical, and yet can create hurt and strife when not used for the reasons listed above, therefore, be it

Add also adding the following as the 3rd RESOLVED.

RESOLVED, that included in that template would be the restarting of the admonition in the Texas District Sabbatical Guidelines that, “There needs to be mutual agreement by the professional church worker and congregation/school on the sabbatical plan.”; and be it further...

A delegate seconded the amendment and is open for discussion. The Amendment was adopted 314 or 96.91% Yes Votes and 10 or 3.09% No votes.

The Amended Resolution is before the assembly for discussion and debate. The Amendment was adopted with 324 or 97.01% Yes votes and 10 or 2.99% No votes.

Omnibus Resolution B was presented by Floor Committee 2 and moved for adoption. Omnibus Resolution B was adopted with 282 or 89.52% Yes votes and 33 or 10.48% No votes.

Omnibus Resolution C was presented by Floor Committee 2 and moved for adoption. Omnibus Resolution C was adopted with 302 or 92.07% Yes votes and 26 or 7.93% No votes.

This concluded the business of Floor Committee 2 and the assembly thanked them for their service.



Recognition of Church Worker Anniversaries: President read the names of those printed in the Convention Workbook celebrating worker anniversaries beginning with the commissioned ministers. He also read the names of the ordained workers also celebrating anniversaries. He invited any present workers to please stand and be recognized.

Bible Study “Struggle Well - 7 Gifts for Strength”: President Newman started the Bible Study with prayer and continued our Bible Study in Daniel Chapters 4-12. Bible Study was closed with prayer and encouragement to struggle well.

President’s Announcements and Recognitions: President Matthew C. Harrison was welcomed to the convention. President Newman thanked and recognized the Convention Planning Committee and district staff and Gloria Dei staff and Gloria Dei volunteers for making this convention possible.

Installation of Elected District Officials:

President Newman installed District Vice Presidents.

President Newman installed the District Secretary, members of the Board of Directors and members of the Board for Mission Administration.

President Newman installed the Circuit Visitors of the District.

Synod President Matthew Harrison was invited forward with Vice President Murray for the installation of the new Texas District President, Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther.

Closing Orders of the Day: President Newman made several announcements about the end and accomplishing of the agenda for the day (a little early). Pastor Dan Schepman was invited forward for a closing prayer at 4:42 PM.

Appendix A: Voting Delegates Wishing to Voluntarily Express a “No” Vote of Resolution 02-03-25a

Voting Delegates Voting No:

1. Dan Bacon, Faith, Mexia
2. Jon Barry, Holy Cross, Canton
3. Mr. Micah Black, Trintiy, Navasota
4. Rev. Ricky Black, Trinity, Amarillo
5. Rev. Kory Boster, Christ, Pattison
6. David Brockhouse, Mt. Olive, San Antonio
7. Mr. William Bryson, Grace, San Marcos
8. Rev. Kenneth Bunge, First, Lufkin
9. Rev. Tom Chryst, Messiah, Keller
10. Rev. Allen Eckert, Trinity, San Angelo
11. Rev. Michael Erickson, Zion, Pampa
12. Rev. Russell A. Etzel, Concordia Houston
13. Rev. John De Young, Cross of Christ, De Soto



14. Rev. Mark De Young, St. Peter, Bowie
15. Mr. Garrett Fortson, St. John's, Dumas
16. Philip Frank, Redeemer and St. Paul, Alpine and Monahans
17. Rev. Alex Garber, Trinity, Livingston
18. Mr. Justin Giese, Faith, Aransas Pass
19. Addison Graham, St. Matthew, Houston
20. Mr. Timothy Goodale, Crown of Life, San Antonio
21. Ernest Hamann, Zion, Tomball
22. Rev. Scott E. Herbert, Zion, Tomball
23. Faron Hice, Good Shepherd, Angleton
24. Sean Higginbotham, Resurrection, Spring
25. Rev. Mark Huston, Holy Cross, Canton
26. Rev. Brian Kachelmeier, Crown of Life, San Antonio
27. Rev. Jason Kaspar, Mt. Calvary, La Grange
28. Rev. Paul Kaiser, St. Paul, Edna
29. Rev. Peter Kolb, St. Mark, Waco
30. Mr. Thomas Lee, Cross of Christ, De Soto
31. Mr. Jason Lehmann, Mt. Calvary, La Grange
32. Mr. Ken May, Zion, Pampa
33. Mr. Paul Mews, Grace, Menard
34. Eddie Miller, Grace, Victoria
35. Rev. Richard Mittelstadt, Grace, Brownwood
36. Ned A. Moerbe, Memorial, Houston
37. Matthew Nelson, Redeemer, Atlanta
38. Mr. Kyle Norton, Jesus Lutheran, Austin
39. Rev. Ryan J. Ogradowicz, Grace Brenham
40. Rev. Tab Ottmers, Fairview,
41. Rev. Bob Pase, Our Savior, Abilene
42. Robert Quada, St. Mark, Conroe
43. Mrs. Jennifer Reeves, St. Luke, Olney
44. Rev. Sean Reeves, St. Luke, Olney
45. Rebecca Reyes, St. Matthew, Westfield - "Here I stand"
46. Bobby Roevers, Alive in Christ, Big Spring
47. Mr. Doug Rohloff, Victory in Christ, Newark
48. Rev. Dr. Tim Rosenthal, Grace, Menard
49. Mr. James Runzheimer, Grace, Arlington
50. Rev. Philip Schielke, Victory in Christ, Newark
51. Rev. Troy Scroggins, St. John's, Dumas
52. Stephen Sedory, Kingsville,
53. Mr. Jonathan Shields, Divine Savior, Devine
54. Rev. Randall Smith, Bethlehem, North Zulch
55. Mr. Christopher Stubblefield, Immanuel, Fairview
56. Rev. Alan Taylor, St. John, Galveston
57. Mark Taylor, Faith, Plano
58. Byron Terral, Immanuel, Mercedes
59. Tom Theiss, First, Lufkin



60. Tommy Todd, Faith, Plano
61. Mr. Bill Tucker, St. Mark, Waco
62. Rev. Edmund Weber, Immanuel, Mercedes
63. Rev. Randall Wehmeyer, Divine Savior, Devine
64. Rev. Mark Wiesenborn, St. Matthew, Houston
65. Rev. Thomas Winter, St. Peter, Pearsall
66. Benjamin Wiseman, Concordia, Houston
67. Rev. David Woelmer, Smithville
68. Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller, St. Paul and Jesus Deaf, Austin
69. Mr. Thomas Wolfmueller, Grace, Midland
70. Mr. John Young, Grace, Brenham

General Session: Saturday June 7, 2025

President Newman greeted the assembly of the convention beginning at 8:30 AM. Pastor Dan Schepmann was invited forward to offer an opening prayer for the day.

Minutes Review Committee and Registration Report #4: Secretary Brian Hesse reported that the previous day's minutes have been reviewed by the Minutes Review Committee and found to be in order. The minutes are made available via the Convention District website.

Rev. Larry Krueger was called to the podium for the attendance report. President Newman asked that the assembly recognize Larry's birthday today. The convention joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to Larry. Rev. Larry Krueger provided the following Convention Registration Report.

REPORT DATE: 6/7/2025	REPORT TIME: 8:30 AM
VOTING DELEGATES	Clergy: 194 Lay: 192 TOTAL VOTING: 386
NON-VOTING DELEGATES	Advisory, Ordained: 46 Advisory, Commissioned: 23 TOTAL NON-VOTING: 69
GUESTS	Guests, Visitors, Exhibitors: TOTAL GUESTS: 224
TOTAL FOR CONVENTION	TOTAL: 679



Synod Report: Synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, was welcomed by the Assembly to the podium. President Newmann offered a prayer of blessing for President Harrison. President Harrison shared a video on the work of the Synod. The President offered his report. President Mike Newman offered President Harrison a gift from the Texas District of Texas District custom engraved cigars.

Video Summary and Closing Prayer: A convention wrap-up video was shared. Rev. Dan Schepmann was welcomed to the podium to offer the closing prayer; he deferred that prayer to President Newman. President Newman then officially closed the 63rd Convention of the Texas District with the gaveled blessing in the name of the Father, and of Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Worship and Memorial Service: The closing worship service was a memorial service to commemorate the faithful departed professional church workers of the last quadrennium. This service was led by the pastors of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and President Michael Newmann with First Vice President John Davis assisting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse
District Secretary



VII. Tally of Election Results for Officers, Boards and Committees

Name	Ballot 1		Ballot 2		Ballot 3		Elect
	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	
Secretary							
Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse	228	67.26%					X
Rev. Aaron Kalbas	34	10.03%					
Rev. Karl Roth	77	22.71%					
Texas District Board of Directors							
<u>Commissioned:</u>							
Charessa Koontz	176	54.83%					X
Elizabeth Milbrath	57	17.76%					
Jordan Miller	88	27.41%					
<u>Lay Person: (Area A)</u>							
David Brooks	41	12.17%					
Frederick Herm	126	37.39%					
Thomas Wolfmueller	170	50.45%					X
<u>Lay Person: (Area B)</u>							
Jeff Lehrmann	105	34.31%					
Chris Rodgers	201	65.69%					X
BOARD OF MISSION ADMINISTRATION							
	Ballot 1		Ballot 2		Ballot 3		Elect
<u>Ordained: (Electing 1 of 2)</u>	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	
Rev. Brady Blasdel	23	6.48%	-	-			
Rev. Ted Doering	115	32.39%	189	54.78%			X
Rev. Aaron Kalbas	28	7.89%	-	-			
Rev. Dave Murillo	42	11.83%	70	20.29%			
Rev. Matt Popovits	37	10.42%	-	-			
Rev. Dr. Philip Schielke	54	15.21%	86	24.93%			
Rev. Troy Scroggins	29	8.17%	-	-			
Rev. Jonathan Thomas	17	4.79%	-	-			
Rev. Tomas Van Duzer	6	1.69%	-	-			
Rev. Jeff Wuertz	4	1.13%	-	-			



Ordained: (Electing 2 of 2)

	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	
Rev. Brady Blasdel	21	6.00%	-	-	-	-	
Rev. Ted Doering	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rev. Aaron Kalbas	27	7.71%	-	-	-	-	
Rev. Dave Murillo	102	29.14%	154	44.51%	203	59.01%	X
Rev. Matt Popovits	52	14.86%	74	21.39%	141	40.99%	
Rev. Dr. Philip Schielke	96	27.43%	118	34.10%	-	-	
Rev. Troy Scroggins	23	6.57%	-	-	-	-	
Rev. Jonathan Thomas	17	4.86%	-	-	-	-	
Rev. Tomas Van Duzer	7	2.00%	-	-	-	-	
Rev. Jeff Wuertz	5	1.43%	-	-	-	-	

Lay Person:

Jay Cornils	123	36.83%		
Gladys Franco	211	63.17%		X

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2021

	Ballot 1		Ballot 2		Ballot 3		Elect
<u>Ordained Area A:</u>	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	
Rev. Nathan Misch	169	49.42%	217	63.08%			X
Rev. Richard Mittelstadt	113	33.04%	127	36.92%			
Rev. Eric Stinette	60	17.54%	-	-			

Ordained Area B:

Rev. Kevin Hintze	269	80.54%					X
Rev. Dr. Rance Settle	65	19.46%					

Ordained Area C:

Rev. Martin Danner	192	59.08%					X
Rev. Kevin Westergren	133	40.92%					

Ordained Area D:

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs	95	27.30%					
Rev. Seth Kunze	72	20.69%					
Rev. Dan Schepmann	181	52.01%					X

Commissioned: (Electing 2)

	1st Election						
Scott Browning	66	19.19%	115	33.05%	149	45.29%	



Lance Gerard	51	14.83%		64	18.39%	-	-	
Amanda Iwabuchi	45	13.08%	-	-	-	-	-	
Paul Krentz	115	33.43%		169	48.56%		180	54.71% X
Keith Lund	49	14.24%	-	-	-	-	-	
Josh McNamara	18	5.23%	-	-	-	-	-	

Commissioned: (Electing 2)

2nd Election

Scott Browning	160	46.24%		190	54.91%			X
Lance Gerard	49	14.16%		53	15.32%			
Amanda Iwabuchi	37	10.69%	-	-				
Paul Krentz	-	-	-	-				
Keith Lund	89	25.72%		103	29.77%			
Josh McNamara	11	3.18%	-	-				

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2021

Lay Person: (Electing 1 of 3)

	Ballot 1		Ballot 2		Ballot 3		Elect
	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	
Christine Armstrong	85	25.15%	139	41.12%	182	57.78%	X
Kelly Bernhardt	83	24.56%	100	29.59%	133	42.22%	
Jeff Bibler	27	7.10%	-	-	-	-	
Jay Cornils	19	5.62%	-	-	-	-	
Steve Giese	30	8.88%	-	-	-	-	
Ruth Hanson	45	13.31%	-	-	-	-	
Larry Harvey	52	15.38%	99	29.29%	-	-	

Lay Person: (Electing 2 of 3)

	Ballot 1		Ballot 2		Ballot 3		Elect
	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	
Christine Armstrong	-	-					
Kelly Bernhardt	189	55.26%					X
Jeff Bibler	24	7.02%					
Jay Cornils	10	2.92%					
Steve Giese	17	4.97%					
Ruth Hanson	36	10.53%					
Larry Harvey	66	19.30%					

Lay Person: (Electing 3 of 3)

	Ballot 1		Ballot 2		Ballot 3		Elect
	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	
Christine Armstrong	-	-	-	-	-	-	



Kelly Bernhardt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff Bibler	82	24.12%		99	28.95%	123	36.83%
Jay Cornils	22	6.47%	-	-	-	-	-
Steve Giese	37	10.88%	-	-	-	-	-
Ruth Hanson	65	19.12%		79	23.10%	-	-
Larry Harvey	134	39.41%		164	47.95%	211	63.17% X

RATIFICATION OF CIRCUIT VISITORS

Number of Votes YES	304	97.75%
Number of Votes NO	7	2.25%

SYNOD COMM. FOR NOMINATIONS 2026 LCMS CONV. DELEGATE

	Ballot 1		Ballot 2		Ballot 3		Elect
	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	
Mrs. Charessa Koontz	46	16.43%	46	16.03%			
Rev. James Martin Richardson	44	15.71%	50	17.42%			
Rev. Dan Schepmann	121	43.21%	191	66.55%			X
Rev. Doyle Theimer	30	10.71%					
Rev. Jonathan Thomas	39	13.93%					

SYNOD COMM. FOR NOMINATIONS 2026 LCMS CONV. ALTERNATE

	Ballot 1		Ballot 2		Ballot 3		Elect
	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	Total Votes	% Vote	
Mrs. Charessa Koontz	106	37.06%	122	42.51%	134	47.69%	
Rev. James Martin Richardson	97	33.92%	119	41.46%	147	52.31%	X
Rev. Dan Schepmann	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rev. Doyle Theimer	44	15.38%	46	16.03%	-	-	
Rev. Jonathan Thomas	39	13.64%	-	-	-	-	



Slate of Ratified Circuit Visitors

Circuit #1	Rev. Joseph Andrajack	Circuit #21	Rev. Richard Mittwede
Circuit #2	Rev. Nathan Misch	Circuit #22	Rev. Carl D. Roth
Circuit #3	Rev. Eric Stadler	Circuit #23	Rev. Nathaniel Hill
Circuit #4	Rev. Richard Mittelstadt	Circuit #24	Rev. Dr. Brian Kachelmeier
Circuit #5	Rev. Tom Chandler	Circuit #25	Rev. David Murillo
Circuit #6	Rev. Steven Brummett	Circuit #26	Rev. Thomas W. Winter
Circuit #7	Rev. Stephen Sandfort	Circuit #27	Rev. Mark Carnahan
Circuit #8	Rev. Paul Terrall	Circuit #28	Rev. Gregory Lorenz
Circuit #9	Rev. Greg Beutel	Circuit #29	Rev. Christopher Brynestad
Circuit #10	Rev. Andy Whaley	Circuit #30	Rev. Michael P. Dorn
Circuit #11	Rev. Adam Douthwaite	Circuit #31	Rev. Scott Heitshusen
Circuit #12	Rev. Mark Huston	Circuit #32	Rev. Richard Lamb
Circuit #13	Rev. Scott Sundbye	Circuit #33	Rev. Doyle Theimer
Circuit #14	Rev. Joe Mashburn	Circuit #34	Rev. Joshua Knippa
Circuit #15	Rev. Harry Smith	Circuit #35	Rev. Jonathan Salminen
Circuit #16	Rev. Jonathan R. Thomas	Circuit #36	Rev. Matthew Brackman
Circuit #17	Rev. Timothy Ochsner	Circuit #37	Rev. Jason Moreno
Circuit #18	Rev. Michael Nemec	Circuit #38	Rev. Brad Jurischk
Circuit #19	Rev. Scott Schaller	Circuit #39	Rev. Gene Johnson
Circuit #20	Rev. Jonathan C. Bontke	Circuit #40	Rev. Timothy Engel

The slate of Circuit Visitor Nominees for 2025-2028 was presented to the convention for ratification on Friday June 6, 2025. A delegate moved adoption of the slate. The slate was ratified by the assembly by 304 or 97.75% Yes votes and 7 or 2.25% No votes.



VIII. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT Rev. Michael W. Newman

Part One

At the 1929 National LCMS Convention, President Friedrich Pfotenhauer noted:

“And now, dear brethren, let us go to work in the name of God. May we have a convention that will delight the angels, bring joy to Christians, and promote the glory of our Savior! Amen.” (9)

That is my prayer for the 2025 Texas District convention. May we be God’s people doing God’s work in God’s house for His mission and glory.

We thank Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay for their hospitality and hard work to host our 2025 gathering. Special thanks to Rev. Dan Schepmann and his team for all their work to help make the gathering a success and blessing.

The mission of the Texas District is to strengthen congregations to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for one another, locally and globally. We are a partnership of nearly 400 congregations knit together for God’s mission, doing together what we could not accomplish alone.

What have we been doing as partners in ministry and mission over the past four years?

Strengthen Congregations

COVID-19: It may seem like a distant memory for some, but COVID-19 was still causing shut-downs before and after our last district convention. As congregations and workers struggled, we saw a wonderful collegial spirit in circuits and around the district. Our congregation and worker care team led by Rev. Jim Otte stepped up its care and connection with workers and congregations during this time of great need. We praise God for the love and care shown in remarkable ways. We also praise God for the Texas Church Extension Fund’s flexibility in helping ministries during special situations of need.

Disaster response: Pastoral care and grant assistance was provided for nearly 20 natural and man-made disasters from 2021-2024. Thanks to the generosity of donors, thousands of dollars in relief aid was shared with church workers, ministries, and community members in need.

Calling Workers: No congregation or school is left alone in the call process. Congregation Support Specialists and Mission and Ministry personnel team up with Circuit Visitors to assist congregations during vacancies and to help with the calling of new workers. School Ministry team members walk alongside schools as they seek new ministry staff, and the commissioned minister call process receives the able assistance of the Texas District team. Ongoing improvements have been made to streamline the process and shorten the wait time for call lists thanks to Andrew Walker, Assistant to the District President. Even with a shortage of workers and some economic pressures that stand in the way of church worker movement, the district walks with each ministry to provide help in time of need, celebrating the blessing of new workers when they arrive in Texas. The annual new worker orientation helps each new worker feel at home.



Visitation: The district president (DP), vice-presidents (VP), and circuit visitors (CV) work together to provide quality visitation every year (per LCMS by-law 4.4.4). These servants team up to be present in congregations regularly and at circuit and district gatherings. Every CV connects with each of his circuit congregations annually and meets with the DP, VP, and deployed district staff member to review each congregation and pastor's situation (this happens at twice yearly CV retreats). Follow-up takes place based on needs. While there is always room for improvement, we effectively connect with every congregation every year with visitation. In addition, the district's very fine and capable staff bring assistance, counsel, and collegiality to our workers and ministries in wonderful ways.

Church anniversaries: We praise God as congregations in Texas reach new anniversary milestones. It has been a privilege to be present at many congregations as they give thanks to God for enduring ministries. God is truly faithful and the gates of Hades will not prevail against the advance of His Church (Matthew 16:18).

Mentoring and PALS: Each new seminary graduate is assigned a mentor for his first year of pastoral ministry. In addition, the Texas District participates in the Synod's PALS program (Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support). Each new graduate from the seminary is invited to participate in the PALS program. We give thanks to God for our self-sacrificial ministry couples who pour into the new graduates: Rev. David and Ann Jung (Area B and West Texas facilitator), Rev. Dr. Steve and Ursula Sohns (Area D facilitator), Rev. Steve and Rita Wagner (Area C and West Texas facilitator). Pastor and Mrs. Sohns have now handed the baton to Rev. Jim and Karen Menke.

Gatherings: Life together has been strengthened for congregations and church workers through regular conferences, theological convocations, a treasurer's workshop, and even hosting the LCMS Youth gathering 2022.

Texas District Archives: Taking over from faithful servants like David Goeke and Ron Lammert, Karen Lacy and Chelsey Doering have stewarded the Texas District archives in a remarkable way, even creating beautiful archive displays in the new Texas District Mission Support Center.

Communication: Texas District Director of External Relations, Lisa Candido, led the way in creating a culture of communication and gratitude through the Texas Messenger (redesigned by Chelsey Doering), regular mailings, emails, and thank you letters to congregations and individual supporters. Jill Meyer played a key role in facilitating this communication effort. Lisa also worked with Tim Ristow to create remarkable video resources that tell the story of mission and ministry in Texas.

An Incredible District Team: The district staff displayed Christ's servant heart as they help to strengthen congregations and workers in so many ways. We are blessed to have such a remarkable and gifted team!

Reach the Lost

Church planting: While COVID-19 paused seeing the results of church planting in 2021, the Spirit led congregations and networks around the Texas District to launch 41 new congregations from 2022-2024. We praise God for the mission passion and action of Texas District congregations and workers who humbly follow Jesus' mandate to proclaim the Good News to all people.



Evangelist Initiative: Following our beloved Synod's exhortation to train lay people as evangelists, the Texas District continues its Evangelist development initiative. Deaconess Noemi Guerra has continued to develop new curriculum resources and new trainers for English, Spanish, and American Sign Language training. God's people are responding in wonderful ways to this opportunity for the priesthood of all believers to embrace their vocations as Jesus' disciples.

Hispanic Ministry: With about half of the Texas population rooted in the Hispanic culture, the Texas District is making great strides in developing church planters, deaconesses, evangelists, new ministries, and new workers to reach the Hispanic community. Rev. Lincon Guerra is leading a team that is increasing Hispanic worker gatherings, fellowship, prayer, and outreach.

Training: The Texas District has been partnering with a number of church workers and lay-leaders for enhanced outreach and multiplication training. Hundreds of district constituents have participated with many more to come.

Campus ministry: We rejoice in the many campus ministry efforts in the Texas District. Two of those ministries now have brand new buildings for gatherings and student outreach: Texas A&M and UT Austin. Campus Ministries in all areas of the Texas District have been nurturing Lutheran students and reaching many new people—particularly international students—with the Gospel. A number of baptisms have resulted. We praise God for our faithful campus ministries!

Texas Church Extension Fund: The Texas Church Extension Fund facilitates permanent Gospel presence in communities. We are so blessed to have this powerful and effective ministry in Texas. Under Executive Director Becca Jones' leadership, Texas CEF has expanded its reach and has played a key role in providing resources for church multiplication.

Disciple the saved

Evangelist Training: The Texas District is a partnership of congregations that shares in discipleship growth and development. Shared prayer initiatives, learning events, resources, and more help grow God's people as followers of Jesus. A central focus in discipleship is the Evangelist Training Initiative. This important effort, recommended by the LCMS in convention, is equipping believers with greater faith understanding and pathways to share that faith with others and to start new communities centered on the Word of God, prayer, showing Christ's love, and nurturing new believers. Local congregations are even utilizing the Evangelist training modules for study and discussion. We give thanks for Deaconess Noemi Guerra's faithful work to grow and develop this ministry.

Prayer: The foundation of our mission together is prayer. We pray that the Lord of the harvest would send workers into His Harvest field (Luke 10:2). We cast our cares upon the Lord, for He cares for us (Psalm 55:22). We make prayers and intercessions for all people, pleasing God who desires all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-4). In addition to our mission prayer email, Rev. Ben Gonzales has been cultivating a posture of prayer among Texas District constituents in order to develop stronger discipleship.

School Ministry: Who can say enough about the stellar Texas District early childhood centers, elementary schools, and high schools? With the support of Dr. Bill Hinz, collaborative



leadership teams help fuel the outstanding ministry of LCMS schools around the district. Students and families are being transformed by the Gospel and equipped to serve in the name of Jesus through our educators, directors and administrators. Discipleship through Lutheran Schools cannot be underestimated. We pray God continues to bless the way our schools bring blessing to their communities.

Circuits: The Texas District has 40 circuit visitors who bring care and resources to their circuit congregations. The Visitors participate in collaborative conferences twice each year for fellowship, learning, resourcing, and reporting on their visitation activity. Each pastor who serves as a circuit visitor is helping on a volunteer basis, and each of their congregations offers their pastor's time as a gift to the greater church. As circuit visitors work with congregations and church workers in the call process, at local winks, and in one-on-one care, sound discipleship grows and develops in the church.

Camp Lone Star: With two campuses in Texas, Camp Lone Star brings growth in faith to children, families, adults, congregations, and ministries by offering places and programs that enhance our walk with Christ. The Texas District rejoices in offering support to the Camp Lone Star ministry.

Care for people locally and globally

Worker and Family Care: The Texas District has one of the most robust church worker care systems in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. From baseline care programs like Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS), mentoring for new workers, and coaches for new church planters to more in-depth care like counseling and retreats, each church worker and church work family is valued and cared for as they serve God's precious people. A highlight of the year is the annual Pastors Wives Retreat organized by pastors wives for the purpose of providing refreshment and restoration to these special servants in the church.

Scholarships: Financial support for university and seminary students from Texas is second to none. Congregational mission offerings combined with generous resources from the LWML and the Woltman Foundation bless dozens of workers enrolled in LCMS church worker training tracks each year. We thank Cindy Hilewitz, Assistant to the District President, for administering these funds throughout the years.

Pastoral care: The goal is that no one is left without a Shepherd to walk with in time of need. Texas District vice presidents and circuit visitors work with the president, the District Care and Coaching Team, the District Director of Church Worker Care, Rev. Jim Otte, and other helpful pastors to receive care for a variety of situations. We praise God for our willing and able servants who bless fellow workers.

Financial support: There are times when church workers run into financial difficulty. Working with LCMS programs like "Soldiers of the Cross," the Texas District can stand in the gap when financial needs create hardship and challenge.

Card ministry: Faithful district team members gather regularly to send cards to people on the district prayer list. This personal prayer connection brings blessing and shows that we are Christ's Church, bearing one another's burdens in times of need.



Birthday Encouragement: Every pastor receives a personal birthday email from the district president, and Cindy Newman, President Newman's wife, has sent a personally signed birthday card to every pastor's wife for the past seven years. This caring connection brings joy to our life together.

Upbring: Upbring, formerly Lutheran Social Services of the South) is an approved organization of the Texas District and a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We treasure this partnership and support Upbring's efforts to serve the least of these: children at risk. Through heroic and dedicated efforts, Upbring provides spiritual, emotional, physical, and academic support to children in foster care and unaccompanied minors fleeing danger in other nations. It is a blessing to see our Lutheran heritage of child well-being come alive in this outstanding ministry.

Mexico partnership: For decades, the Texas District has been linked to the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, our counterpart Synod in Mexico. Recently, through regular FOROs (forums/conversations with local mission leaders), new congregational partnerships have been formed and meaningful mission projects have been implemented. More local Texas congregations are being sought as partners and participants in the FOROs and projects. Contact the District President or Vice-president Rev. Nathan Wendorf to get involved.

Synodical Gifts: Nearly 30-percent of all congregational mission offerings sent to the Texas District are given to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for ministry and mission. The Texas District helps fuel the mission of our national church body by providing more than \$1.25 million annually. The Synod is grateful for our partnership as Texas ranks in the top two district givers synodwide.

Stewardship of offerings: Ninety-percent of every dollar contributed by congregations in the Texas District for missions goes to help congregations with ministry, to raise up and train new church workers, to start new churches, and to share the Gospel with ones who do not know Jesus. Our district partnership is making a Kingdom difference! What a blessing it is to walk together!

A new building: In 2023, the Texas District team moved into a new facility, the Texas District Mission Support Center. Located in Round Rock, Texas, the new facility has become a center for training, equipping, and collaboration for Texas District constituents. A generous donor provided resources that allowed the property to be owned with no debt. The previous district property has been sold and is being used as a school for students learning the English language. We give thanks for our builder, Paradigm Construction, and their team. Dustin Hall, Bob Fretz, and many others brought great blessing to the process. Linda Hagge, Becca Jones, Keith Howanitz, Ben Gonzales, Tobias Gonzales, and Haleh and Kevin Kersten were instrumental in entire process. We pray this wonderful building will bless many for years to come. Everyone is invited to stop by for a tour!

Conclusion

The prophet Isaiah records God's bold and hopeful message: "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19). This is the miraculous power of the Gospel. New life. Grace. Forgiveness of sins. Eternal hope. Purpose. Community. The gifts of God for the people of God. In the Texas District, through the partnership of God's people, thousands of people are receiving this Good News and this new life in Christ our Savior. We're halfway to the goal of



500 new servant-leaders reaching 500 new communities by 2031, the 125th anniversary of the Texas District. Together, we are sending missionaries and evangelists to new places, cultures, and generations so that people may receive the gift of life in Christ.

Challenges lie ahead, but our Good Shepherd leads the way. He who came to seek and to save the lost shapes our hearts to be like His. Let us trust Him, keep His mission at the center, never depart from His Word and promise for His Church.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for allowing me to serve as your district president for the past seven years. I praise God for a devoted and talented district team; for self-sacrificial vice-presidents, board members, and circuit visitors; and for congregations and church workers second to none. My supportive and loving family has brought blessing upon blessing. Your prayers and encouragement have lifted me up and carried me through.

Let us continue to move forward in faith, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Rev. Michael W. Newman, President
Texas District LCMS

President's Report Part Two

Notes about Concordia University Texas:

In November of 2022, as events began to unfold between CTX and the LCMS, I shared a Pastoral Letter with the Texas District that provided context and details about the situation. See Appendix A immediately following this report in the workbook for that document. On April 5, 2023, I sent an update about CTX's status, the commencement of ecclesiastical action, and the request for prayers.

In July of 2023, prior to the 2023 LCMS Convention, I issued the document, "Ecclesiastical Investigation of the rostered leadership and regents of Concordia University Texas." That document summarized events and provided recommendations. See Appendix B after this report in the workbook for that document.

The 2023 LCMS Convention passed resolution 7-03, "To Call University Texas Leadership to Repentance" (LCMS 2023 Convention Proceedings, 168-170). I have been investigating and determining appropriate disciplinary action, and taking "appropriate actions to address this situation" as the resolution stipulates for appropriate ecclesiastical supervisors and appropriate district presidents.

It is important to note that the LCMS bylaws place oversight of universities under the office of the Synodical President (2019 Handbook 3.3.1.1.1.b; 3.3.1.2.a—the handbook in effect when the CTX and LCMS situation developed) and under the Concordia University System (2019 Handbook 3.6.6.1, 3.6.6.4). Neither the Texas District President nor the Texas District Board of Directors possess ecclesiastical authority over the university. That fact has placed me in a limited role: overseeing the rostered workers and giving and receiving counsel from the LCMS President and fellow district presidents.



On September 1, 2023, the LCMS Board of Directors filed a lawsuit against Concordia University Texas for \$111 million. The legal process initiated by the Synod paused open conversation between CTX and LCMS representatives and moved communication to attorney representatives from both sides. This action also limited my ability to share communication with the district at large. During this time, at the request of the Synodical President, I remained as a member of the CTX Board of Regents.

At this writing (February 2025), the situation remains unchanged.

Some observations are as follows:

I rejoice in the repentant and collegial spirit I have seen and heard from CTX regents and administrative leaders. The letter sent by the CTX Board of Regents in July of 2023 is emblematic of the spirit and attitude I have encountered as I supervise rostered workers. This letter can be found as Appendix C in the workbook immediately following this report.

I rejoice that the new Concordia University System leadership has taken initiative to approach CTX leaders, resulting in some collegial dialog. This communication displays a churchly and God-pleasing spirit—which, if it had existed in the past, would have prevented the situation that exists today between CTX and the LCMS.

In my role as district president, I have offered counsel (bylaw 3.10.1.2) to the LCMS President and Board of Directors regarding the lawsuit. I have encouraged all involved to embark on a Scriptural and Confessional course for resolution of the issue. I've highlighted the Scriptural injunctions of 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, Matthew 5:38-42, and Romans 12:14-21 ("When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?" 1 Corinthians 6:1-7)

I've noted a key section from the Apology to the Augsburg Confession that states regarding our conduct in public affairs, "Private remedy is prohibited not by advice, but by a command (Matthew 5:39; Romans 12:19)" (AP XVI, 58-59).

In addition, I have shared key sections from Martin Luther's Admonition to Peace, written 500 years ago (1525, Luther's Works, AE, Vol 46, 28-32). Luther notes in part:

In Romans 12 [:19] Paul says, "Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God." In this same sense he praises the Corinthians for gladly suffering if someone hits or robs them, II Corinthians 11 [:20]. And in I Corinthians 6 [:1-2] he condemns them for going to court for the sake of property rather than suffering injustice. Indeed, our leader, Jesus Christ, says in Matthew 7 [5:44] that we should bless those who insult us, pray for our persecutors, love our enemies, and do good to those who do evil to us. These, dear friends, are our Christian laws.



I say all this, dear friends, as a faithful warning. In this case you should stop calling yourselves Christians and stop claiming that you have the Christian law on your side. For no matter how right you are, it is not right for a Christian to appeal to law, or to fight, but rather to suffer wrong and endure evil; and there is no other way (I Corinthians 6 [:1-8]).

I rejoice that mediation efforts have been taking place between the LCMS and CTX. I also give thanks that the LCMS Board of Directors approached the CTX regents for the purpose of entering into discussion about settling the lawsuit. With the lawsuit in place, however, legal teams must take the lead and conversation between parties is limited until the lawsuit is dropped or settled.

At this point in time, CTX is a disaffirmed university and not part of the LCMS. CTX does not have the right to certify church workers and, as a disaffirmed entity, its students who have completed programs that had formerly led to certification, now abide by the colloquy process as outlined in bylaws 2.8.4, 2.8.4.1, and 3.10.3.3.

CTX is no longer connected with Concordia Plan Services (retirement, disability), having been removed from CPS as of June 30, 2024. In addition, a penalty for its departure from the retirement plan was assessed by CPS to CTX in the amount of \$4 million. Payment in installments has been arranged with an interest charge twice that of the current mortgage interest rate.

Because CTX has been removed from all connections with the LCMS, and because it is now considered disaffirmed with the adoption of the new 2023 LCMS bylaws, the Texas District cannot elect regents for CTX as stipulated by the Texas District bylaws when CTX was functioning as an agency of the LCMS. Nomination and election would be contrary to the new 2023 LCMS bylaws and outside of the permitted practice with non-affiliated organizations.

What is the path forward? Let us join in prayer that the lawsuit is dropped, that collegial conversations commence for the purpose of restoration and relationship, not simply financial settlement. Let us pray that the solution shows humility on the part of all involved and that all who watch see the church shining brightly as servants of our Lord Jesus “who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant” (Philippians 2:6-7). May the self-sacrificial spirit of the Savior Jesus live in us all as we pray for resolution, speak charitably at all times, and do our all to realize reconciliation in the body of Christ.

Rev. Michael W. Newman, President
Texas District LCMS



Appendix A

“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17)

Dear fellow servants of Jesus,

A blessed Thanksgiving week to you. We also stand on the threshold of the Advent season. How encouraging and uplifting it is to know our Savior draws near to us. May His presence restore you and lift you up as you give thanks and as you are filled with the hope of His coming!

Two weeks ago, I shared [a letter](#) from President Don Christian of Concordia University Texas (CTX) indicating that the CTX Board of Regents voted to adopt a structure whereby Concordia University Texas is governed solely by its Board of Regents. The letter emphasized that the intention of the Board of Regents was not to leave the LCMS, but to remain in alignment with LCMS while reframing the governance structure.

After productive conversations last week with both LCMS President Harrison and the Council of Presidents, I would like to provide an update and answers to questions I’ve received.

Why did the CTX Board of Regents vote to be the sole governing entity on November 8th?
The Concordia University System (CUS) President, Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, disclosed that the CUS was bringing a resolution about CTX to the LCMS Board of Directors on November 18th.

Neither the CUS President nor the CUS board chair would reveal what that resolution entailed. With no information revealed, and, understanding that the CUS might be recommending that CTX be closed or consolidated with another system university, the CTX Board of Regents wanted to prevent any possible demise of Concordia University Texas. The only path forward was to vote for sole governance responsibility.

What precipitated this chain of events?

It all started with the CTX Board of Regents providing feedback about the proposed changes in university system governance by the Synod’s 7-03 task force between July 2020 and February 2021. You can read the [proposed bylaws here](#). The proposed bylaws change the historic relationship of the Synod’s schools to the LCMS, making the schools affiliated institutions that could be disaffiliated upon recommendation of an accreditation team formed by a newly created Commission for University Education. The creation of the accreditation team would alter the Synod’s system of ecclesiastical oversight. The proposed bylaws even stipulate that a Concordia University would be required to surrender the name “Concordia” if disaffiliated by the Synod.

The CTX Board of Regents, the Texas District Board of Directors, and the Texas District Convention provided feedback as requested by the 7-03 task force. Part of the feedback asked for more discussion synod wide. No response was received.

In February of 2022, the CTX Board of Regents asked the LCMS Board of Directors to engage in a conversation that might lead to a new governance model. The LCMS Board of Directors indicated that the only conversation possible was through a current LCMS Bylaw that provided a path to separation (LCMS Handbook Bylaw 3.6.6.4.i). Rather than a separation, the CTX Board of Regents hoped to have a conversation that led to a



reimagined relationship. The CTX Board of Regents wanted to meet personally with LCMS leaders to get to know one another and to talk about goals and ideas. After a second request for dialogue was denied, the CTX Board of Regents agreed to follow a process toward separation that was outlined by the LCMS Board. A proposal was submitted to the CUS President in July, whereupon the CUS and CTX would work together to create an acceptable proposal for the LCMS Board of Directors. The CUS President requested additional information from the CTX Board of Regents and the CTX Board of Regents complied, asking for a timely response. No response came. When President Don Christian reached out to the CUS President to inquire about any intent to engage in discussion, the CUS president mentioned the secret resolution being brought to the LCMS Board of Directors on November 18th. This news created alarm and urgency for the CTX Board of Regents. Knowing that three Concordias suffered closure in recent years, understanding its bylaw responsibility to govern and steward CTX, fearful of losing CTX, and desiring to preserve a position of conversation with the LCMS, the CTX Board of Regents acted.

The intent was to be able to continue to engage in conversation and to remain faithful to the mission of Concordia University Texas and the mission of the LCMS.

Is this action permitted?

The LCMS bylaws require each university's board of regents to govern the institution within the general policies and broad assignments of the Synod. The board of regents is required to define and fulfill the mission of each institution and is to develop policies for the institution. It is the "governing body corporate of the institution" (see LCMS bylaws section 3.10.6).

Failing to act would have violated the bylaws and the board of regents' fiduciary responsibility to the institution and to the church.

When the CUS departed from the process directed by the LCMS Board of Directors and when it abandoned its requirement to coordinate "the activities of the Synod's colleges and universities as a unified system of the Synod through their respective boards of regents" (LCMS Bylaw 3.6.6.1), the CTX Board of Regents acted as responsibly as possible within the bylaws.

Is this a doctrinal issue?

The CTX Board of Regents and leadership team are committed to the confession of the LCMS. CTX is not leaving the LCMS. The CTX Board of Regents is seeking dialog about sound governance as the Synod reshapes its approach to its universities. This is a governance discussion.

It is important for you to know that CTX is not pursuing a progressive liberal agenda. Any rumors about such a desire are not true and try to use isolated incidents to discredit CTX's unwavering commitment to all the LCMS believes, teaches and confesses. Any questions regarding doctrinal fidelity at CTX should be sent to President Christian for investigation, review and solutions.

Will there be doctrinal oversight at CTX?

The current CTX bylaws require all board of regents members to be members in good standing in LCMS congregations. The CTX bylaws also require adherence to the Biblical and Confessional standards of the LCMS. An external review of the university's



alignment with the LCMS will be conducted every three years. Finally, the Board has seats reserved for a representative of the LCMS as well as from the Texas District.

In addition to oversight by the regents in this area, all called workers remain under the ecclesiastical oversight of the district president.

What are the next steps?

CTX remains committed to collegial dialog with leaders of our beloved church. President Harrison has committed to this dialog. The LCMS Board of Directors is designating representatives to engage in conversation with the CTX Board of Regents. I was encouraged by the spirit of President Harrison and the Council of Presidents in my meetings last week. While there is much work to be done and conversation to be had, I see a commitment to serve the church, the university and all God's people as we move forward.

Dr. Don Christian (president@concordia.edu) and Dr. Kristi Kirk (provost@concordia.edu) welcome your questions. You can find additional CTX information and updates [here](#). I will do my best to keep you informed as we move forward. Please do keep this process in prayer.

Thanksgiving blessings to you,
President Newman

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:19-20)



Appendix B

Ecclesiastical Investigation of the rostered leadership and regents of Concordia University Texas Preliminary Observations and Recommendations July 26, 2023

Conducted by:

District President Michael Newman and First Vice-president John Davis

Key to Abbreviations:

CTX: Concordia University Texas

CTX BOR: Concordia University Texas Board of Regents

CUS: Concordia University System

LCMS: Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS BOD: Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Board of Directors

Introduction:

Issues surrounding the relationship of Concordia University Texas to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have become more complex leading up to the 2023 LCMS convention. President Harrison's reports highlighted several concerns regarding both governance and theological issues. Acting as the ecclesiastical supervisor for the CTX rostered leaders and board of regent members, President Michael Newman launched an investigation of worker actions. The investigation commenced April 5, 2023, following the CTX BOR's affirmation of its sole governance. In order to conform with LCMS bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures, President Newman invited Texas District First Vice-president John Davis to assist in the investigation for the purpose of avoiding bias in the investigation and reporting process.

This initial report contains observations and recommendations from findings in the investigation that is still in progress. Supporting documents, emails, resolutions and other communications—some confidential—are being held by the district president.

Observations:

1. CTX leadership/CTX Board of Regents and the LCMS BOD 7-03 Committee had a different understanding about the feedback process regarding the proposed 7-03 bylaws.

The CTX BOR understood that personal dialog would be part of the process of refining the 7-03 proposal. The LCMS BOD 7-03 committee understood the feedback process to be that of gathering input and examining it internally to determine the need for any adjustments to the proposal.

This misunderstanding, stretching from July 2020 through the fall of 2021, resulted in growing frustration, a sense of being marginalized, and diminished trust on the part of the CTX BOR toward the LCMS BOD 7-03 Committee and LCMS leadership.

2. CTX leadership/CTX Board of Regents and the LCMS BOD/CUS understood different motives in the CTX BOR's examination of alternate governance models.

CTX understood a twofold purpose in this examination: a) To investigate contingency plans and procedures that may need to be in place if disaffiliation from the LCMS ever happened as outlined in the 7-03 proposal, and b) To bring detailed suggestions to the



LCMS regarding viable alternatives to the 7-03 bylaw draft.

LCMS leadership later saw this discussion, recorded in the CTX BOR meeting minutes, as a pre-planned effort to separate from the LCMS.

This misunderstanding continued to diminish trust between CTX and the LCMS and hampered the ability to dialog together about the goal of improved governance for the Concordia Universities. COVID Isolation contributed to the communication gap.

3. The deterioration of a collegial and trusting relationship between CTX and the LCMS was exacerbated by the sudden and vociferous introduction of theological concerns by the President of Synod at the November 17, 2021 gathering of the Council of Presidents and University Presidents.

The theological concerns dated back to June of 2020, 17 months earlier, with no communication about them prior to the November 2021 COP meeting. The encounter created a bigger gap in the relationship between the LCMS and CTX and further deteriorated the possibility of a trusting dialog. It also introduced the new element of theological concerns in the LCMS's work with CTX.

4. CTX leadership/CTX Board of Regents and the LCMS visitation team did not share a mutual understanding of the purpose or desired outcomes of the April 2022 LCMS visit.

LCMS President Harrison and a visitation team visited CTX from April 20-22, 2022. Team members met with a number of CTX leaders, administrators, faculty members, students, and BOR members. With no report or feedback until 8 months after the visit, the lack of trust and understanding between LCMS leaders and CTX grew.

5. The LCMS BOD/CUS and CTX leaders and the BOR understood different motives and outcomes with regard to the process outlined by the LCMS BOD as a way of discussing an alternate governance model.

The LCMS BOD introduced separation from the Synod as the only way permitted by the LCMS bylaws to discuss an alternate governance model at CTX. The LCMS BOD outlined a process for this separation discussion that would be managed by the CUS. The CTX BOR did not desire separation from the LCMS, but wanted a governance model that continued a relationship with the LCMS in place of the proposed 7-03 governance bylaws. Misunderstanding in communication grew—especially as it became limited to letters and a narrow bandwidth of email recipients per CUS leadership request.

6. CTX leadership/CTX BOR and the CUS understood different purposes and procedures for the process outlined by the LCMS BOD and managed by the CUS. Communication about the required proposal from CTX to the CUS diminished in effectiveness and clarity throughout the latter half of 2022.

The CTX BOR sent a draft proposal to the CUS in July of 2022 per the LCMS BOD process. CUS leaders requested unspecified additional documents, which CTX assumed to be governing documents to accompany the proposal. These were drafted and sent in September of 2022. While awaiting next steps for mutual discussion and refinement of the material, the CTX president was notified in late October of 2022 that the CUS had prepared a resolution, complete with supporting reasons and rationale, to share with the LCMS BOD at its November 18, 2022 meeting. The content of the resolution was not



revealed by CUS leaders. Departing from the process outlined by the LCMS BOD, the introduction of a resolution from the CUS to the LCMS BOD and the refusal to reveal its contents caused confusion and concern for the CTX BOR..

7. CTX leadership/CTX Board of Regents and the CUS had no shared understanding about the CUS Board Resolution intended for LCMS BOD consideration on November 18, 2022.

The original discussion process between CTX and the CUS was now altered and a resolution with unrevealed content was to be presented by the CUS directly to the LCMS BOD. Understanding that the CUS and LCMS BOD could, acting together and without the consent of input of a local BOR, divest or consolidate CTX with another university according to bylaw

3.6.6.4.i (an authority granted with a 2019 change in bylaws), and having as a backdrop closure of three LCMS universities over the past four years, the CTX BOR, at an emergency meeting on November 8, 2022, voted 13-5 to adopt governing documents that gave the CTX BOR sole governing authority of the university.

8. Varied understanding about LCMS bylaws led to different conclusions regarding appropriate actions.

As the CTX BOR and LCMS leaders navigated the situation, varied understanding about the ecclesiastical supervision process (bylaw 1.2.1.j), CUS bylaw obligations (bylaw 3.6.6.1, “coordinating the activities of the Synod’s colleges and universities as a unified system of the Synod through their respective boards of regents”), university governance responsibilities (bylaw 3.10.6, 3.10.6.1, 3.10.6.4.a), and proper fiduciary duties toward the university (bylaw 3.10.6.4.i.6, “In such event the board of regents shall have power to perform such acts as may be required by law to effect the corporate existence of the institution”), created additional confusion and dissonance.

9. Subsequent communication between CTX and the LCMS showed broken trust and the inability to recover a working relationship.

In spite of meetings and conversations following the November 8, 2022 CTX BOR action, CTX and the LCMS remained at an impasse about the propriety of actions thus far and how to move forward.

10. Theological concerns raised in November of 2021 were addressed throughout the remainder of 2021 through early 2023. Some of the theological issues were due to carelessness on the part of CTX leadership. Others were concerns that should have been vetted through the CTX leadership before they were brought to the Synod President’s office. All have been addressed (see theological concerns summary page).

Some issues raised were based on hearsay and were not accurate. Other issues were legitimate and needed to be addressed through personal conversation and counsel. For each issue raised, the process required by the LCMS bylaws for handling theological questions and issues was bypassed.

Summary thoughts:

The situation between CTX and the LCMS is sad and distressing for the church. Lack of communication and a breakdown in trust led to the unfortunate outcome. In the context of the consideration of the 7-03 proposal and in general leadership style, CTX and LCMS leaders had different focal points, fears, communication tendencies, and personality characteristics. These differences contributed to misunderstanding, an adversarial spirit, and the ultimate rupture in the relationship.

Findings thus far in this investigation indicate that no rostered worker at CTX or on the CTX BOR had an intention or desire to disparage or depart from the LCMS. However, outside circumstances contributed to a deteriorating relationship between CTX and the LCMS: COVID isolation and anxiety; apprehension surrounding cultural upheaval in the areas of race, gender and sexuality issues; tension about institutional administration in a radically changing higher education environment; and differing viewpoints about the LCMS relationship to the Concordia Universities.

CTX has served as a faithful university of the LCMS for nearly 100 years and continues to demonstrate faithfulness to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, rejoicing in successes and accepting counsel and correction where appropriate. While challenges will always exist in a university context, these challenges are reasons for rejoicing. At its universities, the LCMS has the opportunity to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to new generations, new cultures, and new people. In the midst of cultural upheaval and chaos, LCMS universities engage hopeless and drifting souls with the Good News of forgiveness and new life in Christ. Leaders entrusted with university ministries must ensure that mutual and collegial conversation and accountability prevail. The initial findings of this report indicate that the rostered LCMS workers at CTX and on the CTX BOR are committed to the theological standards of the LCMS, implementing corrective actions as counseled and committing to faithful action moving forward. Differences of opinion regarding the interpretation and implementation of bylaws (some noted in Observations point #8) still exist between some LCMS and CTX leaders/BOR members as evidenced in the CTX BOR action of April 4, 2023 and the communication between the LCMS BOD/CUS and the CTX BOR since that action. These outstanding differences lead to the following recommendations:

Recommendations:

1. CTX and LCMS leaders repent and return to the Scriptural foundations and direction for resolution of conflicts in order to build a trusting relationship as fellow Christians and servants of God.
2. After CTX and LCMS leaders build greater trust, they begin to discuss bylaw parameters that allow collegial conversation about governance models and practice, looking for the fruit brought about by the “ministry of reconciliation.”
3. Appropriate CTX and LCMS leaders enter into collegial dialog regarding theological concerns as they arise for the purpose of resolving issues, formulating solutions, and maintaining accountability and trust.
4. Mutual repentance on the part of all involved be expressed specifically, in person to one another, and publicly as necessary, trusting that repentance will bear God-pleasing fruit.



Theological Concerns Summary

The theological issues raised regarding CTX included:

- Presentations by Dr. Darrell Jodock, an ELCA higher education scholar, Dr. Gina Garcia, an expert in Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Jelani Consulting, experts in managing diverse staffs and workplaces. In each instance, CTX leaders received challenge and stimulation regarding the subject matter and applied it to the particular context of being a faithful Lutheran university, but did not adopt every area of teaching or recommendation. Such presentations with non-LCMS scholars were not unique to CTX, but are a common practice in higher education, including that of our seminaries
<https://www.csl.edu/2021/07/registration-now-open-for-31st-annual-theological-symposium/>
- The allegation that two faculty members were dismissed due, in part, to their fidelity to the Lutheran Confessions. The identity of these faculty members has not been specified or addressed with CTX, but no faculty member has been dismissed for this reason in the history of CTX. Faculty members have only been released due to personnel issues, performance issues, or budget issues.
- Chapel speakers. A non-LCMS MBA graduate and former CTX employee was invited to give his testimony at a special evening chapel for the MBA students. He asked attendees to raise their hands to give indication of their commitment to Christ. His leading of chapel was a violation of LCMS worship practice and his calling for an indication of commitment caused doctrinal confusion. The CTX BOR discussed how to keep this from happening in the future.
- The “Consent” web page. Initially, Title IX verbiage was posted on the web page. Correction and counsel were accepted and changes were made. The page now stays within legal guidelines and reflects Lutheran Christian Biblical practice. There is no agenda on the CTX campus for a non-biblical approach to sexuality.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). The Concordia University Texas student population is 60% students of color with at least 40% of the student body indicating they are of Hispanic origin. CTX is committed to ensuring that students from all backgrounds are given the opportunity to complete higher education successfully. To that end, a University Equity Team was established. It is comprised of 9 faculty and staff members, 4 of whom are rostered LCMS church workers. The goal is to ensure that student support is given with the firm foundation of fidelity to the Scriptures and Confessions. Counseling is also offered to students by qualified mental health professionals. A part-time mental health professional was listed as “LGBTQ-affirming” on the CTX website. This incorrect notation was corrected to “LGBTQ trained,” indicating to students that the counselor understands these issues and can be trusted with this conversation. Each counselor and staff member at CTX operates according to Lutheran Biblical and Confessional standards. CTX has no intention of being a progressive liberal university and is not moving in the direction of a permissive and confused culture.
- The visitation team members’ quotes that “CTX is Lutheran in name only, and they seem to be proud of that fact” and, CTX is “a church growth campus.” No ecclesiastical conversations were had about these subjective and offhand



observations. CTX is working to grow in outreach so as many people as possible can hear the Gospel and receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. CTX is very much Lutheran, with many students and staff receiving and confessing the great blessing of grace alone by faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. God's living Word is taught and practiced at CTX. The university is not content to go through Lutheran motions.

- Science Curriculum. The CTX Academic Freedom Policy notes that "A Concordia faculty member will not actively promote a doctrinal position that is in opposition to the doctrinal position of the LCMS." The broad range of scientific history and theories are taught responsibly, making students aware of other teachings they will encounter without opposing the Biblical creation account.

Other questions raised included:

- The number of LCMS faculty members at CTX. 38% of faculty and leadership team members are members of LCMS congregations. This compares favorably to other CUS schools.
- How CTX could remain faithful to the LCMS confession if not governed by the LCMS. CTX continued to express its desire for a relationship with the LCMS along with theological accountability. CTX has reinforced its doctrinal commitment by including unconditional subscription to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions in its formation documents.
- The professor of Lutheran Identity. This professor was a former LCMS pastor who had a deep understanding of and adherence to Lutheran identity. The position is currently vacant.
- The Eighth Commandment. Unfortunately, each party involved in this disagreement has not consistently put the best construction on everything or explained everything in the kindest way.



Appendix C



July 14, 2023

Dear President Harrison and Members of the LCMS and
Concordia University System Boards of Directors,

Greetings to you in the name of our Savior, in whom we are new creations and who bestows on us the ministry of reconciliation.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, fellow members of LCMS congregations, and fellow members of our beloved LCMS, we share your desire to walk together as reconciled children of God. It has become clear that the communications we have been sharing in the form of resolutions and legal exchanges are missing an element that should have been firmly established at the very beginning of our communication in 2020: a strong relationship and a foundation of trust.

This past Monday, July 10, 2023, the CTX Board of Regents met to consider two documents:

1. The June 28 letter from Michael Kumm and Andrew Grams sent to the CTX Board of Regents.
2. The June 29 letter from LCMS lawyer Steven Levatino sent to CTX lawyers Albert Carrion and Clark Richard.

The CTX Board, in discussing these two documents, agrees it is time for CTX and the LCMS to reach resolution on this issue. That being said, the CTX Board also agrees that prior to any response proposal being written by us for consideration, we must engage in what St. Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthians, refers to as a ministry of reconciliation. That process of reconciliation works to restore relationships, from which a proposal can then be written and discussed to honor our Lord and serve the missions of the LCMS and CTX.

We sincerely desire to restart our communication on the foundation of what the LCMS outlines in its own formation documents:

(1.10.1.3) The heart and center of all Christian conflict resolution is the justification of the sinner through grace in Christ Jesus. Biblical reconciliation of persons in conflict begins with God's truth that we are all sinners who have been reconciled to God through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Christ's "ministry of reconciliation" is one of the church's foremost priorities.



In the haste to seek and provide input about the 7-03 proposal, and in the midst of COVID's isolation, we believe the very foundation of effective life together was not addressed as it should be. LCMS Bylaw 1.10.1.2 says it well: "The parties and others attempting to effect resolution of a dispute must always remain mindful that the church has been given the 'ministry of reconciliation' (2 Cor. 5:18). Hence, conflict resolution in the church is to lead to reconciliation, restoring the erring member in a spirit of gentleness (Gal. 6:1). Its aim is to avoid the adversarial system practiced in society."

Our hope and prayer is to walk with you in this spirit of gentleness, avoiding the adversarial system practiced in society, in order to allow the ministry of reconciliation to bear fruit. To do so, we propose to meet together, as we all should have at the outset of our conversations, and to engage in the process of reconciliation, both around the issue of CTX's separation of governance as well as any theological concerns first raised in November of 2021. Our prayer is that, together, we can experience the evangelical encouragement and support, care, protection, counsel, and advice in the ecclesiastical supervision process (LCMS bylaw 1.2.1 j) that will allow for a more fruitful and productive life together.

Would you be willing to come together and walk with us in the process of the ministry of reconciliation?

We look forward to collaborating in shaping what this looks like. At the very least, we see it involving personal meetings between President Harrison and President Christian in the company of trusted advisors. We see it involving personal meetings, both individually and in groups, between the CUS leadership and board and the CTX leadership and board, as well as personal meetings between the LCMS Board of Directors and the CTX Board of Regents. Our hope and prayer is that this process would bear the fruit of the ministry of reconciliation given to us by our Savior for the good of the church, Concordia University, and each of us as God's precious children.

Respectfully and collegially,

The Board of Regents
Concordia University
Texas

cc: Dr. Donald Christian, President, Concordia University Texas

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IX. Table of Resolutions and Results

Resolution Number and Title	Resolution Result	Voting Ballot
Resolution 01-01-25: To Celebrate and Continue the Training and Work of Evangelists in the Texas District Motion to End Debate	Adopted Adopted	282 (86.77%) Yes 42 (6.89%) No 281 (87%) Yes 42 (13%) No
Resolution 01-02-25: To Celebrate New Word and Sacrament Ministries and Continue the Mission	Adopted	293 (90.71%) Yes 30 (9.269%) No
Resolution 01-03-25: To Encourage the Planting of New Hispanic Churches and Partnerships	Adopted	311 (95.44%) Yes 23 (6.89%) No
Resolution 01-04-25: To Encourage Recruitment of Commissioned Workers	Adopted	314 (95.44%) Yes 15 (4.56%) No
Resolution 01-05-25: To Encourage the Raising Up of Public Servants	Adopted	310 (93.66%) Yes 21 (6.34) No
Omnibus Resolution A (Floor Committee 1): To Assign Overture 01-04-25 to Appropriate District Staff	Adopted	278 (86.88%) Yes 42 (13.12%) No
Resolution 02-01-25A: To Encourage Congregations, Schools, and Ministries of the Texas District to Utilize Sabbaticals for Worker Care and Ministry Health Substitute Motion Cease debate on postponing Motion to Postpone Amendment	Adopted as Amended Ruled Out of Order Adopted Adopted Adopted	324 (97.01%) Yes 10 (2.99%) No 300 (91.19%) Yes 29 (8.81%) No 241 (70.26%) Yes 102 (29.74%) No 314 (96.91%) Yes 10 (3.09%) No
Resolution 02-02-25: To Address The Interference of Those Who, Without a Proper Call, Impose Themselves Into The Internal Affairs of a Congregation Motion to End Debate	Adopted Adopted	282 (84.43%) Yes 52 (15.57%) No 273 (80.53%) Yes 66 (19.47%) No
Resolution 02-03-25A: To Define and Affirm Lutheran Identity Motion to End Debate on Amendment Amendment 1 Motion to End Debate on 02-03-25a	Adopted as Amended Adopted Defeated Adopted	174 (50.43%) Yes 171 (49.57%) No 232 (70.52%) Yes 97 (29.48%) No 142 (43.03%) Yes 188 (56.79%) No 232 (68.44%) Yes 107 (31.56%) No
Resolution 02-04-25A: To Clarify and Update Language in the Bylaws and Policy Manuals of the Texas District	Adopted as Amended	294 (90.74%) Yes 30 (9.26%) No
Omnibus Resolution A (Floor Committee 2): To Assign Overtures 02-11-25 and 02-14-25 to the CTCR Amendment: Adding Overture 02-14-25	Adopted as Amended Adopted	256 (79.01%) Yes 65 (20.06%) No 259 (79.94%) Yes 65 (20.99%) No



Omnibus Resolution B (Floor Committee 2): To Refer Overtures 02-08-25, 02-09-25, 02-10-25 to Previous Action	Adopted	282 (89.52%) Yes 33 (10.48%) No
Omnibus Resolution C (Floor Committee 2): To Respectfully Decline Overtures 02-12-25, 02-13-25.	Adopted	302 (92.07%) Yes 26 (7.93%) No



X. Resolutions

FLOOR COMMITTEE 1: MISSION AND MINISTRY

Resolution 01-01-25

Re: Report of The Board of Mission Administration

SUBJECT: TO CELEBRATE AND CONTINUE THE TRAINING AND WORK OF EVANGELISTS IN THE TEXAS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, The prophet Isaiah declares, “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” (Isaiah 52:7); and

WHEREAS, St. Paul writes to the church at Ephesus, “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...” (Ephesians 4:11-12); and

WHEREAS, St. Paul in his second letter to Timothy extols, “As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” (2 Timothy 4:5); and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention resolved, “That congregations and districts be encouraged to identify individuals for special training in and attention to evangelism and outreach...” (2016 Res.13-01A); and

WHEREAS, The Texas District in convention resolved to: “...uphold and pray for the goal to raise up 500 servant-leaders to reach 500 new communities by 2031...” and “...encourage member congregations to identify and send candidates for evangelist training...” (2021 Res.01-01-21); and

WHEREAS, The Evangelist Training Ministry of the Texas District since 2017 has equipped 230 evangelists (2025 Convention Report of The Board of Mission Administration); and

WHEREAS, 142 of those evangelists remain actively engaged in the last three years and in 2024 alone 54 completed their training and 80+ are currently undergoing training (2025 Convention Report of The Board of Mission Administration); and

WHEREAS, Evangelist trainers and congregational leaders have observed that the Evangelist Training Ministry has been beneficial to our congregations for outreach to local communities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District in convention celebrate and give thanks to the Lord for the Evangelist Training Ministry, both leadership and trainers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District in convention celebrate and give thanks to the Lord for trained evangelists and the new faith communities they are serving; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District continue to encourage local congregations to identify and send candidates for evangelist training; and be it further



RESOLVED, That congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to pray for evangelist candidates to be trained and sent; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to pray for evangelists actively working in their local communities.

Resolution 01-02-25

Re: Report of The Board of Mission Administration; President's Report, Part One

SUBJECT: TO CELEBRATE NEW WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRIES AND CONTINUE THE MISSION

WHEREAS, St. Matthew tells us, "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20); and

WHEREAS, Jesus tells us, "...The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2); and

WHEREAS, St. Paul writes to the church in Corinth, "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." (1 Corinthians 3:5-7); and

WHEREAS, The Mission Statement of the Texas District is: To strengthen congregations to: reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for people—locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, The Texas District of the LCMS in convention resolved to: "...strongly encourage congregations, both large and small, to start new ministries in order that many more people will be reached with the Good News of Jesus..." (2018 Res.01-05-18A); and

WHEREAS, There were 40 new starts in the last three years (2025 Convention Report of The Board of Mission Administration; 2025 Convention President's Report, Part One); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas District in convention celebrate and give thanks to the Lord for the formation of 40 new word and sacrament ministries over the past three years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas District continue to encourage local congregations and church planting networks to partner and start new word and sacrament ministries in order to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for people—locally and globally; and be it further

RESOLVED, That congregations be encouraged to utilize the resources of the Texas District to explore and start new ministries; and be it finally



RESOLVED, That congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to pray for new ministries and harvest workers.

Resolution 01-03-25

Re: Overture 01-01-25

Subject: TO ENCOURAGE THE PLANTING OF NEW HISPANIC CHURCHES & PARTNERSHIPS

WHEREAS, There is a strong desire to create a network of strong Hispanic congregations connected to the confessional Lutheran faith, equipped with biblical theology, and led by pastors who reflect the love and mission of Christ; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America is experiencing a massive influx of Hispanic peoples from throughout Latin America; and

WHEREAS, as of 2020 there are 11.4 million Hispanic or Latino residents in the great state of Texas, constituting 39% of the population; (2020 Decennial Census source [census.gov](https://www.census.gov)) and

WHEREAS, Too few LC-MS trained pastors and church leaders are available to serve the many new Hispanic immigrants and current Spanish-speaking Americans; and

WHEREAS, Jesus tells us in Matthew 9:37-38 that “the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few”; and

WHEREAS, Many local house-church pastors within Texas are already leading growing house-church and small-church communities; and

WHEREAS, Other Hispanic leaders have already helped established English-language churches to befriend and partner with existing Hispanic congregations; and

WHEREAS, Many of these Spanish-speaking pastors are desiring further theological training, mentoring, and the exploration of partnership with local Lutheran pastors and congregations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the leadership teams of local churches be encouraged to prayerfully evaluate potential Hispanic partnerships in their area; and be it further

RESOLVED, That congregation and area mission teams be encouraged to announce and pray for the success of new Hispanic church-planting efforts; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Texas District and the Board for Mission Administration explore the potential of Hispanic church-planting friendships and opportunities throughout the Texas District.

Resolution 01-04-25

Re: Overture 01-02-25

Subject: TO ENCOURAGE RECRUITMENT OF COMMISSIONED WORKERS



WHEREAS, Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Luke, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has established the Set Apart to Serve initiative which “encourages young people to consider church work vocations primarily through their continued and faithful involvement with their congregation” (SAS); and

WHEREAS, Lutheran education has been a substantial part of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since its foundation; and

WHEREAS, It is increasingly difficult to find qualified Lutheran teachers and commissioned ministers to serve in our Lutheran schools and churches; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The pastors, commissioned workers, and congregations of the Texas District identify and encourage children, students, and adults to enter these much-needed vocations; and be it further

RESOLVED, The pastors, commissioned workers, and congregations of the Texas District support commissioned workers through prayer, scholarships, other financial gifts, and mentorship to attend one of the universities of the LCMS to be trained as a commissioned minister; and be it finally

RESOLVED, The Texas District memorializes the Synod in convention to encourage congregations to do the same.

Resolution 01-05-25

Re: Overture 01-03-25

Subject: TO ENCOURAGE THE RAISING UP OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

WHEREAS, Our Lord commands us to pray for those who serve in public office, “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.” (1 Timothy 2:1-3); and

WHEREAS, Our Lord commands us to respect these levels of government, “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.” (Romans 13:1); and

WHEREAS, Our Lord reminds us through the words of St. Paul, “...the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.” (Romans 13:6); and

WHEREAS, Serving in elected or appointed offices within our local community, county, state, and nation is a God-ordained vocation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That pastors and congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to continue to pray for peace and good will among all the people of our nation, especially



praying that the eyes of all people would turn to our Lord and Savior through whom we have true peace; and be it further

RESOLVED, That pastors and congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to pray for those serving at city, county, state, and federal levels of government; and be it further

RESOLVED, That pastors and congregations of the Texas District be encouraged in providing a good example for others in how to discuss politics, politicians, and all aspects of public service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That pastors and congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to identify, encourage, and raise up from within our midst those with the gifts and abilities to serve God and their neighbor in public service; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Texas District memorialize the Synod in convention to encourage congregations of the Synod to do the same.

OMNIBUS RESOLUTION A

WHEREAS, Many overtures request action that is the responsibility of various boards, commissions, or individuals to study and to implement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the following overtures be referred to the designated board, commission, task force, staff or individual:

Number	Subject	Board, Commission, Staff, Individual
Overture 01-04-25	To Encourage Formation of Local Public Afterschool Kids Clubs	District Staff



FLOOR COMMITTEE 2: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Resolution 02-01-25a

RE: Overture 02-01-25

Subject: To Encourage Congregations, Schools, and Ministries of the Texas District to Utilize Sabbaticals for Worker Care and Ministry Health

WHEREAS, the Word of God points to the command for Sabbath rest, (Genesis 2:3; Exodus 20:8-11; Leviticus 25:4ff) and our Lord Jesus emphasizes the need for rest, by giving it to all who come to Him (Matt 11:28-29); and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has previously encouraged a greater consideration of sabbaticals by congregations, ministries, and workers (*2007 Resolution 6-08: To Encourage Congregations to Provide Professional Church Worker Sabbaticals*) and has provided guidance for sabbaticals through its Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support (*2010 Convention Report, R5-03, Appendix C, "Sabbatical Guidelines"*); and

WHEREAS, In March 2004, the Texas District, LCMS BOD provided a set of sabbatical guidelines, "presented to the churches and schools of the district for their implementation in their own ministry settings" (*Sabbatical Guidelines and Resources for Professional Church Workers, Texas District, LCMS*); and

WHEREAS, There is historical precedent in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod going back to the first Synod President, C.F. W. Walther, who in 1859 took a much-needed ministry sabbatical to be refreshed and renewed, and in doing so blessed the LCMS with an example of renewed energy and great productivity; and

WHEREAS, Sabbaticals can reinvigorate and renew both workers and congregations/ministries and strengthen them for future kingdom work, as well as combat worker burnout, reduce worker discouragement, refresh perspectives by worker and ministry alike, potentially increase worker retention, and cultivate longevity among current church workers, which is beneficial to the whole church; and

WHEREAS, Sabbaticals can serve to bless both the church worker and the congregation/ministry when there is a mutual awareness of the need of and opportunities provided by such a sabbatical, and yet can create hurt and strife when not used for the reasons listed above; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Congregations, Schools, and other ministries in the Texas District be encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Texas District's *Sabbatical Guidelines and Resources for Professional Church Workers* along with other material posted on the Texas District website; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Texas District provide a template for a Sabbatical Policy Guideline for congregations, schools, and other ministries, as well as workers, to adapt and adopt to their circumstances that encourage them to explore and implement sabbaticals that share a common understanding of need and purpose, and are mutually beneficial for both worker and ministry; and be it further



RESOLVED, that included in that template would be the restating of the admonition in the Texas District Sabbatical Guidelines that, *“There needs to be mutual agreement by the professional church worker and congregation/school on the sabbatical plan;”* and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Texas District work together with other LCMS districts to put together and maintain a list of current available grants and scholarships which help provide necessary funding for sabbaticals; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that congregations, schools, and other ministries of the Texas District be encouraged to set aside funding regularly to support their church workers in taking a sabbatical.

Resolution 02-02-25

RE: Overture 02-02-25

Subject: To Address the Interference of Those Who, without a Proper Call, Impose Themselves into the Internal Affairs of a Congregation

WHEREAS, the psalmist writes, “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore” (Psalm 133, NIV84); and

WHEREAS, in LCMS Constitution Article III.8, the Synod has reserved for itself the “supervision, counsel, and care” of individual members of the Synod “in the performance of their official duties”; and

WHEREAS, in LCMS Constitution Article III.9, the Synod is required to “Provide protection for the congregations, pastors, teachers, and other church workers in the performance of their official duties and the maintenance of their rights”; and

WHEREAS, those who, without a proper call, impose themselves into the internal affairs of a congregation often cause great harm to the congregation and its duly-called workers; and

WHEREAS, material in the Circuit Visitors Manual of the LCMS addresses this issue; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the president of the Texas District be encouraged to review the material concerning the interference into the internal affairs of a congregation by an individual without a proper call with the circuit visitors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that circuit visitors be encouraged evangelically to address this topic with their circuits at their earliest convenience; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that all individual members of the Synod in the Texas District be reminded joyfully to exercise their responsibilities within the parameters of their call.

Resolution 02-03-25a

RE: Overtures 02-03-25 - 02-06-25

Subject: To: Define and Affirm Lutheran Identity

WHEREAS, the Scriptures teach us that out of God's great love and mercy, Jesus, the Son of God took on our identity as a man:

- Philippians 2:5-8 (ESV):
"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV):
"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

and

WHEREAS, the Scriptures teach that the identity of all believers is therefore found in Christ alone, as they are made new creations and children of God through faith in Him:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV):
"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
- Galatians 2:20 (ESV):
"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."
- 1 John 3:1 (ESV):
"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

and

WHEREAS, this identity is given to us individually and collectively through our baptism—not chosen by us and not established in us or for us by our actions:

- 1 Corinthians 12:13 (ESV):
"For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..."
- Galatians 3:26-29 (ESV):
"for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

and

WHEREAS, the Scriptures establish that a Christian's identity is not rooted in human traditions but in faith in Christ, and also warn against placing external rituals or human traditions above the sincere devotion of the heart:



- John 4:23
“the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”
- Matthew 15:8 (ESV)
“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men.”
- Galatians 5:1 (ESV):
“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Confessions uphold and affirm that a Christian’s identity—not just individually but also corporately—may be expressed differently in different places because of our unity in faith and simultaneously our freedom in Christ:

“Likewise, they teach that one holy church will remain forever. The church is the assembly of saints in which the gospel is taught purely and the sacraments are administered rightly. And it is enough for the true unity of the Church to agree concerning the teaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. It is not necessary that human traditions, rites, or ceremonies instituted by human beings be alike everywhere. As Paul says [Eph. 4:5-6]: “One faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all...”

— Augsburg Confession, Article VII (Kolb-Wengert)

We do not want to hear what they command or forbid in the name of the church, because, God be praised, a seven-year-old child knows what the church is: holy believers and “the little sheep who hear the voice of their shepherd.” This is why children pray in this way, “I believe in one holy Christian church.” This holiness does not consist of surplices, tonsures, long albs, or other ceremonies of theirs that they have invented over and above the Holy Scriptures. Its holiness exists in the Word of God and true faith.

—Smalcald Articles, Article 12 (Kolb-Wengert)

and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther wrote, in his preface to the Smalcald Articles, concerning the council for which the Articles were composed:

“If participants in the council were to deal with the chief concerns in the spiritual and secular estates that are opposed to God, then their hands would be so full that they would forget all about the child’s games and fool’s play of long robes, great tonsures, broad cinctures, bishop’s and cardinal’s hats, crosiers, and similar clowning around. If we had already been following God’s command and precept in the spiritual and secular estates, then we would have found the spare time to reform food, vestments, tonsures, and chasubles. But if we swallow such camels and strain out gnats or let logs stand and dispute about specks, then we might just as well be satisfied with such a council.”

—Martin Luther’s Preface to the Smalcald Articles, 13 (Kolb-Wengert)

and



WHEREAS, our Lutheran church fathers further establish our identity and freedom fundamentally in Christ;

“The Lutheran Church is not defined by cultural or national identity but by its confession of Christ and the pure teaching of His Gospel. To be Lutheran is to confess what the Scriptures teach and what the Church has always believed.”

– Herman Sasse, *Here We Stand: Nature and Character of the Lutheran Faith*

“We are faithful to this church, not because it is the church of our Fathers, but because it is the church of the Gospel; not because it is the church of Luther, but because it is the church of Jesus Christ.”

– Herman Sasse, *Here We Stand: Nature and Character of the Lutheran Faith*

“Christian freedom means that in matters where God has not commanded or forbidden, the conscience is not bound. The Church should never burden consciences by imposing man-made traditions as though they were divine commands.”

– C.F.W Walther, *Essays for the Church*

and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) states in Article II of its constitution (emphasis added):

Article II Confession

The Synod, and every member of the Synod, accepts without reservation:

1. The Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and of practice;
2. All the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God, to wit: the three Ecumenical Creeds (the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Athanasian Creed), the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Large Catechism of Luther, the Small Catechism of Luther, and the Formula of Concord.

and

WHEREAS, The term “Lutheran Identity” has taken on a greater use in the LCMS and within the LCMS bylaws, yet has no clear statement defining such, and therefore could confuse and imply an identity distinct from or in addition to that which we have in Christ; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the term “Lutheran Identity” be defined and affirmed as identity in Christ through baptism, as that identity is further explicated in the full counsel of Holy Scripture (*norma normans*) and understood in the Lutheran Confessions, to which we subscribe because they are in agreement with Holy Scripture (*norma normata*); and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we continue to rejoice together in the Evangelical Lutheran foundation of grace alone, faith alone, and Christ alone as the foundation of “Lutheran identity” upon which we stand.

Resolution 02-04-25a

RE: Overture 02-07-25

Subject: To Clarify and Update Language in the Bylaws and Policy Manuals of the Texas District

WHEREAS, with the passage of time, the connotations and nuances of specific terms may change, so that what was originally intended by those terms may no longer be communicated effectively or may be confusing; and

WHEREAS, the term “race” has evolved in its meaning over time (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/race>), reducing its effectiveness in clear communication; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Texas District utilize the term “racial groups” in Bylaw 4.031.b. and 9.005.b.; and

WHEREAS, the terms “ethnic groups” or “ethnolinguistic groups” may more effectively communicate the intent of the bylaws, either as a replacement or an addition; and

WHEREAS, there may be other instances of language utilized in the Bylaws and policy manuals of the Texas District that do not communicate clearly the intent of those documents; and

WHEREAS, for the convention of the Texas District to amend the bylaws of the district, prior approval is required by Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) [Texas District Bylaw 16.001.a.2.; cf. LCMS Bylaw 4.1.1.2 (b)], before being presented to a district convention; and

WHEREAS, Texas District Bylaw 6.009 indicates concerning the board of directors of the district, “The board of directors shall serve as the policy making body within the district and as such shall act on behalf of and in the best interest of the district between conventions where such action is required”; and

WHEREAS, it would be prudent to examine the entirety of the Bylaws and policy manuals of the Texas District for language that is confusing or does not communicate effectively; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Texas District Board of Directors (TDBOD) be directed to conduct a study of the district’s Bylaws and policy manuals, for the purpose indicated above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the TDBOD submit proposed amendments for the district’s Bylaws and policy manuals to the LCMS CCM for prior approval, as required; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the TDBOD consider replacing the term “racial groups” by utilizing the term “ethnic groups” or “ethnolinguistic groups” or other such language as clearly communicates the intent of the Bylaws and policy manuals, without confusion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the TDBOD submit the results of its study and the results of its submission to the CCM to the 2028 convention of the Texas District as a report in the convention Workbook; and be it finally



RESOLVED, that the TDBOD's report be considered by the appropriate floor committee for convention action.

Omnibus Resolution A—To Refer for Further Study

WHEREAS, many overtures request actions that are the responsibility of various boards, commissions, or individuals to study and to implement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following overtures be placed in Resolution A and be referred to the designated board, commission, or individual:

Number	Subject	Refer to
Overture 02-11	To Request a Study on the Recreational Use of Marijuana by Clergy, Called Workers, Laity	CTCR
Overture 02-14	To Request a Theologically Informed Opinion on Self-Defense from the CTCR	CTCR

Omnibus Resolution B

WHEREAS, overtures have been presented that address issues to which the Synod in convention has previously spoken; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of these matters, there appears to be no valid reason to change or alter the stated position of the Synod; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that petitioners offering the following overtures be referred to previous convention actions as indicated.

Number	Subject	Previous Action
02-08 - 02-10	To Use Only Synod Approved Hymnals and Hymns for Worship and Devotional Services at Texas District Sponsored Events	LCMS Constitution Article III, 1992 Res. 2-02, 1998 Res. 2-10, 2001 Res. 2-05A, 2004 Res. 2-04, 2013 Res.3-12A, 2016 Res. 4-04A

Omnibus Resolution C—To Respectfully Decline Overtures

WHEREAS, the floor committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has concluded, for reasons given that the following overtures should be declined; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following overtures be respectfully declined:



Number	Subject	Reason
Overture 02-12	To Improve Relationships through Visitations	Information already available
Overture 02-13	To Require Recusal for CTCR Members Discussing Their Own Theological Issues	Vague and inconsistent with the purpose of the CTCR



XI. Report of the Credentials and Registration Committee
2025 CONVENTION DELEGATE ROSTER
Ordained and Lay Delegates

City	Congregation	Lay Delegate		Pastoral Delegate	
Abilene	Our Savior			Bob	Pase
Abilene	Zion	Curt	Reister	Clyde	Kieschnick
Albany	Trinity	Michael	Glover	Tom	Chandler
Alpine	Redeemer	Philip	Frank		
Amarillo	Trinity	Carol	Duncan	Ricky	Black
Anderson	Zion Ev.	Michael	Molitor	Richard	Lamb
Angleton	Good Shepherd	Faron	Hice	Robert	Sweet
Aransas Pass	Faith	Justin	Giese	David	Bergquist
Arlington	Grace	James	Runzheimer	Doug	Widger
Arlington	Holy Cross			Luke	Madsen
Atlanta	Redeemer	Matthew	Nelson		
Austin	ACTS Lakeway	Casey	Fisher	Peter	Mueller
Austin	Beautiful Savior	Wayne	Harned	Jonathan	Bontke
Austin	Bethany	Will	Sharp	Anthony	Celia
Austin	Christ	Alan	Werchan		
Austin	Our Savior	Kelly	Peterson	Eric	Borchers
Austin	Redeemer	David	Glienke	Michael	Knippa
Austin	St. Paul/Jesus Deaf	Kyle	Norton	Bryan	Wolfmueller
Azle	The Edge	Ron	Counts	Stephen	Sandfort
Bastrop	Epiphany	David	Layland	E.B.	Holschuh
Baytown	Redeemer	Richard	Turner III	Daniel	Schuetz
Beaumont	Redeemer	Lance	Smith	Micah	Drengler
Big Spring	Alive in Christ	Judy	Roever	Bobby	Roever
Bishop	St. Paul	Michael	Moerbe		
Boerne	Messiah	Geeorge	Berberich	Neil	Vanderbush
Borger	Good Shepherd	Karin	Misch		
Bowie	St. Peter	Tonda	Rice	Mark	De Young
Brenham	Bethlehem			Kelly	Krieg
Brenham	Grace	John	Young	Ryan	Ogrodowicz
Brownwood	Grace	Randy	McCamey	Richard	Mittelstadt
Bryan	Bethel	David	Ellis	Randy	Bard
Canton	Holy Cross	Jon	Barry	Mark	Huston
Canyon	St. Paul	Beth	Lauterbach	Brian	Shane
Carrollton	Prince of Peace	Tim	Spott	Micah	Miller
Cedar Park	Good Shepherd	Melody	Zúñiga	Steven	Headley
Centerville	Our Savior	Nathan	Hoepken	Keith	Bowman
Cibolo	Word of Life			Kenneth	Mitschke
Cisco	Redeemer	Stacy	Reich	Keith	Reich
Cleburne	Ascension	Jay	Cornils	Eddie	Scheler
Clifton	Immanuel			James	Burke
Colleyville	Crown of Life	Terry	Boepple	Martin	Richardson



Conroe	St. Mark	Robert	Quada	Brian	Bestian
Copperas Cove	Immanuel & Trinity	Debbie	Reedy	David	Reedy
Corpus Christi	Messiah	Joann	Cotner	John	Cotner
Corpus Christi	Mt. Olive	Charles	Benson	Kevin	Jennings
Corsicana	Faith	Joel	Huck	Joe	Mashburn
Crockett	Grace	Tom	Pavlik		
Cypress	St John	Darrel	Ludwig	David	Schultz
Dallas	Bethel	Steve	Quantrell	Chris	Holder
Dallas	St. Paul			Byron	Williams
Dallas	Zion	Paul	Vandermeer	James	Ebersole
De Soto	Cross of Christ	Tom	Lee	John	De Young
Denison	Grace	Martin	Gohr	David	Edge
Devine	Divine Savior	Jonathan	Shields	Randall	Wehmeyer
Dime Box	Trinity			Bernard	Schey
Dumas	St. John	Garrett	Fortson	Troy D.	Scroggins
Edna	St. Paul	Johnny	Schuknecht	Paul	Kaiser
Elgin	Grace			Carl	Roth
Fairfield	Trinity	Ernie	Wukasch		
Fairview	Immanuel	Chris	Stubblefield	Tab	Ottmers
Farwell	St. John			Will	Rose
Flower Mound	Lamb of God	Rick	Pfeil	Rance	Settle
Forney	Water of Life	John	Kissling	Shawn	Deterding
Fort Worth	Christ	Alex	Ortiz	Stace	Rollefson
Fort Worth	Light of the World	Randy	Geisler	Greg	Beutel
Fort Worth	St. Paul	Will	Vorva	Andy	Audette
Fredericksburg	Resurrection	Sean	Higginbotham		
Friendswood	Hope	John	Kueck	Joshua	LeBorious
Gainesville	Faith			Paul	Terral
Galveston	St. John	Brett	Johnston	Alan	Taylor
Garland	Tree of Life	David	Jander	Mark	Couser
Gatesville	St. Paul	Chad	Burrow		
Georgetown	Faith	Michael	Martin	Jim	Marriott
Georgetown	Zion - Walburg	Chad	Mathews	Kevin	Hintze
Giddings	Immanuel	Ray	Walther	Robert	Tiner
Giddings	St. John	Dennis	Patschke	Dale	Bohm
Giddings	St. Paul - Serbin			John	Schmidt
Graham	Faith	Kathy	Kabell	Douglas	Kabell
Granbury	Our Savior	Billy	Winters	David	Schatte
Groves	Peace	Greg	Morgan	Phillip	Phifer
Hamilton	St. John	John	Lund	Aaron	Kalbas
Harker Heights	Fortress	Gordon	Dungan	Ryan	Pennington
Harlingen	St. Paul	Tara	Hamburg	Nathan	Wendorf
Hillsboro	Christ	Bruce	Hale	Michael	Nemec
Houston	Epiphany			Jeff	Muchow
Houston	Joy	Roy	Shelton	Vernon	Sansom
Houston	Manantiales de Vida	Dayana	Fernandez	Rodrigo	Fernandez



Houston	Messiah	Gerri	Larsen	Engel	Timothy
Houston	Mt. Olive	Kendra	Koester		
Houston	Pilgrim			Joshua	Duffy
Houston	St. Peter	Martha	Van Buskirk	Jose	Argueta
Houston	St. Timothy	Butch	Bradt	Brad	Jurischk
Houston	The Family of Faith	Tori	Homann		
Houston	Trinity - Downtown	Michael	Sterling		
Houston	Vietnamese			Andrew	Nguyen
Houston	Christ Memorial			Jason	Moreno
Houston	Concordia	Benjamin	Wiseman	Russell	Etzel
Houston	Gethsemane	Milton	Bade	James	Jennings
Houston	Gloria Dei	Kurt	Rosenhagen	Dan	Schepmann
Houston	Immanuel	Stephen	Hernandez	Ian	Pacey
Houston	Memorial	Michael	Jeffers	Ned	Moerbe
Houston	Oikos	Nelson	Schmidt	Aaron	Lytle
	St Matthew of				
Houston	Westfield	Rebecca	Reyes	Arturo	Mendez
Houston	St. Mark	Scott	Biar	TJ	Winters
Houston	St. Matthew	Addison	Graham	Mark	Wiesenborn
Houston	Trinity	Mike	Sterling	Lonnie	Gonzales
Huffman	Our Shepherd	Rick	Mello	John	Moore
Humble	Lamb of God	Aaron	Martin	Tony	Kobak
Huntsville	Faith	Darren	Williams	Robert	Hemsath
Hurst	Peace	Chris	Loy	Brian	Weaver
Irving	Our Redeemer	Phillip	Walker	Harry	Smith
Katy	Memorial	Kathy	Moran	John	Davis
Katy	NewChurch	Kimberly	Hart	Frank	Hart
Keller	Messiah	Luke	Palmer	Thomas	Chryst
Kerrville	Hosanna	William	Mills		
Kingsville	St. Paul	Stephen	Sedory		
Kingwood	Christ the King	Tom	Steinhilber	Al	Doering
La Grange	Mt. Calvary	Jason	Lehmann	Jason	Kaspar
Lago Vista	Christ Our Savior	Sara	Frank	Drew	Thompson
Lake Jackson	St. Mark	Chris	Fuchs	Terrance	Adamson
Lamesa	Grace	Tommy	Doederlein		
Lampasas	Faith	Margaret	Ochsner	Timothy	Ochsner
Laredo	Faith	Oscar	Aguilera	Erik	Ommen
League City	South Lake	Jim	Simpson	Rob	Bailey
Leander	ACTS Leander	Jacob	Seay	Joshua	Miller
Livingston	Trinity	John	Williamson	Alex	Garber
Longview	Our Redeemer	Ronald	Morton	Loucan	Saling
Lubbock	Christ	John	Keinath	Daniel	Hinton
Lubbock	Redeemer	Steven	Platten		
Lubbock	Hope	Bill	Jarman	Stephen	DeMik
Lufkin	First	Tom	Theiss	Ken	Bunge
Mansfield	St. John	Don	Treude	Jon	Thomas



Marble Falls	Hope	Richard	Gruetzner		
Marlin & Mart	Grace			Kurt	Rutz
McAllen	St. Paul	David	Hargett	Gregory	Lorenz
Menard	Grace	Paul	Mews	Tim	Rosenthal
Mercedes	Immanuel	Byron	Terral	Edmund	Weber
Mexia	Faith	Dan	Bacon	Joel	Hall
Midland	Grace	Thomas	Wolfmueller	Mike	Ramey
Midland	Holy Cross	Taylor	Crisp		
Montgomery	Living Savior	Mark	Lamprecht	David	Bailes
Mt. Pleasant	Good Shepherd	Curtis	Duncan		
Nacogdoches	Redeemer	Gary	Manley	John	Cain
Navasota	Trinity	Micah	Black	Matthias	Dinger
Navasota	Salem - Whitehall	Trent	Davis	Corey	Christians
Nederland	Holy Cross	Todd	Shuford	Joshua	Knippa
New Braunfels	Cross	Nathan	Bostick	Dale	Brynstad
New Caney	The Dwelling	Ralph	Spence	Seth	Kunze
Newark	Victory in Christ	Doug	Rohloff	Philip	Schielke
North Zulch	Bethlehem	Chance	Theiss	Randall	Smith
Odem	Trinity	Helen	Schneider		
Odessa	Redeemer	Kendall	Mccasland	Erik	Stadler
Olney	St. Luke	Jennifer	Reeves	Sean	Reeves
Pampa	Zion	Ken	May	Michael	Erickson
Pasadena	Zion			Brady	Blasdel
Pattison	Christ	Nancy	Regetz	Kory	Boster
Pearland	Epiphany	Jon	Rubright	Jon	Salminen
Pearsall	St. Peter	Edward	Graf	Thomas	Winter
Pflugerville	Point of Grace	Jacob	Beyerlein	Delton	Weiser
Plainview	St. Paul	Paul	Drager	Nathan	Misch
Plano	Faith	Tommy	Todd	Mark	Taylor
Plano	Messiah	George	Chrisman	Victor	Kollmann
Raymondville/ Brownsville	Mount Calvary/Trinity			Steven	Morfitt
Riesel	Trinity	Cyndi	Knobloch	Larry	Knobloch
Roanoke	St. Peter & School	Jeff	Heath	Robert	Balduc
Robinson	Gathering	Rory	Fry		
Rockport	Peace	John	Hoos		
	Comunidad Cristiana				
Rockwall	Expansión	Jorge	Maluly	Jaime	Gonzalez
Rockwall	Our Savior	Randy	Heidrich		
Rosenberg	Trinity	Steven	Hausler	Steve	Wiechman
Round Rock	King of Kings	Randy	Erben	Christopher	Brynstad
Round Rock	Narrative	Rusty	Fusilier	Ted	Doering
San Angelo	Trinity	Tyler	Oglesby	Allan	Eckert
San Antonio	Concordia	Gary	Juhl	William	Tucker
San Antonio	Mt. Olive	David	Marg	David	Brockhouse
San Antonio	Christ Our Savior	Gayle	Pulliam	Ed	Giese



San Antonio	Crown of Life	Timothy	Goodale	Brian	Kachelmeier
San Antonio	King of Kings	Ernest	Domel	Neldo	Schmidt
San Antonio	Mount Calvary	David	Thompson	Craig	Meissler
San Antonio	Shepherd of the Hills	Michael	Howard	Christopher	Kennedy
San Antonio	St. Paul	Michael	Cruz	David	Murillo
San Benito	The Table			Chad	Bresson
San Marcos	Grace	William	Bryson	Craig	Dubois
Schulenburg	Zion	Mark	Geiger	Gary	Johnson
Sealy	Trinity	John	Vrablec	Kenneth	Bersche
Sealy	LifeBridge	Paul	White	Scott	Heitshusen
Seguin	Grace			Roger	Hotopp
Smithville	Grace	Bernie	Satterwhite	David	Woelmer
Spring	Resurrection	Christine	Armstrong	Ted	Benson
Spring	Lazarus	Michael	Adrian	Mark	Pulliam
Spring	Trinity Klein	Wade	Bradow	Lee	Hopf
Stephenville	Faith	Jesse	Akande	Jeffrey	Lee
Sugar Land	Faith	Scott	Williams	Jeff	Wuertz
Sugar Land	Fishers of Men	Scott	Williams	Charles	Ridley
Sweeny	St. Luke	Victor	Krueger	Edward	Boineau
Taylor	Trinity	Rodney	Marx	Scott	Schaller
Temple	Immanuel	Eric	Seeliger	Grayson	Albers
Texarkana	First	Dennis	Huffman	Scott	Sundbye
Texas City	Peace	William	Prewitt	Matthew	Brackman
The Woodlands	Living Word	Justice	Counts	Doug	Dommer
Thorndale	St. Paul	Margaret	Doria	Jeff	Doria
Tomball	Zion	Ernie	Hamann	Scott	Herbert
Tomball	Salem			Tim	Niekerk
Tyler	Trinity	Ralph	Hardeman	John	Scheusner
Uhland	St. John	Tom	Engle	Ben	Jore
Vernon	St Paul			Robert	Holaday
Victoria	Grace	Eddie	Miller	Keith	Aschenbeck
Waco	Peace	Tracy	Lightfoot		
Waco	St. Mark	Bill	Tucker	Peter	Kolb
Waco	St. Paul	Jeff	Lehrmann	Brian	Hesse
Waco	Trinity	Travis	Fanning	Kevin	Lentz
Waller	Cross of Christ	Don	Neidigk	David	Cecil
Warda	Holy Cross	Curt	Kieschnick	Dustin	Beck
Waxahachie	Christ the King	Tom	Batchelor	Jared	Raebel
Wharton	St. John's	Tyler	Wittig	Robert	Lutjens
Whitney	Our Savior			Philip	Wottrich
Wichita Falls	St. Paul	Kenneth	Schkade	Eric	Stinnette
Winchester	St. Michael's	Ron	Kaiser	Nate	Hill

Total Congregations: 218 Total Pastoral Delegates: 194 Total Lay Delegates: 192



2025 TEXAS DISTRICT LCMS CONVENTION
Final Registration Report

VOTING DELEGATES:

Clergy	194
Lay	<u>192</u>
Total Voting	386

NON-VOTING DELEGATES

Advisory, Ordained	46
Advisory, Commissioned	<u>23</u>
Total Non-voting	69

GUESTS

Guests, Visitors, Exhibitors	<u>296</u>
Total Guests	<u>296</u>

GRAND TOTAL FOR CONVENTION 751

A special “Thank You” goes to the members of the Registration Committee Team, including Texas District staff members, Cindy Hilewitz and Jill Meyer, local registration committee coordinator from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Amanda Berryhill, and the many willing volunteers from Gloria Dei who served at Registration Check-in at the convention.

Rev. Larry Krueger
Registration Committee Chairman
2025 Texas District LCMS Convention



XII. Convention Roster

TEXAS DISTRICT ORDAINED & INSTALLED

Argueta, José R. (St. Louis) Ordained May 1, 2022 by Rev. Raymond Van Buskirk at St. Peter, Houston and installed May 1, 2022 by Rev. Raymond Van Buskirk at St. Peter, Houston to serve St. Peter as Associate Pastor

Bangert, David J. (St. Louis) Ordained July 31, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Our Savior, Rockwall and installed July 31, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Our Savior, Rockwall to serve Our Savior as Specific Ministry Pastor

Bauer, Jeremiah A. (St. Louis) Ordained September 2, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger at Prince of Peace, Carrollton and installed September 3, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger at Prince of Peace, Carrollton to serve Prince of Peace as Specific Ministry Pastor

Bray, Mark C. (St. Louis) Ordained January 23, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Our Savior, McKinney and installed January 23, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Our Savior, McKinney as Specific Ministry Pastor

Bresson, Chad R. (St. Louis) Ordained September 4, 2021 by Rev. Nathan Wendorf at The Table, Los Fresnos and installed September 4, 2021 by Rev. Nathan Wendorf at The Table, Los Fresnos as Specific Ministry Pastor

Burke, James D. (St. Louis) Ordained June 24, 2023 by Rev. Tim Fraker at Trinity, Weatherford and installed July 8, 2023 by Rev. Michael Newman at Immanuel, Clifton as Sole Pastor

Christians, Corey J. (St. Louis) Ordained August 28, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Salem, Navasota and installed August 28, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Salem Navasota as Sole Pastor

Davis, William R. (Ft. Wayne) Ordained April 23, 2023 by Rev. Christopher Brynestad at St. Paul, Austin and installed April 23, 2023 by Rev. Christopher Brynestad at St. Paul, Austin as Specific Ministry Pastor

De Young, Mark K. (Ft. Wayne) Ordained July 3, 2022 by Rev. Allan Eckert at St. Peter, Bowie and installed July 3, 2022 by Rev. Allan Eckert at St. Peter, Bowie as Sole Pastor

Drengler, Micah J. (St. Louis) Ordained September 12, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman at Living Word, The Woodlands and installed September 12, 2021 by Rev. Jon Braunersreuther as Associate Pastor

Farrow, Arthur B. (St. Louis) Ordained July 17, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Trinity, Commerce/St. James, Windom and installed July 17, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Trinity, Commerce/St. James, Windom as Specific Ministry Pastor

Garrabrant, Steven A. (St. Louis) Ordained January 28, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman at Gloria Dei, Houston and installed January 28, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman at Gloria Dei, Houston as Specific Ministry Pastor

Gonzalez, Jaime (St. Louis) Ordained November 3, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman at Comunidad Cristiana Expansión and installed November 3, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman at Comunidad Cristiana Expansión as Sole Pastor

Hahn, Joshua R. (St. Louis) Ordained August 14, 2022 by Rev. Carl Roth at Immanuel, Giddings and installed August 14, 2022 by Rev. Carl Roth at Immanuel, Giddings as Associate Pastor

Hall, Joel D. (St. Louis) Ordained March 5, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger at Faith, Mexia and installed March 5, 2023 by Rev. Kurt Rutz at Faith, Mexia as Specific Ministry Pastor



Hein, Jerrell P. Certified through Colloquy on December 17, 2020 and installed August 15, 2021 by Rev. Craig DuBois at Grace, San Marcos as Assistant Pastor
Holleway, George D. (St. Louis) Ordained September 3, 2023 by Rev. John Davis at CrossRoad, Katy and installed September 3, 2023 by Rev. John Davis at CrossRoad, Katy as Specific Ministry Pastor

Johnson, Andrew J. (St. Louis) Ordained July 11, 2021 by Rev. Dr. Christopher Kennedy at Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio and installed July 11, 2021 by Rev. Dustin Lappe at Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio as Associate Pastor

Johnson, Gary L. (St. Louis) Ordained July 24, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Zion, Schulenberg and installed July 24, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Zion, Schulenberg as Specific Ministry Pastor
Jore, Ben Certified through Colloquy on April 3, 2023 and installed November 5, 2023 by Rev. Nathan Wendorf at St. John, Umland as Sole Pastor

Knippa, Kenneth C. (St. Louis) Ordained June 24, 2023 by Rev. Jack Schneider at Concordia, Garland and installed June 25, 2023 by Rev. Kenneth Krippner at Concordia, Garland as Specific Ministry Pastor

Korabandi, Paul A. Certified through Colloquy on March 4, 2022 and installed August 14, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Resurrection, Spring as Associate Pastor

Lee, Matthew A. (St. Louis) Ordained August 7, 2022 by Rev. Dr. Victor Kollmann at Messiah, Plano and installed August 7, 2022 by Rev. Dr. Victor Kollmann at Messiah, Plano as Specific Ministry Pastor
Lujang, Isaac L. (St. Louis) Ordained October 14, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger at St. Paul, Ft. Worth and installed October 14, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger at St. Paul, Ft. Worth as Assistant Pastor

MacMillin, Gregory C. (St. Louis) Ordained August 4, 2024 by Rev. William Tucker at Concordia, San Antonio and installed August 4, 2024 by Rev. William Tucker at Concordia, San Antonio as Assistant Pastor

McMaughan, Sean P. Certified through Colloquy on December 22, 2020 and installed October 30, 2022 by Rev. Harry Smith at Bethel, Dallas as Campus Pastor - Dallas Lutheran School & Sole Pastor - Grace, Ennis

Martinez, Luis G. (St. Louis) Ordained July 11, 2021 by Rev. John Davis at Trinity Klein, Spring and installed July 11, 2021 by Rev. John Davis at Trinity Klein, Spring as Associate Pastor

Morales-Lopez, Luis E. (St. Louis) Ordained November 5, 2023 by Rev. Nathan Wendorf at Cristo El Salvador, Del Rio and installed November 5, 2023 by Rev. Nathan Wendorf at Cristo El Salvador, Del Rio as Missionary-District

Nemec, Charles (Ft. Wayne) Ordained June 26, 2022 by Rev. Allan Eckert at Redeemer, Lubbock and installed June 26, 2022 by Rev. Eric Hiner at Redeemer, Lubbock as Sole Pastor

Payne, Mark E. (St. Louis) Ordained January 24, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman at Lamb of God, Flower Mound and installed January 24, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman at Lamb of God, Flower Mound as Specific Ministry Pastor

Pennington, Ryan W. (St. Louis) Ordained June 17, 2023 by Rev. John Heckmann at St. Paul, Gatesville and installed July 9, 2023 by Rev. John Heckmann at Fortress, Harker Heights as Specific Ministry Pastor

Prohl, Benjamin T. (St. Louis) Ordained July 31, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Trinity, Tyler and installed July 31, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman at Trinity, Tyler as Associate Pastor

Ridley, Charles (St. Louis) Ordained July 7, 2022 by Rev. Nathan Misch at Fishers of Men, Sugar Land and installed July 7, 2022 by Rev. Wayne Braun at Fishers of Men, Sugar Land as Associate Pastor



Roberts, Sammy G. (St. Louis) Ordained November 17, 2024 by Rev. Larry Krueger at Grace Divine, Hurst and installed November 17, 2024 by Rev. Larry Krueger at Grace Divine, Hurst as Sole Pastor
Roever, Robert C. (Ft. Wayne) Ordained January 29, 2023 by Rev. Michael Newman at Alive in Christ, Big Spring and installed January 29, 2023 by Rev. Michael Newman at Alive in Christ, Big Spring as Specific Ministry Pastor

Rose, William D. Transferred February 24, 2021 from Lutheran Church Canada on Candidate Status
Rowland, William D. (St. Louis) Ordained August 4, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman at Peace, Hurst and installed August 4, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman at Peace, Hurst as Specific Ministry Pastor

Sanders, Randall C. (St. Louis) Ordained February 18, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman at Zion, Abilene and installed February 18, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman at Zion, Abilene as Specific Ministry Pastor
Santos, Jesus (St. Louis) Ordained November 20, 2022 by Rev. Dr. David Kim at Christ Redeemer, La Porte and installed November 20, 2022 by Rev. Dr. David Kim at Christ Redeemer, La Porte as Sole Pastor

Scheusner, John L. Certified through Colloquy on May 26, 2021 and installed August 22, 2021 by Rev. Larry Krueger at Trinity, Tyler as Senior/Administrative Pastor
Seat, Stanley F. Certified through Colloquy on May 12, 2021 and installed September 12, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman at St. John, Mansfield on Emeritus Status

Thompson, Andrew L. (St. Louis) Ordained July 10, 2022 by Rev. David Thompson at Our Savior, McKinney and installed July 24, 2022 by Rev. Nathan Wendorf at Christ Our Savior, Lago Vista as Sole Pastor

Wallingsford, Jason (St. Louis) Ordained January 17, 2021 by Rev. Dr. Paul Meyer at Mt. Olive, Austin and installed January 17, 2021 by Rev. Dr. Paul Meyer at Mt. Olive, Austin as Specific Ministry Pastor
Weldtsenai, Benyam Certified through Colloquy on May 16, 2023 and installed August 13, 2023 by Rev. Mike Newman at Zion, Dallas as Assistant Pastor
Woelmer, David C. (Ft. Wayne) Ordained July 9, 2023 by Rev. Michael Newman at Grace, Smithville and installed July 9, 2023 by Rev. Mike Newman at Grace, Smithville as Sole Pastor

ORDAINED TRANSFERRED IN & INSTALLED

Abel, Nathan A., Sole Pastor, St. John, Wilcox, NE to Associate Pastor, St. Paul, Fort Worth, February 12, 2023 by Rev. Andrew Audette
Albers, Grayson, E., Associate Pastor, Immanuel, Temple to Senior Pastor, Immanuel, Temple, June 26, 2022 by Rev. Larry Krueger
Allman, Phillip J., Associate Pastor, Grace, Midland to Sole Pastor, First Evangelical, Orange Grove, May 30, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman
Alzate, Beto M., Associate Pastor, Bethel, Dallas to Associate Pastor, Holy Cross, Dallas, September 19, 2021 by Rev. Thomas Zucconi
Audette, Andrew A., Associate Pastor, St. Paul, Fort Worth to Senior Pastor, St. Paul, Fort Worth, March 27, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman

Bailey, Robert A., Associate Pastor, Gloria Dei, Houston to Missionary, Texas District BMA, Austin, January 1, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman
Bailey, Robert A., Missionary, Texas District, Round Rock to Sole Pastor, South Lake, League City, January 21, 2024 by Rev. John Davis
Bashir, Sabir N., Candidate to Associate Pastor, Prince of Peace, Carrollton, January 9, 2022 by Rev. Daniel Trempala



Benson, Thayer K., Associate Pastor, Resurrection, Spring to Senior Pastor, Resurrection, Spring, March 5, 2023 by Rev. Stephen Sohns

Bestian, Brian R., Sole Pastor, Ascension, El Paso to Sole Pastor, St. Mark, Conroe, August 28, 2022 by Rev. John Davis

Blasdel, Brady W., Sole Pastor, St. Philip, Dublin, CA to Sole Pastor, Zion, Pasadena, January 10, 2021 by Rev. Randy Ledbetter

Boessling, Jacob A., Associate Pastor, Christ's Greenfield, Gilbert, AZ to Campus Pastor, Concordia University Texas, Austin, January 12, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman

Boessling, Jacob A., Candidate to Missionary, Texas District BMA, Round Rock, September 23, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman

Borcherding, Kyle D., SMP, Our Shepherd, Avon, IN to SMP, Zion, Georgetown, October 8, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger

Brown, J. D., Candidate to Other Staff, Texas District, Austin, March 20, 2022 by Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick

Brynstad, Christopher P., Associate Pastor, King of Kings, Round Rock to Sole Pastor, King of Kings, Round Rock, September 25, 2022 by Rev. Peter Mueller

Brynstad, Dale L., Emeritus to Senior Pastor, Cross, New Braunfels, November 17, 2024 by Rev. Mark Barz

Burkhard, Kenneth M., Emeritus to Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Magnolia, January 22, 2023 by Rev. Gene Johnson

Cecil, David C., Emeritus to Sole Pastor, Cross of Christ, Waller, November 28, 2021 by Rev. Gene Johnson

Celia, Anthony M., SMP, Water's Edge, Frisco to SMP, Bethany, Austin, July 24, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman

Cholak, Steven T., Associate Pastor, Immanuel, Roswell, NM to Assistant Pastor, Our Savior, Houston, March 13, 2022 by Rev. Laurence White

Cleland, James S., Candidate to Associate Pastor, St. Mark, Houston, July 24, 2022 by Rev. Timothy Engel

Danner, Martin D., Associate Pastor, Bethany, Austin to Senior Pastor, Bethany, Austin, February 7, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman

De Beir, Jerome J., Candidate to SMP, Peace, Hurst, September 17, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger

DeMik, Stephen R., Associate Pastor, St. John, Cypress to Associate Pastor, Hope, Lubbock, June 9, 2024 by Rev. Allan Eckert

Derong, Wynn, SMP, Oikos, Houston to SMP, St. Andrew, Houston, May 15, 2022 by Rev. John Davis

Dinger, Timothy J., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Port Arthur to Sole Pastor, Peace, Groves, February 27, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman

Dommer, Douglas W., Emeritus to Senior Pastor, Living Word, The Woodlands, February 21, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman

Doria, Jeffrey S., Associate Pastor, St. John, Cypress to Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Thorndale, November 19, 2023 by Rev. Scott Schaller

Doublestein, Philip S., Missionary, Texas District, Round Rock to Associate Pastor, Word of Life, Cibolo, November 3, 2024 by Rev. Rick Pfaff

Drengler, Micah J., Associate Pastor, Living Word, The Woodlands to Sole Pastor, Redeemer, Beaumont, November 3, 2024 by Rev. John Davis

Ebersole, James H., Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Kingsville to Associate Pastor, Zion, Dallas, November 12, 2023 by Rev. Robert Preece

Edge, David A., Candidate to Sole Pastor, Grace, Denison, February 19, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger



Ferry, Patrick T., Synod/College Faculty, Concordia University, Mequon, WI to Staff, Concordia Lutheran High School, Pflugerville, August 18, 2021 by Rev. Delton Weiser

Garber, Alexander C., Associate Pastor, St. Peter's, Eastpointe, MI to Sole Pastor, Trinity, Livingston, July 16, 2023 by Rev. John Davis

Giese, Edward P., Candidate to Sole Pastor, Christ Our Savior, San Antonio, January 7, 2024 by Rev. Nathan Wendorf

Goeke, Paul A., Senior Pastor, Crosspoint, Katy to Associate Pastor, CrossRoad, Katy, August 7, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman

Gonzales, Ben, Candidate to Staff, Texas District, Austin, September 26, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman

Gonzales, Lonnie A., RSO, LINC, Houston to Associate Pastor, Trinity, Houston, November 27, 2022 by Rev. Michael Dorn

González, Eloy S., Emeritus to Sole Pastor (IIM), El Buen Pastor, McAllen, June 5, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman

Guelzow, Nathan J., Associate Pastor, Immanuel, Grove, IL to Other Specialized Ministry, Texas District BMA, Austin, April 24, 2021 by Rev. Jock Ficken

Guerra, Lincon, Associate Pastor, Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines, IA to District Staff, Texas District, Austin, August 1, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman

Harrow, Gerald W., SMP, Fortress, Harker Heights to Missionary, Texas District BMA, Austin, May 1, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman

Herbert, Scott E., Senior Pastor, Beautiful Savior, Spokane, WA to Sole Pastor, Zion, Tomball, September 8, 2024 by Rev. John Davis

Hesse, Brian J., Senior Pastor, Trinity, Amarillo to Senior Pastor, St. Paul, Waco, July 24, 2022 by Rev. Larry Krueger

Hildebrandt, Russell C., Emeritus to Sole Pastor (IIM), Trinity Our Savior, Corpus Christi, October 8, 2023 by Rev. Kevin Jennings

Hobratschk, Ralph W., Emeritus to Senior Pastor, Trinity, Spring, March 5, 2023 by Rev. Gene Johnson

Holaday, Robert W., Sole Pastor, Emmanuel, Littlefield to Sole Pastor (IIM), St. Paul, Vernon, September 17, 2023 by Rev. Allan Eckert

Holschuh, Edward B., Sole Pastor, Zion, Alamo to Sole Pastor, Epiphany, Bastrop, January 6, 2024 by Rev. Nathan Wendorf

Hopf, Lee A., Assistant Pastor, Trinity-Klein, Spring to Senior Pastor, Trinity-Klein, Spring, June 2, 2024 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk

Hunsaker, Mark A., Senior Pastor, Praise & Worship, Branson, MO to Associate Pastor, Christ the King, Kingwood, September 10, 2023 by Rev. Allen Doering

Jenkins, William J., Sole Pastor, Redeemer, Lubbock to Missionary, Texas District, Austin, October 28, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman

Joeckel Jr., Ralph T., Sole Pastor, Bethlehem/Peace, Yakima/Selah, WA to Sole Pastor (IIM), Cross, New Braunfels, July 2, 2023 by Rev. Nathan Wendorf

Jurischk, Bradley W., SMP, St. Timothy, Houston to Senior Pastor, St. Timothy, Houston, January 9, 2022 by Rev. John Davis

Kachelmeier, Brian L., Sole Pastor, Redeemer, Los Alamos, NM to Senior Pastor, Mount Calvary, San Antonio, August 28, 2022 by Rev. Nathan Wendorf



Kachelmeier, Brian L., Senior Pastor, Mount Calvary, San Antonio to Associate Pastor, Crown of Life, San Antonio, December 10, 2023 by Rev. Mark Barz
 Kalbas, Aaron C., Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Thorndale to Sole Pastor, St. John, Hamilton, June 13, 2021 by Rev. John Heckmann
 Karle, John E., Sole Pastor, St. John, Hattiesburg, MS to Missionary-District, Texas District BMA, Austin, March 28, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman
 Knippa, Michael, Teacher, Lutheran High South, St. Louis, MO to Associate Pastor, Redeemer, Austin, July 10, 2022 by Rev. Kevin Westergren
 Knobloch, Larry N., Sole Pastor, St. Peter, Bowie to Sole Pastor, Trinity, Riesel, April 3, 2022 by Rev. Larry Krueger
 Krieg, Kelly D., Assistant Pastor, Our Savior, Houston to Sole Pastor, Bethlehem, Brenham, April 23, 2023 by Rev. John Davis
 Kunze, Seth L., Associate Pastor, Christ the King, Kingwood to Sole Pastor, The Dwelling, New Caney, March 14, 2021 by Rev. John Davis

Lahue, Alexander D., Associate Pastor, Messiah, Boerne to Sole Pastor, Messiah, Boerne, March 7, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman
 Lahue, Alexander D., Sole Pastor, Messiah, Boerne to Associate Pastor, St. Timothy, Houston, August 21, 2022 by Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther
 Lanham, Curtiss L., SMP, Crosspoint, Katy to SMP, CrossRoad, Katy, August 7, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman
 LeBlanc, Robert E., Sole Pastor, Hope, Winnie to Associate Pastor, St. Paul/Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Austin, September 4, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman
 Lee, Jeffrey A., Staff, Minnesota North District, Brainerd, MN to Sole Pastor, Faith, Stephenville, November 5, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger
 Lofgren, Richard S., Sole Pastor, Trinity Our Savior, Corpus Christi to Sole Pastor (IIM), Messiah, Boerne, October 2, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman
 Luhman, Ethan M.L., Associate Pastor, First Immanuel, Cedarburg, WI to Associate Pastor, Concordia, San Antonio, October 9, 2022 by Rev. William Tucker

McIntosh, Zachary, Associate Pastor, Concordia, San Antonio to Senior Pastor, Zion, Georgetown, January 22, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger
 Madsen, Luke C., Candidate to Sole Pastor, Holy Cross, Arlington, June 25, 2023 by Rev. Jonathan Thomas
 Marriott, James F., Staff, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO to Staff, Concordia University Texas, Austin, September 13, 2022 by Rev. Jacob Boessling
 Marriott, James F., Candidate to Associate Pastor, Faith, Georgetown, July 9, 2023 by Rev. Walter Pohland
 Middaugh, Michael S., Candidate to Associate Pastor, Mount Calvary, San Antonio, September 25, 2022 by Rev. Carlos Boerger
 Misch, Stephen N., Associate Pastor, Epiphany, Pearland to Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Plainview, November 6, 2022 by Rev. Robert Holaday
 Moerbe, Ned A., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Blackwell, OK to Associate Pastor, Memorial, Houston, December 4, 2022 by Rev. John Davis
 Moore, Tyler C., Candidate to Sole Pastor, Christ Memorial, Houston, August 15, 2021 by Rev. John Davis
 Moreno, Jason A., Candidate to Sole Pastor, Christ Memorial, Houston, September 15, 2024 by Rev. John Davis
 Mumm, David P., Emeritus to Sole Pastor, Christ, Lincoln, April 30, 2023 by Rev. Nathaniel Hill



Neuhaus, Ryan S., Staff, Concordia Lutheran High School, Tomball to RSO, Lutheran Outdoor Ministry of Texas, La Grange, July 28, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman
Nguyen, Andrew, D., Sole Pastor, Grace Vietnamese, Vancouver, WA to Sole Pastor, Vietnamese Lutheran, Houston, May 15, 2022 by Rev. John Davis
Novacek, Mark D., Candidate to SMP, Concordia, San Antonio, June 25, 2023 by Rev. William Tucker

Ogrodowicz, Ryan, Associate Pastor, Grace, Brenham to Senior Pastor, Grace, Brenham, September 1, 2023 by Rev. Richard Lamb

Pacey, Ian S., Associate Pastor, Memorial, Houston to Senior Pastor, Immanuel, Houston, May 1, 2022 by Rev. Richard Gaub

Parks III, Vincent S., SMP, LINC, Houston to SMP, Salem, Tomball, September 26, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman

Pase, Robert J., Senior Pastor, Grace, Midland to Sole Pastor, Our Savior, Abilene, July 14, 2024 by Rev. Allan Eckert

Phifer, Phillip L., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Paw Paw, MI to Sole Pastor, Peace, Groves, August 11, 2024 by Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther

Pulliam, Mark T., Associate Pastor, Resurrection, Spring to Sole Pastor, Lazarus, Spring, January 22, 2023 by Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther

Ramey, John M., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Cape Coral, FL to Sole Pastor (IIM), Grace, Midland, November 10, 2024 by Rev. Erik Stadler

Reedy, David D., Candidate to Sole Pastor, Immanuel, Copperas Cove, January 3, 2021 by Rev. John Heckmann

Reedy, David D., Sole Pastor, Immanuel, Copperas Cove to Sole Pastor, Trinity/Immanuel, Copperas Cove, September 11, 2022 by Rev. Tim Ochsner

Reese, David A., Emeritus to Sole Pastor, Redeemer, Fort Worth, January 3, 2021 by Rev. Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab

Reich, Keith A., Senior Pastor, St. Paul, Roseburg, OR to Sole Pastor, Redeemer, Cisco, December 4, 2022 by Rev. Allan Eckert

Richardson, Kyle J., Sole Pastor, St. John, Island Lake, IL to Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Wilson, August 11, 2024 by Rev. Allan Eckert

Richardson Jr., James M., Associate Pastor, Crown of Life, Colleyville to Senior Pastor, Crown of Life, Colleyville, March 20, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman

Ridley, Charles, Associate Pastor, Fishers of Men, Sugar Land to Senior Pastor, Fishers of Men, Sugar Land, February 19, 2023 by Rev. Michael Newman

Rodriguez, Nelson, RSO, LINC, Houston to Associate Pastor, Gloria Dei, Houston, August 28, 2022 by Rev. Daniel Schepmann

Rollefson, Stacy D., Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Plano to Sole Pastor, Christ, Fort Worth, January 8, 2023 by Rev. Larry Krueger

Rose, William D., Candidate to Sole Pastor, St. John, Farwell, August 13, 2023 by Rev. Allan Eckert

Rosenthal, Timothy A., Chaplain-Military, LCMS Board for Mission Services, St. Louis, MO to Sole Pastor, Grace, Menard, June 2, 2024 by Rev. Allan Eckert

Sansom III, Vernon J., Associate Pastor, Christ the King, Kingwood to Sole Pastor, Joy, Houston, April 13, 2024 by Rev. John Davis

Scheck, Benjamin I., SMP, Crown of Life, Colleyville to SMP, Lamb of God, Flower Mound, January 3, 2021 by Rev. Travis Hartjen

Scheck, Benjamin I., SMP, Lamb of God, Flower Mound to SMP, The Grove, Bartonville, September 6, 2022 by Rev. Greg Beutel



Schuetz, Daniel, Candidate to Sole Pastor, Redeemer, Baytown, August 6, 2023 by Rev. Michael Newman
 Schuller, Isaac S., Sole Pastor, First Immanuel, San Jose, CA to Associate Pastor, Grace, Brenham, August 6, 2023 by Rev. Richard Lamb
 Schinnerer, Craig R., Candidate to Sole Pastor (IIM), St. Paul, Plano, July 2, 2023 by Rev. Adam Douthwaite
 Scicluna, Jon D., Emeritus to Sole Pastor, Beautiful Savior, Arlington, February 20, 2022 by Rev. James Woelmer
 Shane, Brian T., Associate Pastor, Beautiful Savior, Fargo, ND to Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Canyon, July 23, 2023 by Rev. Joe Andrajack
 Smith, Garrett, Sole Pastor, Christ, Lincoln to Sole Pastor, Peace, Waco, August 7, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman
 Smith, Harry R., Associate Pastor, Our Redeemer, Irving to Senior Pastor, Our Redeemer, Irving, January 10, 2021 by Rev. Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab
 Stephens, Richard C., Sole Pastor, St. Paul/Grace, Shelton/Wood River, NE to Sole Pastor, Redeemer, Benbrook, November 6, 2022 by Rev. Larry Krueger
 Stinnette, Eric A., Candidate to Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Wichita Falls, June 11, 2023 by Rev. Allan Eckert

Taylor, Mark M., Associate Pastor, Faith, Plano to Senior Pastor, Faith, Plano, August 3, 2024 by Rev. Michael Newman
 Truenow, David L., Candidate to Sole Pastor, Evangelists, Kingsbury, February 11, 2024 by Rev. Rick Pfaff
 Tucker, Jeffrey D., Associate Pastor, Christ, Phoenix, AZ to Associate Pastor, Concordia, San Antonio, August 27, 2023 by Rev. William Tucker

Van Buskirk, Raymond J., Associate Pastor, Lamb of God, Humble to Sole Pastor, St. Peter, Houston, August 15, 2021 by Rev. Michael Dorn
 Vanderbush, Neil S., Emeritus to Sole Pastor, Messiah, Boerne, June 9, 2024 by Rev. Mark Barz

Weaver, Brian S., Associate Pastor, Gloria Dei, Houston to Senior Pastor, Peace, Hurst, January 17, 2021 by Rev. Michael Newman
 Weider, Michael J., Sole Pastor, Emmaus Road, Katy to Senior Pastor, CrossRoad, Katy, August 7, 2022 by Rev. Michael Newman
 Whaley, Andrew D., Associate Pastor, Our Savior, McKinney to Associate Pastor, Water's Edge, Frisco, August 28, 2022 by Rev. Mark Schaefer
 Wiechman, Steven L., Candidate to Sole Pastor, Trinity, Rosenberg, January 8, 2023 by Rev. Michael Newman
 Winters, Thomas J., SMP, Concordia, San Antonio to SMP, St. Mark, Houston, September 25, 2022 by Rev. Matthew Popovits
 Wuggazer, Mark T., Senior Pastor, St. Peter, Macomb, IL to Senior Pastor, St. John, Cypress, January 10, 2021 by Rev. John Davis

OTHER ORDAINED TRANSFERRED IN TO TEXAS DISTRICT

Adams, Ricky L., Emeritus, Pacific Southwest District, April 12, 2023
 Anderson, Mark B., Emeritus, Northwest District, March 15, 2024
 Barnes, Ryan E., Candidate, Pacific Southwest District, August 27, 2021
 Baumann, Paul G., Emeritus, Mid-South District, August 2, 2021



Beltz, Dewyth D., Emeritus, Rocky Mountain District, September 25, 2021
Beyer, Jay B, Emeritus, Rocky Mountain District, January 2, 2024
Biesenthal, Bruce W., Emeritus, Missouri District, October 1, 2023
Brynstad, Dale, Emeritus, Northwest District, December 12, 2023

Carnahan, Mark D., Emeritus, Indiana District, November 1, 2024
Carter, Mark E., Emeritus, Oklahoma District, October 16, 2023

Doering, Martin, Emeritus, Northern Illinois District, June 14, 2022
Dubbelde, David V., Emeritus, Indiana District, July 20, 2022

Franckowiak, Michael S., Emeritus, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, March 29, 2021

Glander, Randall L., Candidate, Indiana District, January 5, 2023
Gonzales, Ben, Candidate, Minnesota South District, July 10, 2021

Herbrich, Rudy C., Emeritus, North Wisconsin District, November 13, 2023
Hilsabeck, Howard R., Emeritus, Missouri District, November 22, 2021

Jones, Richard J., Emeritus, Southeastern District, August 22, 2022

Koopmann, Gary A., Emeritus, Southern District, June 14, 2021
Kummer, Carl M., Emeritus, North Wisconsin District, January 26, 2023

Luedemann, Ronald S., Emeritus, Pacific Southwest District, December 6, 2022

Middaugh, Michael S., Candidate, Southeastern District, June 24, 2022
Molyneux, Daniel R., Emeritus, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, April 1, 2022
Moore, Tyler C., Candidate, Florida-Georgia District, May 19, 2021

Novacek, Mark D., Candidate, Northern Illinois District, March 1, 2023

Perry, Andrew G., Candidate, Rocky Mountain District, July 24, 2023

Rose, William, Candidate, Central LCC, February 5, 2021

Schuetz, Daniel, Candidate, New Jersey District, March 16, 2023
Schuller, Richard L., Emeritus, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, September 24, 2021
Swanson, Herbert C., Emeritus, Mid-South District, April 2, 2021
Symmank, C. Leo, Emeritus, Southern District, September 7, 2022

Tegtmeier, Dennis, Emeritus, Florida-Georgia District, September 15, 2022

Van Duzer, Thomas, Emeritus, Kansas District, February 14, 2023

Wagner, Robert W., Emeritus, Iowa West District, July 23, 2024

ORDAINED TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS



Allman, Phillip J., Sole Pastor, First Evangelical, Orange Grove to Northern Illinois District, Call, March 27, 2023
 Anderson, Darren A., Candidate to Rocky Mountain District, April 27, 2022
 Appel, Timothy A., Sole Pastor, Grace, Smithville to Southern Illinois District, Call, October 31, 2022

Bass, David J., Sole Pastor, Hosanna, Kerrville to Florida-Georgia District, Call, August 14, 2023
 Bluege, Joseph R., Candidate to Missouri District, Call, April 29, 2022
 Boarts, Matthew A., Chaplain-Military, LCMS Board for Mission Services, St. Louis MO to Florida-Georgia District, Call, June 11, 2022
 Borkenhagen, Daniel G., Associate Pastor, Hope, Lubbock to Minnesota South District, Call, August 30, 2022
 Burge, David M., Sole Pastor (IIM), Trinity, Riesel to Missouri District, June 1, 2021
 Buvinghausen, Garrett K., Sole Pastor, Resurrection, Fredericksburg to Ohio District, Call, October 2, 2023
 Byrd, Toby O., Emeritus to English District, Call, August 24, 2024

Carter, Timothy R., SMP, Salem, Tomball to Indiana District, Call, April 25, 2022
 Cary, Bryan S., Emeritus to Rocky Mountain District, March 25, 2021
 Cleland, James S., Associate Pastor, St. Mark, Houston to California-Nevada-Hawaii District, Call, July 2, 2024
 Cody, Richard S., Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Wichita Falls to Missouri District, Call, March 21, 2022
 Cordrey, John, Associate Pastor, Trinity, Spring to Indiana District, August 13, 2021
 Crowe, William L., Associate Pastor, Faith, Georgetown to Southern District, Call, January 1, 2022

Daniels, David M., Associate Pastor, Zion, Tomball to Southeastern District, Call, August 16, 2021
 Duke, Cullen A., Emeritus to Mid-South District, March 18, 2024

Ehrke, Donald W., Candidate to Pacific Southwest District, May 16, 2023

Ferguson Jr., Louis P., Senior Pastor, Our Savior, Rockwall to California-Nevada-Hawaii District, Call, July 1, 2024
 Fickenscher, Daniel P., Missionary-District, Cristo El Salvador, Del Rio to Indiana District, Call, April 17, 2023
 Fickenscher, James W., Associate Pastor, St. Paul, McAllen to Missouri District, Call, July 1, 2024
 Fraker, Timothy D., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Weatherford to North Wisconsin District, Call, May 20, 2024

Gallo, Stephen F., Emeritus to Iowa East District, January 24, 2023
 Gaub, Richard M., Teacher, Memorial, Houston to Southern District, Call, June 20, 2022
 Goodman, Harrison A., Associate Pastor, Mount Calvary, San Antonio to Iowa East District, Call, January 10, 2022

Hamilton, Morgan W., Assistant Pastor, Peace, Hurst to Mid-South District, Call, July 30, 2021
 Heck, Joel D., Emeritus to Lutheran Church Canada - West Region, Call, May 30, 2023
 Heckmann, Michael A., Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Plainview to Nebraska District, Call, June 30, 2021
 Herbert, Scott E., Sole Pastor, Messiah, Corpus Christi to Northwest District, Call, October 17, 2022
 Hortsmeier, Paul A., Assistant Pastor, Concordia, San Antonio to Northern Illinois District, Call, July 4, 2022
 Hughey, B. Stephenson, Emeritus to Southeastern District, November 8, 2021
 Hull, Christopher J., Senior Pastor, Zion, Tomball to Central Illinois District, Call, November 15, 2023



Issak, Kbrab, RSO, LINC, Houston to Pacific Southwest District, Call, April 12, 2024

Jennings, James R., SMP, Faith, Huntsville to Florida-Georgia District, Call, June 30, 2021

Joeckel, Ralph T., Sole Pastor (IIM), Cross, New Braunfels to Northwest District, July 1, 2024

Jung, David S., Sole Pastor, St. Andrew, Houston to California-Nevada-Hawaii District, Call, July 31, 2021

Kieser, Stephen W., Associate Pastor, Faith, Plano to Wyoming District, Call, October 22, 2024

Koch, Mark A., Sole Pastor, Grace, Denison to Rocky Mountain District, Call, September 2, 2022

Kochendorfer, David L., Emeritus to Oklahoma District, August 24, 2021

Krengel, Douglas A., Sole Pastor, Family of Faith, Houston to Michigan District, Call, November 15, 2023

Ledlow, Landon M., Associate Pastor, Redeemer, Austin to SELC District, Call, July 19, 2021

Liefer, Todd W., Associate Pastor, Bethany, Austin to English District, Call, August 15, 2021

Lowrey Jr., George W., Sole Pastor, Holy Cross, Arlington to Pacific Southwest District, Call, February 1, 2021

Luhman, Ethan M.L., Associate Pastor, Concordia, San Antonio to North Wisconsin District, Call, October 8, 2024

McQuiggin, Brian S., Sole Pastor, Immanuel, Clifton to Minnesota South District, Call, July 15, 2021

Mayland Jr., James L., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Livingston to North Wisconsin District, Call, October 24, 2022

Moldenhauer, Mark A., Sole Pastor, Bethlehem, Brenham to Southern District, Call, June 27, 2022

Moore, Tyler C., Sole Pastor, Christ Memorial, Houston to Northwest District, Call, October 2, 2023

Novacek, Mark D., SMP, Concordia, San Antonio to Northern Illinois District, Call, August 17, 2024

Nuckols, Mark S., Chaplain-Military to LCMS Board for International Mission, Call, February 26, 2022

Nuttelman, Christopher K., Associate Pastor, Crown of Life, San Antonio to English District, Call, March 28, 2022

Obersat, Thomas F., Sole Pastor, Ebenezer, Paige to Mt. Hope/Luther Classical College, Call, January 1, 2025

Odom, Weslie T., Sole Pastor, Beautiful Savior, Arlington to Rocky Mountain District, Call, June 1, 2021

Petering, Jonathan E., Associate Pastor, Hope, Friendswood to Mid-South District, Call, May 27, 2024

Prieto, Ely, Missionary, Texas District, Austin to Missouri District, Call, July 1, 2021

Richert, Aaron M., Staff, Lutheran South Academy, Houston to Rocky Mountain District, Call, June 1, 2023

Ristvedt, James W., Emeritus to Nebraska District, April 25, 2022

Roegner, Robert M., RSO, Texas District to Florida-Georgia District

Rupe, Ryan R., Chaplain-Military, LCMS Board for Mission Services, St. Louis, MO to Missouri District, Call, August 1, 2023

Schrank, Benjamin J., Assistant Pastor, Concordia, San Antonio to California-Nevada-Hawaii District, Call, August 8, 2022

Schroeder, David B., Sole Pastor, Lord of Life, Corpus Christi to North Wisconsin District, Call, April 25, 2022



Scott, Tobin L., Sole Pastor, Immanuel, Copperas Cove to Missouri District, February 10, 2021
Singer, Christopher M., Senior Pastor, Trinity, Spring to Northern Illinois District, Call, January 18, 2023

Stenson, Sherman D., Candidate to Kansas District, Call, May 15, 2024

Swanson, Herbert C., Emeritus to Mid-South District, May 30, 2024

Symm, David V., Emeritus to Kansas District, September 15, 2022

Ulmer, Matthew T., Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Bishop to Indiana District, Call, September 11, 2023

Walther, John, Emeritus to Pacific Southwest District, May 17, 2021

Williamson, Peter C., Sole Pastor, St. John, Beaumont to North Wisconsin District, Call, May 28, 2024

Woelmer, James D., Senior Pastor, Faith, Plano to Kansas District, Call, August 14, 2023

ORDAINED CHANGE OF STATUS

Adler, David L., Sole Pastor, Bethlehem, Palestine to Emeritus, July 17, 2021

Appel, Vernon L., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Childress to Emeritus, April 14, 2021

Auger, Edmund D., Sole Pastor, Faith, Stephenville to Emeritus, July 11, 2022

Bahn, David L., Senior Pastor, St. John, Cypress to Emeritus, January 9, 2021

Bauer, Allen J., Associate Pastor, Fishers of Men, Sugar Land to Emeritus, January 1, 2021

Bielefeldt, Douglas L., SMP, Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio to Emeritus, June 14, 2021

Boessling, Jacob A., Staff, Concordia University Texas, Austin to Candidate, April 12, 2023

Boldt, Gerald L., Sole Pastor, Christ Redeemer, La Porte to Emeritus, July 1, 2021

Boerger, Charles P., Associate Pastor, St. Paul, San Antonio to Emeritus, May 21, 2024

Bragdon, Dennis J., Sole Pastor, Our Redeemer, Longview to Emeritus, July 31, 2023

Braun, Wayne M., Senior Pastor, Fishers of Men, Sugar Land to Emeritus, February 1, 2023

Brown, J.D., Staff, Concordia University Texas, Austin to Candidate, October 12, 2021

Brown, J.D., Staff, Texas District, Round Rock to Emeritus, September 3, 2024

Brunette, Mark D., Sole Pastor, Joy, Houston to Emeritus, April 12, 2024

Burge, David M., ILM, Trinity, Riesel to Emeritus, June 1, 2021

Byrd, Toby O., Sole Pastor, Grace, Paris to Emeritus, April 1, 2024

Campbell, Willie C., Candidate to Emeritus, November 1, 2022

Cantwell, Francis J., SMP, King of Kings, San Antonio to Emeritus, November 7, 2022

Celia, Anthony M., SMP, Bethany, Austin to Associate Pastor, Bethany, Austin, April 3, 2024

Chambers, Danny E., Sole Pastor, Evangelists, Kingsbury to Candidate, September 3, 2022

Dankis, Mark J., Senior Pastor, King of Kings, Round Rock to Emeritus, December 31, 2021

Davenport, John M., Senior Pastor, Zion, Georgetown to Emeritus, May 2, 2022

Dinger, Timothy J., Sole Pastor, Peace, Groves to Emeritus, May 1, 2023

DuBois, Craig A., Sole Pastor, Grace, San Marcos to Senior Pastor, Grace, San Marcos, August 15, 2021

Ehrke, Donald W., Chaplain, LCMS Board for Mission Services, St. Louis, MO to Candidate, February 1, 2023

Elser, John H., Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Canyon to Candidate, July 22, 2023

Ferry, Patrick T., Staff, Concordia Lutheran High School, Pflugerville to Emeritus, July 1, 2022

Ficken, David W., Other Specialized Ministry, Texas District BMA, Round Rock to Candidate, September 16, 2024



Ficken, Jock E., Other Specialized Ministry, Texas District LCMS, Round Rock to Emeritus, September 1, 2024

Fraker, Donald D., Sole Pastor, Cross, New Braunfels to Senior Pastor, Cross, New Braunfels, October 20, 2019

Fraker, Donald D., Senior Pastor, Cross, New Braunfels to Emeritus, June 15, 2023

Giese, Curtis P., Staff, Concordia University Texas, Austin to Candidate, April 12, 2023

Glander, Randall L., Candidate to Emeritus, August 21, 2023

Goeke, Paul A., Associate Pastor, CrossRoad, Katy to Candidate, August 1, 2024

González, Eloy S., Senior Pastor, Our Redeemer, Irving to Emeritus, January 1, 2021

González, Eloy S., IIM, El Buen Pastor, McAllen to Emeritus, May 27, 2024

Gruhn, Michael V., Sole Pastor, Shepherd of the Hills, Franklin to Emeritus, June 7, 2021

Haedge, Randall S., Senior Pastor, Bethel, Dallas to Emeritus, August 1, 2021

Harris, Mark A., Associate Pastor, Cross, New Braunfels to Candidate, April 4, 2023

Heck, Joel D., Staff, Concordia University Texas, Austin to Emeritus, July 1, 2022

Heckmann, Peter T., Sole Pastor, Hope, Austin to Emeritus, February 1, 2023

Henze, Steven H., Senior Pastor, St. Timothy, Houston to Associate Pastor, St. Timothy, Houston, January 8, 2022

Henze, Steven H., Associate Pastor, St. Timothy, Houston to Emeritus, October 3, 2022

Hill, Robert W., Sole Pastor, Faith, Plano to Emeritus, September 6, 2021

Hintze, David J., Sole Pastor, Christ Our Savior, Lago Vista to Emeritus, July 1, 2021

Hobratschk, Ralph W., Senior Pastor, Hope, Friendswood to Emeritus, May 2, 2022

Hobratschk, Ralph W., Senior Pastor, Trinity-Klein, Spring to Associate Pastor, Trinity-Klein, Spring, June 2, 2024

Jacobs, Matthew P., Senior Pastor, Grace, Brenham to Emeritus, September 1, 2023

Janssen, LaVerne A., Sole Pastor, Our Savior, Abilene to Emeritus, July 1, 2023

Jensen, Scott A., Assistant Pastor, Concordia, San Antonio to Candidate, January 1, 2021

Joeckel, Ralph T., IIM, Cross, New Braunfels to Emeritus, July 1, 2024

Jung, David R., Senior Pastor, Crown of Life, Colleyville to Emeritus, August 28, 2021

Kelm Jr., Harvey F., Sole Pastor, Redeemer, Beaumont to Emeritus, May 1, 2023

Kieschnick, Clyde J., Sole Pastor, Zion, Abilene to Senior Pastor, Zion, Abilene, February 18, 2024

Kirklen, Don L., Sole Pastor, St. Mark, Mineral Wells to Emeritus, January 11, 2021

Kluth, David L., Staff, Concordia University, Portland, OR to Emeritus, May 1, 2020

Knippa, William B., Senior Pastor, Bethany, Austin to Emeritus, January 18, 2021

Korinek, Alan W., Sole Pastor, Grace, Lamesa to Emeritus, May 3, 2021

Krippner, Kenneth M., Sole Pastor, Concordia, Garland to Senior Pastor, Concordia, Garland, June 25, 2023

Krueger, Larry G., Senior Pastor, St. Paul, Waco to Emeritus, December 1, 2021

Lanham, Curtiss L., SMP, CrossRoad, Katy to Candidate, August 3, 2023

Lanham, Curtiss L., Candidate to Emeritus, June 12, 2024

Lapacka, John T., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Borger to Emeritus, July 30, 2022

Lofgren, Richard S., IIM, Messiah, Boerne to Emeritus, June 8, 2024

Londenberg, David L., Candidate to Emeritus, September 1, 2023

McKnight, David M., Assistant Pastor, Concordia, San Antonio to Emeritus, August 24, 2022

McNamara, Jerome F., Sole Pastor, Gethsemane, Houston to Candidate, July 3, 2023



Madsen, Luke C., Associate Pastor, Immanuel, Temple to Candidate, May 1, 2023
Marriott, James F., Staff, Concordia University Texas, Austin to Candidate April 14, 2023
Mengsteab, Yohannes A., Staff, Texas District, Austin to Emeritus, August 1, 2022
Menke, James W., IIM, St. Mark, Conroe to Emeritus, March 1, 2022
Messmann, John A., Senior Pastor, St. Paul, Fort Worth to Emeritus, March 2, 2022
Meyer, Paul E., Sole Pastor, Mount Olive, Austin to Emeritus, February 1, 2021
Misch, Steven J., Staff, Texas District, Austin to Emeritus, January 1, 2021
Mitschke, Kenneth R., Sole Pastor, Word of Life, Cibolo to Senior Pastor, Word of Life, Cibolo, November 3, 2024
Muchow, Jeffrey A., Sole Pastor, Epiphany, Houston to Senior Pastor, Epiphany, Houston, February 9, 2020

Neuberger, Paul E., Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Vernon to Emeritus, July 31, 2023
Nguyen, Ninh H., Sole Pastor, Vietnamese, Houston to Emeritus, May 14, 2022

Otte, James E., Associate Pastor, Messiah, Plano to Emeritus, April 8, 2024

Pelto, Joseph A., SMP, Faith, Laredo to Emeritus, May 2, 2020
Pilli, Sagar, Assistant Pastor, Memorial, Houston to Candidate, October 3, 2023
Pittcock, Travis A., Sole Pastor, Christ, Fort Worth to Candidate, January 1, 2022
Preece, Robert C., Sole Pastor, Zion, Dallas to Senior Pastor, Zion, Dallas, August 13, 2023
Puffe, Paul J., Staff, Concordia University Texas, Austin to Emeritus, May 1, 2023

Rau, Carl R., Chaplain, LCMS Board for Mission Services, St. Louis, MO to Emeritus, May 31, 2014
Reese, David A., IIM, Redeemer, Fort Worth to Emeritus, June 1, 2022
Reina, Andres L., Missionary, Texas District, Austin to Candidate, November 1, 2020
Rodriguez, Manny, Candidate to Emeritus, August 28, 2023
Rohde, David W., Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Wilson to Emeritus, August 10, 2024
Runge, Brian E., Candidate to Emeritus, October 15, 2024
Rynearson, Stephen P., Sole Pastor, Peace, Hewitt to Emeritus, January 17, 2022

Sager, William A., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Copperas Cove to Emeritus, August 29, 2022
Salomon, Jeffrey A., SMP, Trinity, Fairfield to Candidate, December 6, 2021
Schaefer, Mark A., Senior Pastor, Water's Edge, Frisco to Candidate, March 1, 2024
Schinnerer, Craig R., IIM, Trinity, Tyler to Candidate, August 21, 2021
Schinnerer, Craig R., IIM, St. Paul, Thorndale to Candidate, July 1, 2022
Schinnerer, Craig R., IIM, St. Paul, Plano to Emeritus, June 15, 2024
Schmidt, Neldo, Sole Pastor, King of Kings, San Antonio to Senior Pastor, King of Kings, San Antonio, January 27, 2019
Schueler, Wayne A., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Rosenberg to Emeritus, August 1, 2022
Seeger, Mark W., Associate Pastor, Holy Three-in-One Deaf, Houston to Emeritus, July 3, 2023
Snyder, Dale O., Sole Pastor, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls to Emeritus, September 1, 2023
Sohns, Stephen J., Senior Pastor, Resurrection, Spring to Associate Pastor, Resurrection, Spring, March 5, 2023
Sohns, Stephen J., Associate Pastor, Resurrection, Spring to Emeritus, April 1, 2023
Stavig, Wendell C., Sole Pastor, St. Peter, Houston to Emeritus, February 22, 2021
Symm, David V., Sole Pastor, St. John, Lariat to Emeritus, August 1, 2022

Tews, Mark W., Sole Pastor, Trinity, Uvalde to Emeritus, August 26, 2024
Tieken, Russell W., Senior Pastor, St. Paul, Denton to Emeritus, May 1, 2024



Torea, Eduardo J., Associate Pastor, Peace, Garland to Candidate, January 1, 2021
Truenow, David L., Sole Pastor, St. John, Umland to Candidate, January 1, 2021

Van Buskirk, Raymond J., Sole Pastor, St. Peter, Houston to Senior Pastor, St. Peter, Houston, May 1, 2022

Wagner, Stephen A., Associate Pastor, Concordia, San Antonio to Emeritus, August 1, 2020
Waiser, Walter E., Assistant Pastor, Lamb of God, Flower Mound to Emeritus, January 17, 2021
Walker, Andrew J., Missionary, Texas District, Austin to Candidate, January 1, 2021
Watson, Joseph M., Chaplain, LCMS Board for Mission Services, St. Louis, MO to Emeritus, August 1, 2023
Wilhelmsen, Dana, Senior Pastor, Immanuel, Temple to Emeritus, January 1, 2022
Wolfmueller, C. Bryan, Sole Pastor, St. Paul, Austin to Senior Pastor, St. Paul, Austin, September 4, 2022
Wuggazer, Mark T., Senior Pastor, St. John, Cypress to Candidate, June 4, 2024

Zucconi, Thomas A., Sole Pastor, Holy Cross, Dallas to Senior Pastor, Holy Cross, Dallas, September 20, 2021

ORDAINED RESIGNED OR REMOVED

Fickenscher, Michael H., October 5, 2023
Griffin, Benjamin, January 27, 2024
Kuenzel, Karl E., February 9, 2022
Reagan, William M., April 3, 2023

Rosentreter, Donald G., April 14, 2023
Talley, Phillip, October 23, 2024
Tilt, Aaron A., February 14, 2022

ORDAINED MINISTERS CALLED TO GLORY

Appel, Vernon L., August 26, 2021
Ascher, George P., December 31, 2022

Baisden, Kenneth W., April 9, 2023
Beck, Hubert F., January 27, 2023
Beltz, Dewyth D., March 13, 2022
Blakelock, B. Bruce, July 26, 2021

Case, Robert D., April 8, 2023
Chambers, Danny E., February 24, 2023
Coday, Terry J., September 15, 2021

Dobberfuhr, Ned A., March 12, 2021
Dretke, James P., August 24, 2021

Ebert, David F., July 22, 2021

Fibelkorn, John E., March 10, 2021
Finke, Norman R., July 27, 2024

Garcia, Ernesto L., April 25, 2023
Gerdes, Harvey A., February 21, 2021

Hadley, Tom C., February 12, 2023
Hartfield, Paul W., June 19, 2021
Haupt, James F., April 10, 2024
Hempelmann, L. Dean, August 29, 2021
Hill, Arthur L., October 23, 2024
Hohle, Elmer M., April 29, 2021
Houppert, Ernest R., March 19, 2022
Houska, Charles L., June 27, 2023
Hoyer, Martin O., February 24, 2021
Joeckel, David B., September 20, 2022
Johnson, William A., December 22, 2022

Klaus, Kenneth R., March 23, 2023
Kluck, Herbert, May 31, 2021
Kohl, Carroll C., May 3, 2023
Koopmann, Gary A., March 27, 2024
Kuhlmann, Robert T., October 22, 2022

Loeffler, David G., August 14, 2024

McCown, Chester, June 21, 2022



Miller, John A., December 11, 2021
Mueller, Howard W., July 10, 2022
Musgrove, Alvin W., July 26, 2021

Nelson, Richard A., December 20, 2021
Neumann, Paul D., July 30, 2021
Nichols, Gerald L., April 12, 2021

Orea-Coria, Hiram, June 15, 2023

Pelto, Joseph A., March 11, 2023

Qualman, William A., May 24, 2021

Richardson Sr., James M., August 11, 2024
Rodeck, Ronald R., July 26, 2023
Rynearson, Stephen P., December 15, 2022

Schaibley, Robert W., December 13, 2022
Schumpe, Wayne E., June 10, 2023

Thiele, Gerald L., November 4, 2023

Wedergren, Robert B., July 30, 2024

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS COMMISSIONED & INSTALLED

Albers, Jessica, DCM (Mequon) Lutheran Bible Translators, Concordia, Missouri, Rev. Tim Niekerk, February 18, 2024

Angerman, Austin, DCE (Austin) Faith, Georgetown, Rev. Walt Pohland, February 13, 2022

Babisak, Matthew, (Seward-Colloquy) Faith, Plano, Rev. Stephen Kieser, August 27, 2023

Baehr, Carrie, (Seward-Colloquy) Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Lee Hopf, August 11, 2024

Bamsch, Abigail, (River Forest) Dallas Lutheran, Dallas, Rev. Dr. Victor Kollmann, August 22, 2021

Barron Valadez, Maria, Deaconess (St. Louis) Comunidad Cristiana Lutherana Expansion, Rockwall, Rev. Michael Newman, November 3, 2024

Boward, Megan, (Seward-Colloquy) Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, April 14, 2024

Butler, Stacy, (Seward-Colloquy) Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Steven Garrabrant, March 1, 2024

Cherington, Lynette, (River Forest-Colloquy) Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White March 5, 2023

Dos Santos, Fabiana, Deaconess (St. Louis) Comunidad Cristiana Lutherana Expansion, Rockwall, Rev. Michael Newman, November 3, 2024

Eickstead, Andrew, (Austin-Colloquy) Lutheran High School of San Antonio, San Antonio, Rev. Dr. Brian Kachelmeier, May 4, 2023

Farrow, Aaron, (Austin) Faith, Sugar Land, Rev. Jeff Wuertz, August 6, 2023

Gerren, Hannah, (Austin-Colloquy) St. Paul, Thorndale, Rev. Aaron Kalbas, January 17, 2021

Hessong, Amelia, (River Forest) Lutheran High School of San Antonio, San Antonio, Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy, August 22, 2024

Hockemeyer, Brooke, (River Forest) Concordia Lutheran High School, Tomball, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, August 3, 2023

Holten, Rachel, (Irvine) Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 22, 2021

Jenkins, Jessica, (Seward) Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Aaron Richert, August 19, 2022

Jonas, Faith, (Seward) Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio, Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy, August 13, 2023



Juergensen, Jessica, (Seward) Zion, Dallas, Rev. Dr. Robert Preece, August 21, 2022
Jungklaus, Rebecca, Deaconess (St. Louis) LifeBridge Community, Sealy, Rev. Dr. John Reinke, November 26, 2023

King, Amy, (Austin-Colloquy) St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. John Messmann, August 15, 2021
Krumwiede, Anastasia, (Austin-Colloquy) Memorial, Houston, Rev. Robert Paul, January 2, 2022

Liang, Megan, (Austin) Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 25, 2021
Lueckemeyer, Aliceson, (Seward-Colloquy) Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Lee Hopf, October 27, 2024
Lunsford, Charlotte, (Seward-Colloquy) Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Lee Hopf, October 27, 2024
Lutz, Katherine, DCE (River Forest) LOMT, La Grange, Rev. Michael Meissner, July 31, 2022

MacIntosh-Beatson, Joshua, DCE (Austin) Hosanna, Kerrville, Rev. David Bass, February 6, 2022
Mackowski, Elliot, DCE (Seward) Resurrection, Spring, Rev. Ted Benson, January 28, 2024
Medack, Madison, (St. Paul-Colloquy) Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Lee Hopf, October 27, 2024
Miller, Karl, DCM (Mequon) Fishers of Men, Sugar Land, Rev. Charles Ridley, June 23, 2024

Navas, Candice, (Austin-Colloquy) St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Matthew Popovits, August 14, 2022
Nemec, Christianna, Deaconess (Fort Wayne) Redeemer, Lubbock, Rev. Thomas Eckstein, September 10, 2023

Payne, Stephani, (Seward-Colloquy) Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 18, 2024
Phillips, Kathryn, Deaconess (Fort Wayne) Memorial, Houston, Rev. Dr. Scott Murray, August 22, 2021
Pieper, Anna, DCE (Austin) LINC Ministries, Houston, Rev. Vince Parks, August 27, 2021
Pittock, Stephanie, DCE (St. Paul-Colloquy) Messiah, Plano, Rev. Dr. Victor Kollmann, May 22, 2022
Prince, Samuel, DCE (Austin) LOMT, La Grange, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, July 25, 2021

Ringman, Melanie, (River Forest-Colloquy) Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, April 14, 2024

Schelen, Rebecca, (Austin) Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 22, 2021
Schneider, Erin, (Austin) St. Paul, Thorndale, Rev. Ben Gonzales, August 8, 2021
Straube, Julie, (Irvine) Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 18, 2024

Taylor, Kathryn, (Seward) Our Redeemer, Dallas, Rev. Brent McGuire, August 11, 2024
Thibodeaux, Victoria, DCE (Austin) Concordia University Texas, Austin, Rev. Steven Fick, October 18, 2021

Vogeler, Jason, (Austin-Colloquy) Memorial, Houston, Rev. Robert Paul, January 2, 2022

Winkelman, Tristan, (Austin) Zion, Walburg, Rev. John Davenport, July 18, 2021
Winkelman, Summer, (Austin) Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 21, 2022

Yamin, Chelsea, (River Forest) Lutheran High North, Houston, Rev. Kelly Krieg, September 17, 2021

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS REINSTATED & INSTALLED

Blake, Sarah, 9/12/2024, to Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Lee Hopf, October 27, 2024
Eifert, Kimberly, to Candidate, 3/1/2022
Hengeveld, Adam, to Candidate, 11/13/2024



Jordening, Carol, to Candidate, 9/10/2021
Kemnitz, Alec, 11/17/2022, to Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, March 5, 2023
Maddux, Paula, to Candidate, 11/13/2024
Telschow, Jonathan, to Candidate, 11/13/2024

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS INACTIVE STATUS TO INSTALLED

Ahlman, Elizabeth, DCE/Candidate, Memorial Lutheran School, Houston, Rev. Robert Paul, August 22, 2021

Armstrong, Debra, Candidate, Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Kelly Krieg, January 5, 2022

Bailey, Hayley, Candidate, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 17, 2021

Bauer, Kaitlin, DCE/Candidate, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 17, 2021

Black, Sarah, Candidate, Trinity, Amarillo, Rev. Rick Black, August 13, 2023

Bode, Joel, Emeritus, Concordia High School, Pflugerville, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 20, 2024

Cahill, Kyle, DPM/Candidate, Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, January 16, 2022

Carey, Grant, DCE/Candidate, ACTS, Leander, Rev. Joshua Miller, February 18, 2024

Davis, Jennifer, Candidate, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Aaron Richert, September 24, 2021

Fingerle, Suzanne, Deaconess/Candidate, Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 14, 2022

Finke, Julie, Candidate, Salem, Tomball, Rev. Tim Niekerk, August 21, 2022

Finke, Elizabeth, DCE/Candidate, Christ, Fort Worth, Rev. Stace Rollefson, March 19, 2023

Friesen, Karen, Emeritus, Zion, Dallas, Rev. Dr. Robert Preece, August 18, 2024

Glandorf, Steven, Emeritus, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 22, 2021

Glandorf, Steven, Emeritus, Concordia High School, Pflugerville, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 20, 2024

Gray, Caroline, DCE/Candidate, Trinity Klein Lutheran School, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 14, 2022

Hobbs, Christiane, DCE/Candidate, Texas District, LCMS, Austin, Rev. Michael Newman, January 25, 2022

Hyslop, Dora, Candidate, Zion, Dallas, Rev. Dr. Robert Preece, August 21, 2022

Krueger, Julie, Candidate, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 21, 2022

Levenhagen, Amy, Candidate, Concordia, San Antonio, Rev. William Tucker, August 14, 2022

Lutz, Katherine, DCE/Candidate, St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. Andy Audette, December 22, 2024

Meineke, Hannah, Candidate, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, December 31, 2024

Moerbe, Mary, Deaconess/Candidate, Memorial Lutheran School, Houston, Rev. Robert Paul, August 13, 2023

Moore, Bonnie, Candidate, St. Paul, Thorndale, Rev. Ben Gonzales, August 8, 2021

Parker, Sally, Candidate, Concordia, San Antonio, Rev. William Tucker, August 14, 2022



Rivers, Christine, Candidate, Faith, Plano, Rev. Stephen Kieser, August 16, 2022
Robison, Elizabeth, Candidate, Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 15, 2021

Schultz, Melanie, Candidate, Trinity Klein Lutheran Church, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, November 13, 2022

Tamburello, Pamela, Candidate, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Houston, Rev. Jeff Muchow, January 3, 2021

Theis, Melissa, Candidate, Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 21, 2022

Walther, Benjamin, Candidate, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Aaron Richert, January 20, 2023

Winkler, Kayla, Candidate, Concordia High School, Pflugerville, Rev. Dr. David Kluth, August 16, 2023

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS TRANSFERRED WITHIN TEXAS & INSTALLED

Bamsch, Abigail, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Karl Ashcraft, August 28, 2024

Bangert, Jessica, Our Redeemer, Dallas, Rev. Brent McGuire, August 20, 2023

Baranski, Leah, Our Redeemer, Dallas, Rev. Brent McGuire, August 11, 2024

Bishop, Becky, Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 14, 2022

Braun, Jonathan, DCM, Lamb of God, Flower Mound, Rev. Dr. Rance Settle, January 7, 2024

Brock, Kayla, DCE, Immanuel Lutheran School, Giddings, Rev. Robert Tiner, August 15, 2021

Brock, Kayla, DCE, Redeemer Lutheran School, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 21, 2022

Browning, Scott, LEAH - Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Steven Garrabrant, August 16, 2024

Cahill, Kyle, DPM, Concordia, San Antonio, Rev. William Tucker, July 30, 2023

Carlove, Patrick, Concordia University Texas, Austin, Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott, January 25, 2023

Cattau, Daniel, LEAH - Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Steven Garrabrant, August 16, 2024

Cavage, Rebecca, St. Paul, Thorndale, Rev. Dana Wilhelmsen, July 23, 2023

Chapman, Rosalie, Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 21, 2022

Dueck, Erin, Crown of Life, Colleyville, Rev. Martin Richardson, August 13, 2023

Eisenbraun, Joel, LOMT, La Grange, Rev. Dr. Rich Noack, March 12, 2022

Entzenberger, Kathryn, LEAH Schools Downtown Academy, Houston, Rev. Aaron Richert, June 6, 2021

Fick, Patricia, Redeeming Grace, Austin, Rev. Steven Fick, November 3, 2024

Fleming, Kate, LEAH - Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Aaron Richert, August 19, 2022

Foote, Daniel, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 21, 2022

Garcia, Vanessa, Immanuel, Giddings, Rev. Robert Tiner, August 15, 2021

Gil de Rodriguez, Perla, Deaconess, Gloria Dei, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, January 9, 2022

Graham, Betsy, LEAH - Dallas Lutheran School, Dallas, Rev. Mark Couser, August 26, 2024

Hernandez, Jamie, Immanuel, Houston, Rev. Ian Pacey, August 11, 2024

Honeck, Jennifer, Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 14, 2022

Hyslop, Dora, Our Redeemer, Dallas, Rev. Brent McGuire, August 20, 2023

Kahre, Renee, LEAH - Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Aaron Richert, August 19, 2022



Kirkwood, Tiffany, St. Paul, Thorndale, Rev. Ben Gonzales, August 8, 2021
Korte, Matthew, LEAH - Lutheran Education Association of Houston, Rev. Steven Garrabrant, August 16, 2024

Luevano, Michelle, Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Ralph Hobradschk, August 13, 2023

Martinez, Rosaura, Deaconess, Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 14, 2022
McIntosh, Melody, Zion, Walburg, Rev. Zachary McIntosh, August 13, 2023
McNamara, Joshua, DCE, St. Paul, Waco, Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse, September 29, 2024
Moore, Bonnie, Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 20, 2023
Moss, Corey, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 27, 2023
Mueller, Leah, Our Redeemer, Dallas, Rev. Brent McGuire, September 12, 2021
Mueller, Dawn, Zion, Walburg, Rev. Dr. David Kluth, August 14, 2022

Nemec, Lisa, Concordia Lutheran High School, Tomball, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, August 4, 2022
Nunes, Brenna, Deaconess, Concordia University Texas, Austin, Rev. Jacob Boessling, October 1, 2022

Owens, Ross, DCE, LOMT, La Grange, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, March 12, 2022

Phelps, Jason, DCE, Gloria Dei, Houston, Rev. Randy Miller, June 27, 2021
Prestwood, Elizabeth, Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 21, 2022
Pulliam, Laura, DCE, Lazarus Church, Spring, Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther, January 22, 2023

Schneider, Kathryn, DCE, Resurrection, Spring, Rev. Dr. Stephen Sohns, May 2, 2021
Semler, Eric, Concordia International School Shanghai, China, Rev. Dr. Chris Mizel, August 11, 2024
Semler, Karin, Lutheran Hour Ministries, St. Louis, MO Rev. William Tucker, April 21, 2024
Stallings, Jennifer, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 21, 2022
Staub, Michael, Memorial, Houston, Rev. Robert Paul, August 22, 2021
Stuewe, Kristin, Zion, Walburg, Rev. Dr. David Kluth, August 14, 2022

Uma Shankar, Kanagasabai, DCE, Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 14, 2022

Valencia, Sarah, DCE, CrossRoad, Katy, Rev. Paul Goeke, August 28, 2022
Valencia, Sarah, DCE, St. John, Cypress, Rev. Michael Newman, September 8, 2024

Walker, Sarah, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 20, 2023
Warneke, Lindsey, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Steven Garrabrant, August 16, 2024
Wenthe, William, Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio, Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy, August 21, 2021
Werner, Dorinda, DCE, Texas District BMA, Austin, Rev. Michael Newman, August 28, 2022
White, Diane, Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 15, 2021
Winkelman, Steven, Concordia International School Shanghai, China, Rev. Dr. Chris Mizel, September 19, 2021

Zehnder, Stephen, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Steven Garrabrant, August 16, 2024

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS WITH CALL & INSTALLED

Arambel, Sally, Pacific Southwest District to Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 21, 2022



Bigon, Katherine, Pacific Southwest District to Concordia, San Antonio, Rev. Zach McIntosh, August 22, 2021

Blake, Jennifer, Michigan District to St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Matthew Popovits, August 9, 2024

Brandon, Catherine, Rocky Mountain District to Salem, Tomball, Rev. Tim Niekerk, August 21, 2022

Brandon, Michael, Rocky Mountain District to Salem, Tomball, Rev. Tim Niekerk, August 21, 2022

Brown, Kenzie, DCE, Southern District to King of Kings, Round Rock, Rev. Christopher Brynestad, July 9, 2023

Brutlag, Sarah, Northern Illinois District to Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 22, 2021

Cattau, Daniel, Pacific Southwest District to Concordia High School, Pflugerville, Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry, August 17, 2022

Cholak, Stephanie, Rocky Mountain District to Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 21, 2022

Clift, Megan, CNH District to St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. Andy Audette, August 13, 2023

Crouch, Kellye, DCE, Southern District to Immanuel Lutheran School, Houston, Rev. Ian Pacey, August 13, 2023

Crouch, Richard, DCE, Southern District to Lutheran North Academy, Houston, Rev. Matthew Popovits, August 23, 2023

Dueck, Daniel, California-Nevada-Hawaii District to Crown of Life, Colleyville, Rev. Martin Richardson, August 14, 2022

Dueck, Erin, California-Nevada-Hawaii District to St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. Andy Audette, August 14, 2022

Duensing-Werner, Audrey, DCE, Nebraska District to Gloria Dei, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, July 31, 2022

Eggold, Stephen, Missouri District to Dallas Lutheran School, Dallas, Rev. Mark Couser, September 2, 2022

Eklund, Rachel, Pacific Southwest to Concordia Lutheran High School, Tomball, Rev. Brad Jurischk, August 22, 2024

Eklund, Todd, Pacific Southwest to Concordia Lutheran High School, Tomball, Rev. Brad Jurischk, August 22, 2024

Fogo, Scott, Pacific Southwest District to LEAH - Lutheran Education Association of Houston, Friendswood, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 14, 2022

Gaide, Mary Laura-Li, DCE, Ohio District to Zion, Walburg, Rev. Dr. David Kluth, October 2, 2022

Garner, Emily, DCE, English District to Salem, Tomball, Rev. Vince Parks, July 31, 2022

Gowdy, Karsin, Northwest District to Crown of Life, Colleyville, Rev. Jack Schneider, August 11, 2024

Guerra, Noemi, Deaconess, Iowa West District to Texas District - LCMS, Austin, Rev. Michael Newman, August 1, 2021

Guynes, Allyssa, DCE, Northern Illinois District to Trinity, Woodway, Rev. Kevin Lentz, April 18, 2021

Heins, Joseph, Michigan District to St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. Andy Audette, August 11, 2024

Howard, Ryan, DCE, Atlantic District to Lamb of God, Humble, Rev. Tony Kobak, May 2, 2021

Howard, Roger, DCE, Pacific Southwest District to Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio, Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy, January 29, 2022

Hyslop, Scott, DPM, Michigan District to Zion, Dallas, Rev. Dr. Robert Preece, January 23, 2022



Irwin, Alexander, DCE, Minnesota South District to St. John, Cypress, Rev. Mark Wuggazer, September 11, 2022

Korte, Matthew, Nebraska District to Lutheran North Academy, Houston, Rev. Matthew Popovits, August 23, 2023

Krueger, Steven, DCE, Michigan District to Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, November 7, 2021

Maynard, Patrick, CNH District to Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Steven Garrabrant, August 16, 2024

McCarthy, Steven, DCE, Southeastern District to Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, February 19, 2023

Miller, Jordan, DPM, Nebraska District to Salem, Tomball, Rev. Tim Niekerk, September 3, 2023

Montgomery, Andrew, Northern Illinois District to St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. Andy Audette, July 7, 2024

Mueller, Jonathan, Missouri District to Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 8, 2021

Norris, Priscilla, Pacific Southwest District to Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 14, 2022

Parsons, Daniel, Pacific Southwest District to Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Karl Ashcraft, August 24, 2022

Pederson, Jessica, Northern Illinois District to St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Matthew Popovits, August 9, 2024

Proctor, Jack, DCE, Florida-Georgia District to Concordia Lutheran, San Antonio, Rev. Zach McIntosh, August 22, 2021

Roesler, Kerrie, English District to Trinity Klein, Spring, Rev. Ralph Hobratschk, August 13, 2023

Ross, Laura, DCE, Southeastern District to St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Matthew Popovits, November 12, 2023

Salchert, Rachel, Northwest District to Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 21, 2022

Semler, Eric, Southeastern District to Concordia, San Antonio, Rev. William Tucker, August 20, 2023

Stahlecker, Brianne, Missouri District to Immanuel, Giddings, Rev. Robert Tiner, August 14, 2022

Strehlow, Kari, Florida-Georgia District to Zion, Walburg, Rev. Dr. David Kluth, August 14, 2022

Sugita, Tetsuya, DPM, Nebraska District to Bethel, Bryan, Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther, October 31, 2021

Thoelke, Kate, Southern Illinois District to Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, July 11, 2021

Tripp, Mikhail, Minnesota South District to Immanuel, Giddings, Rev. Robert Tiner, August 11, 2024

Vasquez, Angela, Indiana District to Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 17, 2021

Walker, Kelsi, Pacific Southwest District to Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Karl Ashcraft, August 24, 2022

Walter, Bret, Pacific Southwest District to LEAH - Lutheran Education Association of Houston, Friendswood, Rev. John Davis, August 27, 2023

Warneke, Lindsey, Pacific Southwest District to Lutheran High North, Houston, Rev. Kelly Krieg, August 27, 2021



Welter, Leah, DCE, Florida-Georgia District to Peace, Hurst, Rev. Brian Weaver, January 9, 2022
Wilke, Christian, Michigan District to Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 8, 2021

Zehnder, Stephen, Pacific Southwest District to Lutheran North Academy, Houston, Rev. Lonnie Gonzales, September 27, 2023

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS ON INACTIVE STATUS

Armstrong, Debra, Candidate, Pacific Southwest District, September 13, 2021

Bachmann, Lori, DCE/Emeritus, Florida-Georgia District, December 1, 2022

Cahill, Kyle, DPM/Candidate, Pacific Southwest District, November 19, 2021

Doering, Sandra, Emeritus, Northern Illinois District, August 2, 2021

Fingerle, Suzanne, Deaconess/Candidate, North Wisconsin District, August 9, 2022

Hagge, John, Emeritus, DCE/Teacher/North Dakota District, January 1, 2023

Hyslop, Dora, Candidate, Michigan District, January 1, 2022

Koopman, Karleen, Emeritus, South Dakota District, July 8, 2024

Krueger, Julie, Candidate, Michigan District, December 1, 2021

Loren, John, DCE/Candidate, Michigan District, February 13, 2023

Meyer, JoAnne, Emeritus, New England District, May 4, 2022

Moerbe, Mary, Deaconess/Candidate, Oklahoma District, May 25, 2023

Moudy, Lauren, Candidate, Mid-South District, July 22, 2022

Natonick, Marlys, Emeritus, Northwest District, July 1, 2024

Pauls, Rebekah, Candidate, Kansas District, May 7, 2024

Phifer, Jennifer, Candidate, Michigan District, November 1, 2024

Ridley, Stephanie, Candidate, Missouri District, June 3, 2022

Rivers, Christine, Candidate, Ohio District, April 27, 2022

Salmi, Kristine, Candidate, Southeastern District, August 21, 2024

Strehlow, Gloria, Emeritus, South Wisconsin District, August 16, 2024

Viray, Emmanuel, DCM/Candidate, Northern Illinois District, April 1, 2021

Walo, Karen, Candidate, Pacific Southwest District, December 20, 2021

Walther, Benjamin, Candidate, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, August 23, 2021

Warner, Stephanie, DCE/Candidate, Rocky Mountain District, January 25, 2022

Yung, Janice, Emeritus, South Dakota District, December 15, 2022

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS



Aadsen, Lori Emeritus to Rocky Mountain District, August 5, 2022

Bangert, Jason Called to Missouri District, July 1, 2024
Bangert, Jessica Called to Missouri District, June 30, 2024
Baringer, Brooke Called to Minnesota South District, July 1, 2021
Baringer, Todd Called to Minnesota South District, July 23, 2021
Barreto, Blythe DCE/Candidate to Florida-Georgia District, September 3, 2022
Bass, Katy DCE/Candidate to Florida-Georgia District, January 1, 2024
Beaver-Perez, Nichole Called to Pacific Southwest District, June 20, 2024
Boehme, Hannah Called to Missouri District, July 29, 2021
Brandon, Amy Called to Missouri District, July 1, 2021
Bredehoeft, Natasha Called to Ohio District, March 14, 2024
Brock, Chloe Candidate Called to Florida-Georgia, July 24, 2024
Brown-Fickenschner, Taylor Deaconess/Called to Indiana District, April 15, 2023
Buhler, Pamela Deaconess/Candidate to Indiana District, September 12, 2022

Cleland, Laura Emeritus to Mid-South District, September 9, 2022
Cordt, Victoria Emeritus to Florida-Georgia District, January 27, 2022

Drefs, Katherine Called to Missouri District, July 1, 2022
Duensing-Werner, Audrey DCE/Called to Nebraska District, July 1, 2021
Duke, Jacqueline Deaconess/Emeritus to Mid-South District, March 18, 2024

Finley, Jessica DCE/Called to South Wisconsin District, June 7, 2023
Fowler, Eleanor Emeritus to South Dakota District, February 19, 2024
Fritsche, Christopher Called to Michigan District, June 15, 2023
Fritsche, Kirsten Called to Michigan District, June 6, 2024

Gallmeier, Edward Emeritus to Florida-Georgia District, February 27, 2022
Gallmeier, Elizabeth Emeritus to Florida-Georgia District, February 27, 2022
Garcia, Brooke Called to Indiana District, July 8, 2023
Gmirek, Samuel Called to South Wisconsin District, June 7, 2024
Gorline, Gretchen Candidate to Missouri District, July 22, 2021
Gross, Jennifer DCE/Called to Minnesota South District, May 1, 2022

Hankemeier, Amanda Candidate Called to Missouri District, July 1, 2024
Heidtbrink, Natalie Called to Nebraska District, August 31, 2022
Hill, Matthew Called to Indiana District, July 31, 2021
Hill, Lorna Deaconess/Emeritus to Minnesota South District, January 14, 2022
Hoffschneider, Larry Emeritus to SELC District, January 25, 2021
Hoffschneider, Nancy Emeritus to SELC District, January 25, 2021
Hohnstadt, Elizabeth Candidate to Northwest District, November 4, 2021
Holman, Matthew Called to South Wisconsin District, August 16, 2022
Hook, Chelsea Called to Minnesota South District, June 7, 2024

Jahnke, Amanda DCE/Called to Southeastern District, July 31, 2022
Jahnke, Philip Candidate Called to Southeastern District, July 31, 2022
Jordening, Carol Candidate to Pacific Southwest District, September 15, 2021



Karner, Steven Called to South Wisconsin District, August 11, 2022
Kilpatrick, Andrea Candidate to Mid-South District, April 6, 2022
Koester, Elizabeth Deaconess/Called to Southern Illinois District, June 6, 2023
Kortze, Matthew DCE/Called to Northwest District, June 25, 2023
Kroemer, Jeff Called to South Wisconsin District, June 1, 2022

Liefer, Kelly Candidate to English District, August 31, 2021
Littmann, Aaron DCE/Called to Indiana District, February 5, 2024
Lohman, Tessa Called to Pacific Southwest District, July 31, 2021
Lorenzen, Michael Called to Michigan District, June 1, 2021
Lotz, Jennifer Candidate to Southern District, June 3, 2022

Maynard, Patrick Called to California-Nevada-Hawaii District, July 1, 2022
Miller, Deanna Called to Missouri District, July 23, 2022
Moore, Cassandra DCE/Candidate to Northwest District, October 23, 2023
Moritz, Todd Called to Pacific Southwest District, March 1, 2022
Mueller, Carol Emeritus to Nebraska District, August 18, 2021
Mueller, David Emeritus to Nebraska District, August 18, 2021
Mull, Lisa Called to Missouri District, June 30, 2022
Mussell, Leah Called to South Wisconsin District, June 1, 2022

Nash, Cora Called to Pacific Southwest District, June 1, 2022
Netherton, Karen Emeritus to Iowa East District, March 1, 2022
Nitz, Todd Called to Northern Illinois District, July 3, 2023
Nitz, Angela DCE/Called to Northern Illinois District, July 23, 2023

Osbourn, Jeffrey Called to Southeastern District, July 1, 2021

Palisch, Daniel Emeritus to Missouri District, January 21, 2022
Perry, Andrew DCE/Candidate to Rocky Mountain District, May 10, 2021
Phillips, Kathryn Deaconess/Called to Southern District, June 23, 2023
Preston, Emily DCO/Called to Pacific Southwest District, July 18, 2021
Preston, Matthew DPM/Called to Pacific Southwest District, July 18, 2021
Psencik, Robert Candidate to Nebraska District, July 22, 2021
Psencik, Sheila Candidate to Nebraska District, July 22, 2021

Raebel, Micah DPM/Candidate to Pacific Southwest District, September 14, 2021
Robinson, Joel Emeritus to Indiana District, August 18, 2021
Rockrohr, Megan Candidate to South Wisconsin District, April 11, 2022
Roettjer, Stephanie DCE/Candidate to Rocky Mountain District, June 26, 2022
Rogers, Randall Candidate Called to Northern Illinois District, April 29, 2022

Schlie, Rachel Candidate to Mid-South District, January 31, 2022
Schneider, Kathryn DCE/Called to Iowa West District, February 9, 2023
Schultz, Jane Candidate to Michigan District, August 1, 2024
Seeliger, Michaela DCE/Called to Missouri District, August 25, 2024
Segovia, Brenda DCE/Candidate to Northwest District, January 12, 2021
Seris, Philip Called to South Wisconsin District, June 25, 2021
Seter, Guy DCE/Candidate to Nebraska District, April 26, 2022
Sievert, Kathryn DCE/Called to Pacific Southwest District, December 19, 2021



Smith, Skylar DCE/Called to Southern District, August 15, 2021
Sommermeyer, David Emeritus to Indiana District, January 18, 2021
Studer, Kiara Called to Southeastern District, July 12, 2024
Swanson, Craig Emeritus to Pacific Southwest District, January 15, 2022

Thompson, Michelle Called to Pacific Southwest District, April 9, 2021

Vega, Aaron DCE/Called to Rocky Mountain District, June 1, 2023

Welter, Leah DCE/Called to Minnesota South District, November 15, 2024
Winckler, Michael DCE/Candidate to Missouri District, June 17, 2024
Wolfgram, Barbara Emeritus to Pacific Southwest District, August 1, 2024
Wolfgram, Dale Emeritus to Pacific Southwest District, August 1, 2024
Wollenberg, Katherine Called to Southern Illinois District, January 31, 2021

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS CHANGE OF STATUS

Antrim, Joanne, Active to Candidate, April 21, 2023
Auger, Cherie, Candidate to Emeritus, September 16, 2022

Bahr, Donald, Candidate to Emeritus, April 19, 2021
Barreto, Blythe, DCE/Active to Candidate, July 1, 2022
Bartz, Bradley, DCE/Active to Candidate, August 16, 2021
Bass, Katy, DCE/Active to Candidate, August 14, 2023
Becker, Michael, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2024
Black, Sarah, Active to Candidate, September 1, 2022
Bode, Joel, Active to Emeritus, August 1, 2023
Boehne, Bruce, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2023
Bortnem, Brett, DCE/Active to Candidate, September 1, 2021
Brandenburger, Corey, Active to Candidate, March 2, 2024
Braun, Linda, Candidate to Emeritus, June 11, 2022
Braunersreuther, Rachel, Active to Emeritus, June 1, 2022
Brotzman, Ruth, Candidate to Emeritus, May 31, 2021
Buchheimer, Paul, Candidate to Emeritus, April 7, 2024
Buhler, Pamela, Deaconess/Active to Candidate, September 1, 2022
Burdick, Brenda, Active to Candidate, September 1, 2021

Canez, Joan, Active to Emeritus, August 1, 2021
Carey, Grant, Active to Candidate, April 25, 2023
Carlove, Patrick, Active to Candidate, April 2, 2023
Christian, Donald, Active to Candidate, April 11, 2023
Cleland, Laura, Active to Emeritus, June 1, 2022
Crouch, Richard, DCE/Active to Candidate, July 1, 2024
Cunningham, Chloe, Active to Candidate, June 5, 2021

Davis, Mark, Candidate to Emeritus, February 20, 2022
Devine, Connie, Active to Emeritus, September 1, 2022
Diaz, Linda, Active to Emeritus, August 1, 2021
Doering, Mike, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2022
Drake, Chase, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2023



Driskill, William, Active to Emeritus, November 1, 2022

Eggold, Stephen, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2024

Ehrhardt, Monica, Active to Emeritus, August 1, 2023

Einem, Randy, Active to Emeritus, June 15, 2022

Evert, Catherine, Candidate to Emeritus, March 15, 2022

Fick, Patricia, Active to Candidate, April 13, 2023

Finke, Julie, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2023

Fowler, Eleanor, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2022

Fraker, Sharon, Candidate to Emeritus, July 1, 2022

Frantz, Teri, DCE/Active to Candidate, July 1, 2021

Fritsche, Kirsten, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2023

Gaertner, Mary Beth, Active to Emeritus, June 1, 2022

Gary, Sue, Active to Emeritus, March 1, 2024

Gatlin, Connie, Candidate to Emeritus, January 10, 2023

Gerard, Lance, Active to Emeritus, June 1, 2021

Gerard, Dana, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2023

Gerard, Dana, Candidate to Emeritus, March 12, 2024

Glandorf, Steven, Active to Emeritus, August 1, 2023

Goedecke, Keith, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2023

Goedecke, Stephanie, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2023

Goeke, David, Candidate to Emeritus, March 9, 2021

Gray, Caroline, DCE/Active to Candidate, March 29, 2021

Gremmer, Elizabeth, Active to Emeritus, January 1, 2021

Griedl, Mary, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2023

Griffin, Michelle, Active to Emeritus, June 1, 2021

Guynes, Allyssa, DCE/Active to Candidate, July 20, 2024

Hahn, Christopher, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2021

Hilgendorf, Thomas, Active to Emeritus, May 25, 2023

Himmler, Gary, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2022

Hohle, Gwendolyn, Active to Emeritus, October 1, 2022

Hohnstadt, Elizabeth, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2021

House, James, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2024

Huwyler, Sue, Active to Emeritus, May 27, 2022

Kemnitz, Dirk, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2024

Kirk, Kristi, Active to Candidate, April 5, 2023

Kleb, Michelle, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2024

Kleinberg, Jordyn, Active to Candidate, July 2, 2023

Krause, Bradley, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2024

Kretzmann, Norma, Active to Emeritus, October 1, 2021

Krumwiede, Anastasia, Active to Candidate, June 1, 2024

Lange, Kristi, Active to Candidate, January 13, 2022

Lerch, Kathleen, Candidate to Emeritus, July 26, 2023

Loesch, Jonathan, DCE/Active to Emeritus, May 1, 2024

Lutz, Katherine, DCE/Active to Candidate, January 1, 2024



MacIntosh-Beatson, Joshua, DCE/Active to Candidate, January 1, 2024
Meineke, Hannah, Active to Candidate, April 12, 2023
Menke, Thomas, Candidate to Emeritus, August 1, 2024
Moehring, Cheryl, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2024
Molitor, Laura, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2021
Moore, Cassandra, DCE/Active to Candidate, November 14, 2022
Mueller, Carol, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2021
Mueller, David, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2021

Nichols, Jayme, DCE/Active to Candidate, February 1, 2021
Norris, Julianne, Active to Emeritus, June 1, 2022
Nunes, Brenna, Active to Candidate, April 7, 2023

Paluch, Martin, Active to Emeritus, July 31, 2021
Pata, Ronda, Candidate to Emeritus, January 30, 2023
Paulsel, Brenda, Candidate to Emeritus, April 13, 2021
Perez, Harmony, DCE/Active to Candidate, January 1, 2022
Pittock, Stephanie, DCE/Active to Candidate, November 6, 2022
Psencik, Robert, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2021
Psencik, Sheila, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2021
Pulfer, Denise, DCE/Active to Emeritus, May 21, 2023

Raebel, Micah, Active to Candidate, September 2, 2021
Ragaisis, DeeAnn, Active to Candidate, January 1, 2022
Ragaisis, DeeAnn, Candidate to Emeritus, January 13, 2023
Rogers, Randall, Active to Candidate, January 22, 2022
Rudi, Carol, Candidate to Emeritus, January 1, 2021
Rupp, Donna, Active to Emeritus, July 22, 2023
Ryan, Rick, Active to Emeritus, August 1, 2023

Sanchez, Leticia, Deaconess/Active to Emeritus January 1, 2023
Schaefer, Susan, Candidate to Emeritus, May 26, 2021
Schultz, Melanie, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2021
Schultz, Jane, Active to Candidate, May 25, 2024
Seris, Elizabeth, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2021
Siegrist, William, Candidate to Emeritus, May 7, 2021
Snow, Abigail, DCE/Active to Candidate, October 9, 2023
Stuenkel, Paul, Active to Emeritus, June 1, 2021
Styf, Sarah, Active to Candidate, February 12, 2021

Thibodeaux, Victoria, DCE/Active to Candidate, April 2, 2023

Vogt, Lisa, Active to Candidate, July 2, 2024

Walo, Karen, Candidate to Emeritus, May 31, 2022
Whightsil, Sharon, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2023
Wilk, Mark, Candidate to Emeritus, June 30, 2021
Wimberley, Linda, Active to Emeritus, June 1, 2021
Wolfgram Dale, Active to Emeritus, June 16, 2024



Wrege, Thomas, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2024

Youmans, Jacob, Active to Candidate, April 12, 2023

Zoch, Anita, Candidate to Emeritus, April 25, 2024

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS CALLED TO GLORY

Arltdt, Judith, April 4, 2021

Bachmann, Lori, December 14, 2024

Berry, Jerome Gayle, May 11, 2023

Bilich, Andrew, October 21, 2024

Boerger, Mark, October 4, 2024

Deterling, Lillian, May 26, 2023

Greenwald, Linda, April 10, 2022

Held, Michael, March 19, 2024

Henke, Stephen, September 22, 2022

House, Robert, March 8, 2024

Kamprath, James, February 22, 2024

Koenig, David, March 9, 2021

Kunz, Reynold, June 19, 2021

Lacey, Howard, September 18, 2021

Lindsay, Kay, October 28, 2021

Lubben, William (Bill), October 21, 2023

Lunsford, Amy, January 20, 2021

Menke, Steven, December 16, 2021

Mueller, Gene, March 10, 2024

Oettel, Robert, August 20, 2024

Roskavich, Eloise, September 19, 2024

Rudi, Bruce, December 24, 2023

Schepmann, Darrell, April 3, 2022

Telschow, Connie, October 1, 2023

Wallis, Diane, June 25, 2023

Wenthe, William, September 25, 2024

Williams, John, June 18, 2021

Zielke, Donald, August 9, 2021

Zoch, Theodore, January 7, 2024

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS REMOVED/RESIGNED

Allman, Richard, August 1, 2023

Anderson, Chris, June 27, 2024

Appel, Kristin, August 1, 2024

Aufdemberge, Carol, January 1, 2024

Baker, Sarah, July 2, 2021

Barrett, Heidi, July 9, 2021

Bielefeldt, Angie, August 1, 2024

Bielefeldt, Teresa, January 9, 2024

Bleier, Heather, June 28, 2022

Boehnke, Annette, June 15, 2023

Bortnem, Brett, February 17, 2022

Brandenburger, Melissa, May 27, 2021

Bransky, Karen, August 1, 2024

Brda, Ellen, August 1, 2024

Brown, Allison, August 1, 2024

Brumbaugh, Zachary, June 1, 2024

Buchheimer, Matthew, July 2, 2021

Buffington, Linda, December 31, 2022

Burdick, Brenda, January 9, 2023

Carey, Carrie, May 24, 2021

Carpenter, Aaron, June 1, 2023

Chai, Joshua, February 4, 2022

Constantino, Correne, August 1, 2023

Craig, Tamra, August 1, 2024

DeHaven, Stephanie, June 1, 2024

Denow, Lola, October 1, 2021

Deutsch, Cathlyn, August 1, 2024

Dietzmann, Lisa, January 1, 2024

Domin, Michelle, July 9, 2021

Dominguez, Candice, November 7, 2021

Drosche, Amy, June 28, 2022

Eliassen, Connie, January 24, 2023



Engebretson, Chelsie, August 1, 2024
Esquivel, Katie, October 1, 2021
Evans, Tanner, June 1, 2022

Feinberg, Rhonda, August 1, 2024
Fraker, Emily, June 29, 2022
Fuessel, Susan, August 1, 2024

Galler, Kelly, August 12, 2024
Goddard, Bartley, September 14, 2022
Goedecke, Keith, June 4, 2024
Goedecke, Stephanie, June 4, 2024
Gottula, Holly, August 4, 2021
Griffin, Michelle, August 1, 2024
Guerrero, Melissa, July 2, 2021

Hanson, John, July 9, 2021
Harmann, Craig, April 13, 2021
Hauser, Andrea, January 1, 2024
Hayes, Steven, January 1, 2024
Helfers, Brooke, March 3, 2022
Hengeveld, Adam, June 23, 2022
Henning, Gail, August 1, 2024
Hipp, Jennifer, July 9, 2021

Irwin, Alexander, March 24, 2024

Kemnitz, Alec, July 2, 2021
Kemnitz, Detlef, June 1, 2024
Kersten, Kevin, April 27, 2021
King, Elizabeth, June 1, 2021
King, Jennifer, January 1, 2024
Kirby, Jean, August 1, 2023
Kleinberg, Jordyn, September 13, 2024
Kluth, Adam, July 2, 2021
Koehler, Sarah, July 9, 2021
Kruse, Stanley, August 15, 2023

Lange, Lois, August 1, 2024
Lauder, Kimberly, August 1, 2022
Lawrence, Katy, August 1, 2024

Manthe, Kamara, July 2, 2021
Martindale, Justin, July 2, 2021
McEwin, Robert, July 2, 2021
Menzel, Kathleen, November 16, 2022
Miles, Catherine, July 16, 2021
Miller, Linda, July 9, 2021

Miller, Pauline, August 15, 2023
Mitchell, Deborah, July 2, 2021
Munz (Morrow), Rebekah, August 8, 2023

Nichols, Jayme, February 19, 2024
Noack, Bonnie, December 31, 2022
Norris, Julianne, June 10, 2024

Pape, Allison, March 28, 2022
Perez, Harmony, April 10, 2023
Perry, Laura, July 2, 2021
Pipho, Gerhardt, August 1, 2024
Prince, Samuel, August 28, 2022

Rahn, Joel, February 25, 2022
Reagan, Theresa, August 1, 2024
Redmond, Jana, December 7, 2022
Robbins, Nathan, June 1, 2024
Rostkowski, Lisa, August 1, 2024

Sage, Janice, July 9, 2021
Schaelke, Bert, August 11, 2023
Schraeder, Amber, June 4, 2021
Schutz, Aimee, August 11, 2021
Stoneburner, Elizabeth, June 25, 2022
Strandt, Marlene, August 1, 2024
Streit, Karl, June 28, 2022
Styf, Sarah, August 1, 2022
Swisher, Jonathan, January 1, 2024

Taylor, Christina, July 2, 2021
Telschow, Jonathan, August 8, 2023
Tefaye, Abigail, June 1, 2022
Thiede, Mary, July 3, 2024
Thomas, Jaimie, June 2, 2021

Walker, Audrey, August 4, 2021
Wasson, John, November 11, 2021
Weaver, Victoria, January 28, 2022
Wetuski, Angela, June 28, 2023
Whitaker, Abby, July 9, 2021
Whitson, Linda, January 1, 2024
Wilk, Mark, August 1, 2024
Williams, Elizabeth, November 10, 2024
Winkler, Chris, April 14, 2023
Wolbert, Gregory, July 1, 2021
Wuensch, Christina, July 2, 2021
Young, Angelica, January 5, 2023



XIII. Membership of Synod

INITIAL MEMBERSHIP OF CONGREGATIONS

Bartonville, The Grove, March 29, 2022
Bastrop, Epiphany, May 7, 2023
Copperas Cove, Immanuel/Trinity, September 1, 2022 (formation of a multi-congregation parish)
Corpus Christi, Trinity Our Savior, September 22, 2020
Ennis, Grace, April 18, 2021
Groves, Peace, November 30, 2021 (merger of St. Paul, Groves & Trinity, Port Arthur)
Hurst, Grace Divine, August 28, 2022
Katy, CrossRoad, August 7, 2022 (merger of Crosspoint & Emmaus Road, Katy)
League City, South Lake, January 21, 2024
Los Fresnos, The Table, May 18, 2021
Rockwall, Comunidad Cristiana Expansión, August 11, 2024
Robinson, Gathering, March 17, 2024
Spring, Lazarus, November 29, 2022

CONGREGATIONS DISBANDED OR DISSOLVED

Andrews, Faith, November 21, 2022

Brownsville, El Calvario, December 9, 2021

Childress, Trinity, May 2, 2021

Garland, Peace, January 12, 2023
George West, St. Paul, April 22, 2024
Grapevine, The Vine, July 31, 2020

Kingwood, Grace, July 26, 2021

Lyons, Immanuel, November 17, 2022

New Caney, Grace, July 26, 2021

Orange Grove, St. Paul, April 22, 2024

Paris, Beautiful Savior, August 12, 2024

Rowlett, Peace, January 12, 2023
Rosanky, Vineyard of Christ, January 20, 2022

Sommerville, Immanuel, November 17, 2022



XIV. ANNIVERSARIES

Significant anniversaries, beginning with the 25th, are being observed at the District Convention for the four years beginning with the last convention year. Therefore, in 2025, we observe anniversaries in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Anniversaries for 2025 will be observed at the District Convention in 2028.

ORDAINED MINISTERS' ANNIVERSARIES

75th Anniversary		David Couchman	1969
Edward Schneider	1949	David Dubbelde	1969
		Fred Gersch	1967
70th Anniversary		James Haner	1966
Richard Wagner	1953	Stephen Kappler	1967
		David Londenber	1969
65th Anniversary		Richard Mayerhoff	1969
Donald Black	1958	Wayne Renning	1966
Alvin Franzmeier	1957	Gary Schaper	1966
Walter Harms	1959	Richard Schroeder	1967
Eugene Krentz	1958	Frank Starr	1967
Walter Marth	1959	Norman Stoppenhagen	1968
Thomas Petersen	1956	Dennis Tegtmeier	1966
Benjamin Rathgeber	1958		
Wilbert Sohns	1959	50th Anniversary	
Mark Steege	1957	Paul Baumann	1972
Waldemar Wehmeier	1959	Neil Bockelmann	1972
		William Dasch	1973
60th Anniversary		Gilbert Franke	1972
Paul Dorn	1961	Wayne Graumann	1974
Walter Dube	1963	Kenneth Hennings	1973
Harold Fleischhauer	1964	John Hirsch	1973
Roger Grummer	1961	Paul Howe	1972
Robert Hill	1961	Richard Kessler	1971
Kenneth Holdorf	1964	William Knippa	1973
Alston Kirk	1964	Gary Martin	1974
Carl Kummer	1961	Richard Miller	1974
Alvin Lange	1963	Richard Mohr	1974
Wilbern Michalk	1963	Marcus Mueller	1974
Donald Muchow	1962	Dewayne Nelson Jr.	1973
Glenn O'Shoney	1962	Irvin Newman Jr.	1972
David Schultz	1963	Richard Noack	1974
		Gary Pohl	1971
55th Anniversary		Robert Preece	1973
Donald Berg	1968	Charles Rogers	1972
Daniel Canion	1966	Jack Schneider	1974



David Schroder	1972
John Selle	1971
Kenneth Sinclair	1971
Robert Teichmiller	1973
Stephen Wagner	1973
Laurence White	1974

45th Anniversary

David Adler	1979
David Bahn	1979
Allen Bauer	1977
David Bergman	1979
Gordon Besel	1979
Bruce Biesenthal	1976
Charles Boerger	1977
Gerald Boerger	1977
Robert Budewig	1976
Todd Dittloff	1976
Ruben Dominguez-	1979
John Frahm	1976
Michael Frick	1978
David Hintze	1977
Ralph Hobratschk	1976
Roger Hotopp	1979
Laverne Janssen	1977
David Kluth	1977
Robert Kobler	1976
Donald Loeschen	1976
George Loudenback	1977
James Mann	1976
Elder McCants	1977
David McKnight	1979
Milferd Meyer	1979
Paul Puffe	1979
David Quail	1976
Curtis Schneider	1977
Roland Schutz	1977
Mark Seeger	1979
Paul Teske	1976
Thomas Van Duzer	1979
Randy Walquist	1978

40th Anniversary

Mark Barz	1982
Henry Beverly	1982
Dennis Bragdon	1982
Wayne Braun	1984
Mark Brunette	1983
Kenneth Burkhard	1982
Mark Dankis	1983
John Davenport	1983
Timothy Dinger	1982
Allen Doering	1983
Douglas Dommer	1981
Craig DuBois	1981
Mark Elliott	1984
Donald Fraker	1983
Alfred Gallmeier	1982
Arthur Goldberger	1984
Michael Gruhn	1981
Randall Haedge	1982
Steven Henze	1981
Rudy Herbrich	1981
Chris Johnson	1981
David Jung	1984
Douglas Kabell	1982
Mark Karle	1982
Donald Kasper	1982
Donald Kirklen	1984
Victor Kollmann	1981
Alan Korinek	1981
Steven Larsen	1983
David Leeland	1981
Thomas Lubeck	1982
Michael Mattil	1984
James Menke	1983
John Messmann	1982
Paul Meyer	1981
Chad Miller	1983
Steven Misch	1982
Steve Morfitt	1982
David Mumm	1981
Scott Murray	1983
Richard Nelson	1983
Charles Paulson	1982
Richard Pfaff	1983



John Raddatz	1982
John Ramey	1984
Carl Rau	1984
David Rohde	1984
Kurt Rutz	1984
Ralph Sackschewsky	1981
David Sawhill	1981
Craig Schinnerer	1983
Landon Schkade Jr.	1984
Neldo Schmidt	1984
Wayne Schueler	1982
Richard Schuller	1982
Stanley Seat	1984
Richard Snyder	1981
Stephen Sohns	1984
Russell Tieken	1981
Russell Weise	1982
Craig Whitson	1984

35th Anniversary

John Austin	1986
Michael Bailey	1986
Brian Bestian	1987
Dale Bohm	1989
Jon Braunersreuther	1989
John De Young	1989
D. Bruce Drees	1988
Timothy Engel	1989
Patrick Erickson	1986
Patrick Ferry	1988
Gregory Finke	1989
Ronald Gebauer	1986
Richard Goodwill	1987
Edward Greenthaner	1987
Charles Hamit	1988
Robert Holaday	1989
Matthew Jacobs	1989
Kenneth Krippner	1988
Larry Krueger	1986
Randy Ledbetter	1986
Jeffrey Lee	1987
Sun Moon Lee	1989
Laurence Lieder	1987

Richard Lofgren	1986
Gregory Lorenz	1989
James Martin	1989
Kenneth Mitschke	1988
Daniel Molyneux	1986
John Moore	1986
Paul Neuberger	1988
Michael Newman	1987
Robert Pase	1989
Walter Pohland	1988
Jared Raebel	1987
John Reinke	1989
Scott Rische	1988
Timothy Rosenthal	1988
Jon Salminen	1989
John Stennfeld	1989
Kenyon Stroud	1988
William Tucker	1987
Richard Turner Jr.	1989
Kevin Westergren	1987
Billy Woolsey	1987
James Wright	1986

30th Anniversary

Terrance Adamson	1992
Joseph Ardy	1991
Kenneth Bersche	1994
Jay Beyer	1993
Ronald Bogs	1992
Martin Brauer	1994
Willie Campbell Jr.	1994
John Davis Jr.	1993
Michael Dorn	1991
John Elser	1992
Gerald Epperson	1993
Michael Erickson	1993
Russell Etzel	1992
Robert Gentet	1993
Curtis Giese	1994
Michael Hafer	1992
Peter Heckmann	1992
Dimas Jimenez	1992
Richard Jones	1991



Paul Kaiser	1992	Edward Boineau	1997
Arthur Maynard	1994	Gerald Boldt	1996
Jerome McNamara	1991	Jonathan Bontke	1999
Yohannes Mengsteab	1991	John Cain	1996
Jeffrey Muchow	1993	David Cecil	1996
Ninh Huu Nguyen	1992	Thomas Chryst	1999
David Reese	1991	Allan Eckert	1999
Stacy Rollefson	1992	Jock Ficken	1998
Eddie Scheler Jr.	1991	Gilberto Flores	1996
John Schmidt	1992	Michael Franckowiak	1999
William Sharp	1993	Jayson Galler	1998
Scott Stewart	1991	Edward Giese	1998
James Sturgis Sr.	1994	Jonathan Goeke	1996
Robert Sweet	1992	Scott Heitshusen	1996
M. Alan Taylor	1993	Robert Hemsath	1996
Mark Tews	1992	Kevin Jennings	1997
Jon Thomas	1994	Herbert Keistman	1996
Kenneth Watson	1994	Richard Lamb	1996
Delton Weiser	1991	J. Tom Lapacka	1998
Dana Wilhelmsen	1993	Robert LeBlanc	1996
Philip Wottrich	1993	Ronald Luedemann	1999
Jeffrey Wuertz	1993	Michael Meissner	1996
Kyu Yi	1993	Pete Mueller	1998
		Timothy Niekerk	1997
25th Anniversary		Phillip Phifer	1998
Mark Anderson	1996	David Reedy	1996
Joseph Andrajack Jr.	1999	Steven Roth	1996
Jon Arbogast	1998	Daniel Schepmann	1996
Keith Aschenbeck	1999	Dale Snyder	1998
David Bailes	1996	Erik Stadler	1998
Randall Bard	1997	David Truenow	1996
Greg Beutel	1998	Joseph Watson	1997
Brady Blasdel	1998	Byron Williams	1996

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS' ANNIVERSARIES

70th Anniversary		Betty Dorn	1958
Rollin Cattau	1954	Jonathan Fischer	1959
R. Leroy Hohle	1954	Leland Frese	1959
		Dorothea Jacob	1957
65th Anniversary		JoAnne Meyer	1959
Vernon Clausen	1959	Dalton Noack	1959



60th Anniversary

Elisabeth Bennett	1963
Ina Diepenbrock	1964
Ray Diepenbrock	1964
Laura Dinda	1964
William Driskill	1964
Katherine Gerdes	1962
Jay Musfeldt	1963
Sharon Richter	1963
Curtis Riske	1964
David Schultz	1962
James Stevenson	1964
Lee Stocker	1964
Helen Wenthe	1961
Carolyn Wilke	1962
Eva Zoch	1964

55th Anniversary

Fred Bleeke	1967
Janet Brunette	1967
Carol Bradley	1968
Paul Buchheimer	1968
Roy Capdeville	1968
Thomas Couser	1969
Dorothea Eckert	1966
Rodney Eckert	1966
Sharlyn Fritz	1966
Lowell Goecker	1967
Carol Helms	1968
Eunice Hendrickson	1969
Dr. Lou Jander	1966
Martha Jander	1966
Paulette Kamprath	1969
Wayne Karcher	1968
Alice Klement	1969
Joyce Kokel	1968
Eloise Kuhlmann	1967
Virgil Losey	1966
Larry Meissner	1968
Janet Meyer	1968
Michael Odinga	1969
Allan Paluch	1969
Margaret Schaefer	1968
Bruce Schaller	1968
Rita Schaller	1968
Melvin Schiwart	1967
James Schroeder	1968
Betty Schulze	1968
Mary Lou Sentesi	1969

Gilbert Sernett	1967
Carolyn Shaver	1967
Marjorie Tracy	1969
Cheryl Wildauer	1969
Larry Wissner	1969
John Zacho	1968

50th Anniversary

Steven Allmon	1972
Deborah Baacke	1973
Mark Baacke	1973
Donna Coppersmith	1972
Sandra Doering	1971
Gary Einem	1972
Carolyn Keys	1973
Glen Kieschnick	1973
Carol Kluth	1973
Sylvia Kokel	1971
Wayne Kramer	1972
Barbara Krause	1973
Paul Krentz	1971
Rebecca Krentz	1971

Linda Leitner	1973
Cheryl Linebrink	1971
Jan Lohmeyer	1971
"N.J." Malenke	1972
Robert Malzahn	1971
Naomi Matthys	1973
Timothy Miesner	1974
Randall Moerbe	1973
Susan Moerbe	1974
Mary Mountford	1971
Carol Mycock	1973
Michael Naleieha	1973
Sandra Nun	1971
Marilyn Petersen	1971
Jane Pohl	1974
Linda Rottermond	1971
Larry Saalfeld	1974
Vincent Straub	1974
Paul Stuenkel	1974
Donn Trautner	1973
Ardith Vandercook	1971
James Vandercook	1971
Janet Whitson	1971

45th Anniversary

Donald Bahr	1977
Jean Bangert	1978



Deborah Beisert	1977
Kathy Bodin	1979
Sandra Clinkenbeard	1976
Connie Devine	1977
Lynette Eickemeyer	1977
Christine Eilers	1977
Randy Einem	1976
Thomas Farrand	1979
Ronald Fritsche	1976
Connie Gatlin	1979
Rob Gerlach	1978
Karla Heerssen	1977
William Hinz	1978
James House	1979
Ann Jung	1977
Carolyn Koslan	1977
Keith Lund	1976
David Lundin	1977
Leann McClain	1976
Mark McClain	1976
Dr. James McConnell	1977
Deborah Merkord	1977
Lanny Merkord	1977
Eunice Meyer	1979
Kurt Niebuhr	1979
Martin Paluch	1977
Kimberly Pfaff	1979
David Rahberg	1978
Michael Rathje	1976
Carol Rudi	1976
Julia Sawhill	1977
Kevin Schlichting	1979
Wyatt Schultz	1978
Kathryn Stevens-Verdi	1976
Timothy Weber	1979
Angela Zuehsow	1976

40th Anniversary

Elizabeth Alyea-Brooks	1982
Kimberly Appel	1982
Virginia Axtell	1982
Michael Becker	1983
Joel Bode	1983
Rachel Braunersreuther	1984
Ruth Brotzman	1981
Dr. Don Christian	1981
Sue Davis	1982
Stephen Eggold	1984
Cathy Evert	1984
Patricia Fick	1984

R. Jeff Fink	1981
Kathleen Fischer	1983
Judith Friesenhahn	1982
Thomas Geyer	1984
Matthew Headley	1982
Gary Himmler	1981
Gwendolyn Hohle	1983
Nancy Horton	1982
John Kaster	1984
Dirk Kemnitz	1981
Michael Kesar	1983
Richard Knotts	1984
Pamela Krause	1982
Sandra Leger	1984
George Leitner	1982
Jonathan Loesch	1983
Thomas Menke	1982
Cindy Miller	1982
Carol A. Mueller	1984
Donna Mueller	1981
Becky Neumann	1983
Carrie Reber	1984
Richard Ryan	1982
Daniel Schaefer	1982
Susan Schaefer	1982
Penny Schimank	1983
Diane Severson	1981
William Siegrist	1981
Ellen Stamp	1982
Audrey Stoneburner	1984
Gordon Stoneburner	1984
Gloria Strehlow	1981
Pamela Tamburello	1984
Douglas Urban	1981

35th Anniversary

Debra Armstrong	1986
Kevin Baker	1986
Gene Benson	1986
Stephen Brennan	1989
A. LaNell Buchhorn	1988
Veloyce Dorn	1986
Kathryn Entzenberger	1987
Lance Gerard	1986
Sandra Hampton	1986
Archie Harlow	1986
Roger Howard	1986
Nancy Hurst	1987
Dr. Gertrude Keiper	1989
Dr. Paul Keiper	1987



Karleen Koopman	1987
Bradley Krause	1986
Kathleen Lerch	1988
Kathryn Leslie	1986
Richard Leslie	1988
Rebecca McArthur	1986
Bonnie Moore	1988
Dawn Mueller	1986
Lisa Quickel	1988
Dee Ann Ragaisis	1989
Penny Robbins	1987
Carolyn Rouse	1987
Donna Rupp	1987
Donna Schelen	1986
Lisa Schmidt	1989
Sheryl Seybold	1988
Rose Marie Stoermer	1989
William Wenthe, Jr.	1989
Phillip Wilke	1988
Robert Williams	1988
Suzan Winkelman	1988
Sharon Wottrich	1986
Lea Zimmerman	1987

30th Anniversary

Cheryl Bailes	1993
Sarah Black	1994
Amy Boatman	1994
Bruce Boehne	1993
Harold Boldt	1992
Maxine Bradshaw	1992
Jan Brennan	1991
Patrick Carlove	1991
Gelda Cullen	1994
Linda Diaz	1994
Audrey Duensing-Werner	1992
James Eifert	1992
Kimberly Eifert	1992
Shannon Fincke	1994
Sheri Fischer	1993
Scott Fogo	1993
Nathan Frerking	1991
Michelle Grant	1994
Mary Sue Griedl	1994
Tami Heupel	1994
Mary Hooper	1993
Dora Hyslop	1991
Julie Kangas	1992
Matthew Korte	1991
Nancy Kurio	1994

Timothy Merritt	1994
Walter Mischnick	1992
Mark Palmer	1991
Brenda Paulsel	1991
Heidi Peterson	1992
Denise Pulfer	1992
Garret Riveness	1993
Michelle Scheer	1994
Dr. Eric Semler	1994
Karin Semler	1993
Dr. Kurt Senske	1994
Janel Skrabanek	1994
Michele Snow	1994
Shelli Stuewe	1994
Tetsuya Sugita	1994
J. Scot Walter	1994
Kimberly Warneke	1993
Rebecca West	1992
John Wilt	1994
Steven Winkelman	1993

25th Anniversary

Peter Bergman	1997
Carol Bowen	1998
Corey Brandenburger	1997
Ruth Brandon	1998
Scott Browning	1996
Holly Dornak	1999
Emily Drees	1997
Kim Droegemueller	1998
Daniel Dueck	1998
Erin Dueck	1996
Joyce Dykes	1997
Joel Eisenbraun	1998
Kurt Frieling	1998
Shannon Galloway	1999
Rachel Garrabrant	1998
C.J. Greenwald	1996
Billie Griffith	1997
Rachael Hamre	1996
Chad Henke	1999
Heidi Henke	1999
Paige Hodges	1999
Freddie Holman	1998
James Johnson	1997
Sean Kangas	1997
Michelle Kleb	1999
Stephanie Knea	1999
Jeanne Kretzmann	1998
Richard Leslie	1998



Kari Lettow	1998
Amy Levenhagen	1998
Jeremy Lowe	1999
Priscilla Lucas	1997
Sheri Luedemann	1996
Joan Luker	1998
Paula Maddux	1998
Janice Marut	1998
Diane McCamant	1998
Judith Meyer	1999
Erika Mildred	1999
Jennifer A. Miller	1998
Michael Miller	1997
Carrie Oblinger	1997
Serena Pace	1997
Jessica Pederson	1999
Dale Quickel	1999
Donna Rabel	1999
Margaret Reed	1997
Lisa Roldan	1997

Gloria Ruppel	1996
Juli Schkade	1999
Bret Schroeder	1998
Cory Smith	1999
Paul Stark	1996
Judith Stevens	1996
Matthew Straub	1999
Sharon Teague	1998
Jonathan Telschow	1998
Kate Thaelke	1996
Paula Thomson	1999
Kara Tobaben	1996
Christina Vaupel	1997
Bret Walter	1997
Jennifer Ward	1996
Millard Watson	1996
Gretchen Weesner	1996
Diane White	1996
Linda Wimberley	1996
Jacob Youmans	1997

