



# MINISTER to MINISTER

**December 19, 2025**  
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## WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

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### Prayer Requests

- **Rev. Randy Ledbetter (Em., McKinney)** // recovering after a fall
- **Rev. Greg Lorenz (St. Paul, McAllen)** // diagnosed with prostate cancer
- **Family of Rev. Claudio Perez (Immanuel, Houston)** // Claudio's passing

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### New Calls

#### Commissioned

##### Accepted

**Dr. Dallas Lusk** // Executive Director, St. Mark, Houston to Superintendent, St. Luke's, Oviedo, FL

#### Ordained

##### Accepted

**Rev. Robert LeBlanc** // Sole (TIM), First, Orange Grove to TIM, Salem, Whitehall

##### Declined

**Rev. Curtis Dwyer** // Sr., Martin Luther Chapel, East Lansing, MI to Sole, St. Paul, Denton

##### Undecided

**Rev. John Berg** // Assoc., Trinity, Sheboygan, WI to Sole, St. Paul's, Jasper / Faith, Woodville

**Rev. Grant Bode** // Sole, St. Stephen's, Braham, MN/St. John's, Rush City, MN to Sole, Grace, Paris

**Rev. Ryan Cramer** // Sole, St. Paul, Foley, AL to Sole, Hope, Winnie

**Rev. Wynn Derong** // SMP, St. Andrew, Houston to Assoc., Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines, IA

**Rev. James Ebersole** // Assoc., Zion, Dallas to Sr., Zion, Dallas

**Rev. Mark Hunsaker** // Assoc., Christ the King, Kingwood to Sole, Hope, Austin

**Rev. Craig Schinnerer** // Em., Fort Worth to Sole, Faith, Grand Prairie

## Installations

Rev. Daniel Koyn // January 25, 4:00 p.m. // Sr., Trinity, Amarillo

Rev. Robert LeBlanc // January 25, 4:00 p.m. // Sole (TIM), Salem, Whitehall

## Ordination Anniversaries // December

### 45 years

Rev. Dr. Mike Coppersmith (12/14) - *Em.*, Georgetown

### 40 years

Rev. Dr. Russ Hildebrandt (12/8) - *Em.*, Grand Prairie

Rev. David Grassley (12/27) - *Em.*, Benbrook

### 35 years

Rev. Clyde Kieschnick (12/9) - Zion, Abilene

### 25 years

Rev. Ian Pacey (12/31) - Immanuel, Houston

### 15 years

Rev. Gerry Harrow (12/5) - Gathering, Robinson

## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**2026 DCE Retreat:** The 2026 DCE spiritual retreat will be held February 2-4, 2026 at Camp Lone Star. Leave your to-do list at the office. Pack your hammock, favorite game, or hobby. Come ready to let God re-create you through the lost art of recreation. [Learn more and register](#)

## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED



**Christmas Message 2025 //** As we celebrate the gift of Jesus this Christmas, we invite you to watch a special video message from our district president, sharing words of hope. A beautiful musical performance by Kemper Crabb & Mysterium at NewChurch in Katy follows the message, and we are deeply grateful to them for this special gift of music. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht2zWxg\\_ARQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht2zWxg_ARQ)

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### Upcoming Events

**JANUARY 21, 2026 //** Catalyst Innovation Lab // [Learn more](#)

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

**APRIL 20-21, 2026 //** Theological Convocation @ Faith, Georgetown // [More info to come](#)

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