



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

NOW HIRING: The Texas District and Texas CEF are now hiring for 2 open positions: Accounting Specialist and Accounting Administrative Assistant. Both positions are important to the work we do and provide an opportunity for someone with strong financial skills, attention to detail, organization, and a heart for ministry to serve alongside these amazing teams. Please share these postings with the members of your congregation. [Learn more](#)

Register for the Fall Pastors Conference: Ministry can take everything out of you. Often pastors pour out for everyone else while running on empty themselves. October 12-13, join pastors from across the Texas District for two days built around one simple truth: a healthy congregation starts with a healthy pastor. [Learn more](#)

Treasurer's Workshop: New and existing congregation treasurers, bookkeepers, financial secretaries, business managers or others who have financial responsibilities should attend. This workshop provides simple, straightforward help with church financial issues and offers networking opportunities with others in similar roles. Attendees will receive instruction and resources to help serve your congregation and avoid costly mistakes. [Learn more](#)

Catalyst Innovation Lab 2027: Do you have an innovative mission idea? Apply now to present your idea at the Catalyst Innovation Lab, where you will receive feedback from experienced ministry leaders and have the opportunity to be awarded up to \$50,000 in grant funding to help bring your vision to life. [Learn more](#)

Back to the Bible Summit: On September 30, from 10am to 1pm, gather with other pastors, educators, and ministry leaders online or in person at the Texas District Mission Support Center. Watch the Summit livestream together, connect and build relationships with other local ministry leaders, then stay for a guided conversation and time to reflect on how the ideas from the Summit can take shape in your own ministry context. Cost is **FREE**, but registration is required. [Learn more](#)

New Evangelist Training Cohort: A new Evangelist Training cohort begins September 14, 2026. This 8-week course over Zoom will help you learn and gain confidence in making disciples, strengthening your congregation, and reach your neighbors with the Gospel. [Learn more](#)

Transitional Interim Ministry Events: Are you interested or even curious in serving as an interim pastor? A Discernment Event, where you can gather more information, will be held September 15. A new class to begin interim ministry training begins October 1. [Learn more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- **Rev. Scott Heitshusen (LifeBridge, Sealy)** // recovery from nasal surgery
 - **Rev. Randy Ledbetter (Em., McKinney)** // being monitored for threat of stroke
 - **DCE Jay Musfeldt (Em., Leander)** // recovery from severe infection
 - **Mrs. Mary Neuberger, wife of Rev. Paul Neuberger (Em., Amarillo)** // hospitalized
 - **Rev. Jon Salminen (Epiphany, Pearland)** // heart problems, anticipating bypass surgery
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New Calls

(Note: Revisions to this list may be delayed so that calling congregations may announce updates to their members prior to districtwide publication.)

Commissioned

Declined

Tetsuya Sugita // DPM, Bethel, Bryan to DPM, St. Peter, Macomb, MI

Ordained

Declined

Rev. Joshua Brakhage // Assoc., Holy Trinity, Edmond, OK to Sr., Faith, Georgetown

Rev. Martin Davis // Sole, Trinity/St. Paul, Anthon/Battle Creek, IA to Sole, Trinity, Uvalde

Rev. Ryan Ogradowicz // Sr., Grace, Brenham to Sr., Our Savior, Houston

Undecided

Rev. Dr. John Cotner // SMP, Messiah, Corpus Christi to SMP, Zion, Victoria (Mission Valley)

Rev. Sean McMaughan // Sole, Grace, Ennis to Sole, Zion, Guthrie, OK

Rev. David Murillo // Sr., St. Paul, San Antonio to Sr., St. Luke, Dix Hills, NY

Rev. David Reedy // Sole, Trinity, Copperas Cove / Immanuel, Copperas Cove to Sole, Peace, Cherokee Village, AK

Installations

Rev. Robert Holaday // September 12, 11:00 a.m. // TIM, St. Peter, Bowie

Rev. Jeffrey Reuter // September 13, 10:30 a.m. // Assoc., St. Mark, Houston

Ordination Anniversaries // September

70 years

Rev. Thomas Petersen (9/2) - *Em., Austin*

35 years

Rev. Dr. Jerry Johnson (9/1) - *Em., Cibolo*

Rev. Michael Dorn (9/8) - *Trinity, Houston*

30 years

Rev. Steven Roth (9/15) - *Grace, Arlington*

20 years

Rev. Ken Bunge (9/17) - *First, Lufkin*

15 years

Rev. Steve Brummett (9/4) - *Zion, Vernon*

5 years

Rev. Micah Drengler (9/12) - *Redeemer, Beaumont*

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Texas Messenger // September: Read the latest from the leaders of the Texas District what's happening around Texas, through faithful congregations, mission efforts, and individuals. [Learn more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS // BE CONNECTED

2026

SEPTEMBER 14 // Online Evangelist Training Cohort Begins // [Learn more](#)

SEPTEMBER 14-16 // Hispanic Ministry Retreat + PALMCON // [Learn more](#)

SEPTEMBER 25-27 // Pastors' Wives Retreat // [Learn more](#)

SEPTEMBER 30 // Lutheran Bible Translators' Back to the Bible Summit // [Learn more](#)

OCTOBER 3 // Treasurers Workshop // [Learn more](#)

OCTOBER 12-13 // Fall Pastors Conference // [Learn more](#)

OCTOBER 12-13 // Educators Conference @ Prince of Peace, Carrollton // **More info coming soon**

2027

JANUARY 13 // Catalyst Innovation Lab // [Learn more](#)

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