# MINISTER to MINISTER

**October 30, 2026**
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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**NOW HIRING:** Texas CEF is now hiring for 2 open positions: an Accounting Administrative Assistant and a Loan Associate. Each position is important to the work we do and provides an opportunity for someone with strong financial skills, attention to detail, organization, and a heart for ministry to serve alongside our amazing teams. Please share these positions with the members of your congregation. Learn more

**Y4Life & YA for Life Conference & March for Life:** Registration is open for the FREE Y4Life and YA For Life Conference and March for Life in Washington, D.C., happening January 21st-23rd, 2027! Meet other students and life leaders from across the nation at this mountaintop event! Not only will participants learn more about life issues and take part in the March, but by registering through Lutherans For Life, leaders also receive a discount on hotel rooms and guided opportunities at the March. Learn more

**The Next Season of School Ministry in Texas:** We are excited to announce that Corey Moss has accepted the call as Director of School Ministry at the Texas District. We thank God for the amazing work of Dr. Hinz and look forward to Corey joining the district team. You can read the formal announcement on the Texas District website: Learn more

## WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

### Prayer Requests

- **Mrs. Wanda Gruhn, widow of Rev. Michael Gruhn (Em., Lubbock) //** passing of husband, Mike
- **Mrs. Lorena Torea, wife of Rev. Eduardo Torea (Cand., Plano) //** passing of husband, Eddie

## New Calls

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

### Ordained

**ACCEPTED**

**Rev. Lonnie Gonzales //** Assoc., Trinity, Houston to Sr., Faith, Georgetown
**Rev. Richard Turner //** Em., El Campo to Sole, St. John's, Wharton

**UNDECIDED**

**Rev. Dustin Beck //** Sole, Holy Cross, Warda to Sole, Good Shepherd, Titusville, FL
**Rev. Russell Eztel //** Sole, Concordia, Houston to Sole, Zion, Plainview, NE
**Rev. Ben Prohl //** Assoc., Trinity, Tyler to Assoc., Lamb of God, Humble

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## Installations

**Rev. John Cotner // November 15, 3:00 p.m. //** SMP, Zion, Victoria (Mission Valley)
**Rev. Andrew Nelson // November 15, 3:00 p.m. (ordination & installation) //** Assoc., Crown of Life, Colleyville
**Rev. Kevin Peterson // November 1, 3:00 p.m. //** Sole, Hope, Winnie
**Rev. Richard Turner // November 22, 3:00 p.m. //** Sole, St. John's, Wharton

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## November Ordination Anniversaries

**55 years**
**Rev. Ken Sinclair** (11/1) - *Em., Rosenberg*

**35 years**
**Rev. Thomas Obersat** (11/24) - *Trinity, Eden*

**25 years**
**Rev. Tom Baden** (11/11) - *Bethel, Ballinger*

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## Funerals

**Mrs. Linda J. Preece, wife of Rev. Dr. Robert Preece (Em., Dallas),** was called to glory on September 18, 2026. Her memorial service will be held October 31, 10:00 a.m. at Zion, Dallas (6121 E Lovers Ln). Her burial rite will be November 2, 10:00 a.m. at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery (Hancock Cemetery) in Austin. Please keep Pastor Preece and Linda's family and friends in your prayers.

**Rev. Eduardo J. Torea (Cand., Plano)** was called to glory on October 21, 2026. His funeral details are pending. Please keep Eddie's wife, Lorena, sons, Joshua and Alan, and his family and friends in your prayers.

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# RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Worker Care //** **Where Is Your Fortress?** As ministry professionals, we must be constantly in God's Word, growing in our faith and relationship with Him. All earthly fortresses will sooner or later pass away. God's love for us is eternal. Jesus will always be our only true fortress. If you need supportive friendships to help take care of yourself spiritually, the Texas District offers these care teams... Read more

## UPCOMING EVENTS // BE CONNECTED

### 2027

**JANUARY 13 //** Catalyst Innovation Lab **//** **Learn more**

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