



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

January 30, 2026

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WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- **Family of Mr. Ron Lammert (former District BOD member, archivist) //**
Ron's passing
 - **Family of Rev. John Stelling (Em., Austin) //** John's passing
 - **Family of Rev. Leo Symmank (Em., Littleton, CO) //** Leo's passing
 - **Family of Rev. Tom Wagstaff (Em., Waco) //** Tom's passing
 - **St. Paul, Dallas //** Fire has destroyed the sanctuary and everything inside
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New Calls

Ordained

Declined

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

Rev. Josh Knippa // Sole, Holy Cross, Nederland to Assoc., Zion, Painesville, OH

Rev. Richard Browning // Sr., Hope, Bonita Springs, FL to Sole, Zion, Victoria

Rev. David Murillo // Sr., St. Paul, San Antonio to Sr., Trinity, Portland, OR

Undecided

Rev. Eric Borchers // Sole, Our Savior, Austin to Sole, Christ, Breckenridge, CO

Rev. Stephen DeMik // Assoc., Hope, Lubbock to Chaplain, Bd. for Intl. Mission, LCMS

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

Rev. Jonathan D. Meyer // Sole, Holy Trinity/St. James, Lexington to Sole, Trinity, Uvalde

Installations

Chase Drake // February 1, 3:00 p.m. (ordination & installation) // SMP, Epiphany, Pearland

Rev. James Ebersole // February 1, 3:00 p.m. // Sr., Zion, Dallas
Rev. Robert LeBlanc // February 8, 10:00 a.m. // Sole (TIM), Salem, Whitehall
Abisalom Nasuwa // January 31, 11:00 a.m. (ordination & installation) // Assoc., Holy Cross, Dallas

Funeral

Mr. Ron Lammert, former Texas District Archivist and member of the Board of Directors (Helotes, TX) joined his Savior's side on January 20, 2026. His memorial service will be held February 4, 2026, 11:00 a.m. at Concordia, San Antonio (16801 Huebner Rd). Please keep his wife, Glenda, and his friends and family in your prayers.

Ordination Anniversary // February

15 years

Rev. Rodrigo Fernandez (2/27) - *Manantiales de Vida, Houston*

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Now Hiring: Texas Church Extension Fund is seeking a self-motivated, mission-minded communicator with strong relationship-building skills to join their team as **Manager of Loans and Investment Development**. This role manages the full lending lifecycle for ministry partners while building strong relationships with church leaders across the Texas District in support of our shared mission. [Learn more](#)

2026 Theological Convocation: Register now for the 2026 Theological Convocation at Faith, Georgetown! This year's theme is "Face to Face". In a world of hidden wounds, fragile identity, and growing isolation, the Gospel speaks face-to-face—calling us into honest conversation with God and one another. Join theologians Dr. Robert Kolb and Dr. Chad Lakies for a rich exploration of the self, the soul, and the God who meets us in suffering. [Learn more](#)

Multi-Asian Regional Gathering: Register now for the Multi-Asian Regional Gathering taking place March 6-7! We warmly invite you to be part of the Multi-Asian Regional Gathering 2026, a joyful celebration of faith, fellowship, and God's mission among our diverse Asian communities. [Learn more](#)

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Worker Care // Healing from Time Sickness: Do you feel like time is slipping away and you aren't spending it the way you would like to? Do you feel like your "to do" list will never get done? Do you feel guilty about not spending enough time with the people who matter most? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you might be suffering from time sickness. Click here to learn more and perhaps find a path to health... [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2-4, 2026 // DCE Spiritual Renewal Retreat // [Learn more](#)

MARCH 6-7, 2026 // Multi-Asian Gathering // [Learn More](#)

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

APRIL 20-21, 2026 // Theological Convocation: "Face to Face" // [Learn more](#)

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