

2018 CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS



**61st Convention of the Texas District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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Proceedings of 2018 Texas District Convention

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I. Preface

The delegates of the 61st Convention of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod assembled from June 14-16, 2018 for the district's triennial convention at the Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport in Irving, Texas. The theme of the convention was "Firmly Standing, Boldly Sending," based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-6.

The convention theme reflected the recent 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, which was celebrated in 2017, and the mission of the Church to spread the Gospel, which we preach and in which we stand. "Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand" (1 Corinthians 15:1, ESV).

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 by Almighty God to this end and to His glory.

In the service of Christ and His Church,

Rev. Larry Krueger
District Secretary

II. TEXAS DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Reverend Kenneth Hennings - President

The Reverend Dale Snyder - Vice-President Area A

The Reverend Eloy González - Vice-President Area B

The Reverend Mark Barz - Vice-President Area C

The Reverend Ralph Hobratschk - Vice-President Area D

The Reverend Larry Krueger - Secretary

Mr. Tim Miesner - Commissioned Minister

Mr. Mark McClain - Commissioned Minister

Mr. David Baldner - Layperson Area A

Mrs. Eunice Otte - Layperson Area B

Mr. Ron Lammert - Layperson Area C

Mrs. Karisa Schepmann - Layperson Area D

Mr. Glenn Hurta - Layperson at Large

2018 TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Convention Chairman

Rev. Ken Hennings
Texas District President

Convention Manager

Mrs. Lisa Candido
Texas District Staff

Hospitality & Volunteer Committee

Mrs. Rita Aves
St. Paul, Fort Worth

Mrs. Val Hennings
Redeemer, Austin

Ms. Meredith Wright
Texas District Staff

Texas District Area B Vice President

Rev. Eloy González
Our Redeemer, Irving

Registration Committee

Rev. David R. Jung
Crown of Life, Colleyville

Ms. Cindy Hilewitz
Texas District Staff

Vendor Committee

Mrs. Rita Aves
St. Paul, Fort Worth

Ms. Meredith Wright
Texas District Staff

Media Committee

Dr. Philip Hohle
ACTS Lakeline, Austin

Mr. Keith Howanitz
Texas District Staff

Texas District Treasurer

Mrs. Linda Hagge

Prayer Team Leader

Rev. Randy Haedge
Bethel, Dallas

Worship Committee

Mr. Sam Eatherton
Zion, Dallas

Rev. Dr. Robert Preece
Zion, Dallas

Mrs. Gwendolyn Hohle
Texas District Staff

Texas District Area B Mission & Ministry Facilitator

Rev. Dr. Yohannes
Mengsteab

Texas District Secretary

Rev. Larry Krueger
St. Paul, Waco

III. 2018 CONVENTION FLOOR COMMITTEES

FLOOR COMMITTEE #1 - MISSION & MINISTRY

Rev. Mark Barz, Crown of Life, San Antonio - Vice President
Rev. Eric Hiner, Hope, Lubbock, Chairman
Mr. Henry Janhsen, Trinity, Amarillo
Mr. Robert Koether, Trinity, Livingston
Mr. John Marut, St. Paul, Fort Worth
Rev. James Menke, St. John, Beaumont
Mr. Tim Miesner, Epiphany, Houston
Rev. Michael Newman, Texas District Staff
Rev. Eddie Scheler, Ascension, Cleburne
Rev. Matthew Ulmer, St. Paul, Bishop
Mr. Allan Werchan, Christ, Austin, Secretary

FLOOR COMMITTEE #2 - GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Rev. Jon Braunersreuther, Texas District Staff
Rev. John Davis, Jr., Memorial, Katy, Chairman
Rev. Ralph Hobratschk, Hope, Friendswood - Vice President
Mr. Glenn Hurta, St. Paul, Waco
Rev. Larry Knobloch, St. Peter, Bowie
Rev. Tom Konz, Faith, Stephenville
Mr. Alan Moritz, Redeemer, Austin
Rev. Nathan Wendorf, St. Paul, Harlingen, Secretary

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

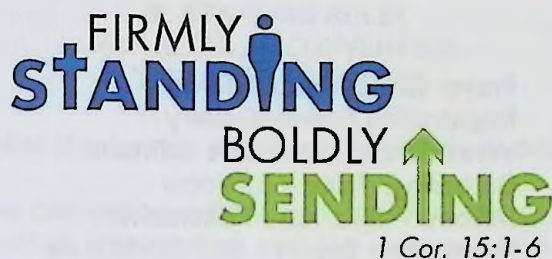
Rev. Michael Mattil, Grace, Denison
Rev. Dr. David Bahn, St. John, Cypress

MINUTES REVIEW COMMITTEE

Rev. Brian Hesse, Trinity, Amarillo
Rev. Michael Mattil, Grace, Denison
Rev. Walter Pohland, Faith, Georgetown

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Elected 2015 Convention)

Rev. Brian Hesse, Trinity, Amarillo - Ordained Area A, Secretary
Rev. Michael Mattil, Grace, Denison - Ordained Area B, Chairman
Rev. Dr. William Knippa, Bethany, Austin - Ordained Area C
Rev. Dr. David Bahn, St. John, Cypress - Ordained Area D
Mr. David Bangert, Dallas Lutheran School - Commissioned
Mr. Paul Krentz, Narrative, Round Rock - Commissioned
Mrs. Angela Newton, Alive in Christ, Big Spring - Lay
Mr. Louis Pabor, Trinity-Klein, Spring - Lay
Mr. Glenn Pittsford, Holy Cross, College Station - Lay



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IV. CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 14, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Convention Registration Opens— <i>Gallery</i> Vendor Area Opens— <i>Oak Ballroom</i>
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Floor Committee Open Hearings <i>Floor Committee #1 Dogwood Room</i> <i>Floor Committee #2 Irving Lecture Hall</i>
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Prayer Room— <i>Pecan Room</i>
12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Gathering— <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Opening of Convention— <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Devotion— <i>Rev. Dave Murillo</i>
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Essay/Bible Study - <i>Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer</i>
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Primer on Parliamentary Procedure - <i>Rev. Ralph Hobratchsk</i>
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Key Pad Orientation - <i>Rev. Walt Pohland</i>
3:00 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.	Registration Report - <i>Rev. David Jung</i>
3:05 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.	Ballot Instructions and Prayer <u>Elections:</u> <i>President</i> <i>Vice Presidents</i> <i>Ranking of Vice Presidents</i>
3:40 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	President's Report
4:15 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.	<u>Elections:</u> <i>District Secretary</i> <i>Board of Directors</i> <i>Board for Mission Administration</i> <i>Concordia University Texas Board of Regents</i> <i>District Nominating Committee</i> <i>2019 LCMS Committee for Convention Nominations</i> <i>Ratification of Circuit Visitors</i>
5:10 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.	Closing Prayer - <i>Rev. Randy Haedge</i>
5:20 p.m.	Registration Closes Dinner (<i>on your own</i>)
7:15 p.m.	Gathering— <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
7:30 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion - <i>Rev. Dr. Herb Mueller</i>
9:00 p.m.	Convention Reception— <i>Gallery and Oak Ballroom</i>

Friday, June 15, 2018

7:15 a.m. - 7:40 a.m.	Prayer Room— <i>Pecan Room</i>
7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration Opens— <i>Gallery</i>
	Vendor Area Opens— <i>Oak Ballroom</i>
7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Gathering— <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Devotion— <i>Rev. Mike Fickenscher</i>
8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.	Registration Report - <i>Rev. David Jung</i>
8:40 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Business I— <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Synod Report - <i>Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison</i>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Business II— <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon Prayer - <i>Rev. Randy Haedge</i>
	Lunch (<i>On your own</i>)
	Pastors Wives Luncheon— <i>BlueFire Grille</i>
1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Devotion— <i>Rev. Stephen DeMik</i>
1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	District Business III— <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Essay/Bible Study - <i>Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer</i>
3:45 p.m. - 4:55 p.m.	District Business IV— <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
4:55 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Closing Prayer - <i>Rev. Randy Haedge</i>
5:00 p.m.	Electoral Circuit Caucuses (<i>If desired</i>)— <i>Irving Lecture Hall and Dogwood Room</i>
6:00 p.m.	Dinner (<i>On your own</i>)
	Vendor Area Closes

Saturday, June 16, 2018

7:15 a.m. - 7:40 a.m.	Prayer— <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Gathering— <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Devotion— <i>Rev. Chris Holder and Juan Zamora</i>
8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.	Registration Report - <i>Rev. David Jung</i>
8:40 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	District Business V (<i>Anniversary Recognitions</i>) — <i>Trinity Ballroom</i>
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Break and Worship Preparation
9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Closing Worship & Memorial Service - <i>Rev. Ken Hennings</i>

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V. STANDING RULES
61st REGULAR CONVENTION
TEXAS DISTRICT, LCMS

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 and sit in the section reserved for voting members.
 - b. Only delegates wearing voting delegate badges and seated in the section designated for them 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. Proposed resolutions prepared by the floor committees, which are not acted upon by the convention before adjournment, die.
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. 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.

18. Use of sound producing or communication devices such as pagers and telephones are not permitted on the convention floor, except by convention staff.

(as adopted on June 14, 2018)

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VI. Convention Minutes

The 61st Convention of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod took place June 14-16, 2018 at the Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport in Irving, Texas. The theme of the Convention was “Firmly Standing, Boldly Sending,” based on I Corinthians 15:1-6.

Pre-Convention Events

Pre-convention events included registration of voting delegates and guests, Floor Committee Open Hearings (Floor Committee 1: Mission and Ministry and Floor Committee 2: Governance and Administration) on the morning of June 14, vendor booths were open for delegates to browse, and the Convention Prayer Room opened 45 minutes prior to the beginning of the convention proceedings, which room remained open for the duration of the convention.

General Session 1: Thursday Afternoon, June 14

Texas District President Rev. Ken Hennings gaveled the Convention to order at 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 14, “in the name of the Father and of the Son and Holy Spirit.”

President Hennings offered opening remarks, highlighting the blessings of mission expansion across the district and the convention theme, “Firmly Standing, Boldly Sending.” Hennings quoted Synod’s bylaws stating the reasons for district conventions are to “afford opportunities for worship, nurture, inspiration, fellowship and the communication of vital information. They are the principal legislative assemblies, which amend the District’s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, consider and take actions on reports and overtures, and handle appropriate appeals.”

President Hennings introduced the Parliamentarian, Kirk Overbey; Secretary, Larry Krueger; and Assistant Secretary, Walt Pohland.

Vice President Eloy González introduced the mayor of Irving, Mayor Richard Stopfer. Mayor Stopfer brought greetings to the convention from the people of Irving.

President Hennings thanked convention sponsors who financially supported the convention. These sponsors are Concordia University Texas, Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, Legacy Deo, Texas District Church Extension Fund, Texas Partners in Mission, Thrivent Financial, and Upbring. He also acknowledged the various vendors present at the convention.

The Opening Devotion was led by Rev. David Murillo, Senior Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, focusing on 1 Corinthians 15:1-6.

Convention Essayist, Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, delivered the first segment of his convention essay, focusing on the convention theme, “Firmly Standing, Boldly Sending,” recognizing how cultural changes are a blessing in disguise, as the Lord Jesus is the Lord of the Church, and how it is a great time to be the Church.

District First Vice-President Rev. Ralph Hobratchk led the delegates through a primer on parliamentary procedure. Ralph Hobratchk presented and moved to adopt the Standing Rules. The motion was seconded. The Standing Rules were adopted in the affirmative by voice vote.

Rev. Walt Pohland instructed the delegates on the use of the electronic voting system, familiarizing them with the keypads and technological delivery of voting results.

The Registration Report was given by Rev. David Jung, Convention Registrar, with the following totals being reported: Clergy delegates - 190; Lay delegates - 198; Advisory delegates - Commissioned: 14 and Ordained: 45; Guests/visitors - 136.

The next order of business was the election of district president and area vice presidents.

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

It was moved and seconded to ratify the slate of candidates for the positions of President and Vice Presidents. The convention ratified the slate of candidates by a vote of Yes: 394 - No: 3.

Convention Chaplain, Rev. Randy Haedge, led the assembly in prayer before the election of the president and area vice presidents.

The first election was the election of district president. Michael W. Newman was elected as district president on the first ballot.

The elections continued with the election of the district area vice presidents.

Allan C. Eckert was elected as Vice President of Area A on the first ballot.

Eloy Steven González was re-elected as Vice President of Area B on the first ballot.

Mark D. Barz was re-elected as Vice President of Area C on the second ballot.

John F. Davis was elected as Vice President of Area D on the third ballot.

The Convention then voted to rank the vice presidents, which ranking is as follows:

1st Vice President: John F. Davis, 2nd Vice President: Eloy Steven González,

3rd Vice President: Mark D. Barz and 4th Vice President: Allan C. Eckert.

President Hennings delivered the President's Report to the delegates and guests. The following were highlights from his report. He spoke a word of encouragement for President-elect Newman and the elected vice presidents and expressed a word of thanks for the support of his family, especially his wife, Val. He reported on the progress of mission work in the Texas District over the years, including the use of returnable dollars from mission starts and endowment funds to further missions in the district, while also stressing the need for the continued offering support from congregations. He provided an update on the impact on the district and the recovery efforts related to Hurricane Harvey, recognizing Julie Tucker, Hurricane Harvey relief coordinator for the district. He recognized the support of circuit visitors and district staff, especially his assistants, Gwendolyn Hohle and Cindy Hilewitz. He spoke of district Gospel outreach efforts, introduced the district evangelist program, "Evangelism 101," with a video presentation and reported the Texas District Board of Directors had endorsed the new mission goals of the Board of Mission Administration, "500 New Communities and 500 New Servant-leaders by 2031." The report closed with a focus on the convention theme, "Firmly Standing, Boldly Sending."

President-elect Mike Newman and his wife, Cindy, were welcomed by the convention. President-elect Newman shared words of appreciation with the convention and set forth the need for continuing to bring the Gospel to the people of the Texas District by "Firmly Standing, Boldly Sending."

The next order of business was the election of other officers and board and committee members. Convention Registrar, David Jung, updated the Convention on registration numbers, with the following totals being reported: Total of 404 Voting Delegates (Clergy - 203; Lay - 201); Advisory delegates - Commissioned: 14 and Ordained: 45; Guests/visitors - 136.

Convention Chaplain, Rev. Randy Haedge, led the assembly in prayer before the other officer and board and committee elections.

Rev. Michael Mattil, Chair of the Nominating Committee, and Rev. Dr. David Bahn, Chair of the Elections Committee, led the Convention through the election processes. The following elections were conducted with the following results:

District Secretary: Larry Krueger

District Board of Directors, Commissioned: Charessa Koontz

District Board of Directors, Lay Person, Area A: David Baldner

District Board of Directors, Lay Person, Area B: Martin Schardt

Board of Mission Administration, Ordained: Ely Prieto

Board of Mission Administration, Ordained: Chris Singer

Board of Mission Administration, Lay Person: Marcia Mittweide

Concordia University Board of Regents, Ordained: Stephen Sohns

The Concordia University Board of Regents, Commissioned election was not conducted in this session, as Michaela C. Seeliger was nominated from the floor (which nomination was accepted by the convention by an affirmative vote of Yes: 220 - No: 148), so biographical information on all the candidates for this office could be distributed to the voting delegates before the election.

Concordia University Board of Regents, Lay Person: Theodore Crofford

Concordia University Board of Regents, Lay Person: Quinten Anderson

District Nominating Committee 2021, Ordained Area A: Brian Hesse

District Nominating Committee 2021, Ordained Area B: Michael Mattil

District Nominating Committee 2021, Ordained Area C: Bill Knippa

District Nominating Committee 2021, Ordained Area D: Jon Salminen

District Nominating Committee 2021, Commissioned: Paul Krentz

District Nominating Committee 2021, Commissioned: David Bangert

District Nominating Committee 2021, Lay Person: Louis Pabor

District Nominating Committee 2021, Lay Person: Angela Newton

District Nominating Committee 2021, Lay Person: Gordon Wagoner

2019 LCMS Committee for Convention Nominations, Lay Person: Patricia Kym

2019 LCMS Committee for Convention Nominations, Lay Alternate: Ron Lammert

The slate of Circuit Visitors for 2018-2021 was presented to the convention for ratification. The convention ratified the slate by an affirmative vote of Yes: 346 - No: 19.

A closing prayer was led Chaplain Haedge before delegates and guests were dismissed for dinner. The convention was dismissed at 5:20 pm. The convention worship, Divine Service with Holy Communion, was hosted by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Irving, Texas, at 7:30 pm. The preacher was Rev. Dr. Herb Mueller, First Vice President of the LCMS. A convention reception followed the service.

General Session 2 - Friday morning, June 15

The convention reconvened Friday morning, June 15 at 8:00 am beginning with the Opening Devotion led by Rev. Michael Fickenschier, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Monahans, Zion Lutheran Church, Kermit, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Alpine, and Faith Lutheran Church, Fort Stockton.

Walt Pohland reported that the Minutes Review Committee had reviewed the convention minutes from the previous day and reported that the minutes were in order.

The Registration Report was given by Rev. David Jung, Convention Registrar, with the following totals being reported: Clergy delegates - 191; Lay delegates - 202; Advisory delegates - Commissioned: 15 and Ordained: 46; Guests/visitors - 138.

The following election was conducted with the following election result:
Concordia University Board of Regents, Commissioned: Carol Mueller

President Hennings announced that John Davis and Allan Eckert were elected to both vice president and circuit visitor offices. Since one cannot hold more than one elective office, each had to choose in which office he would serve. Each accepted the office of vice president. The resulting circuit visitor vacancies will be appointed by the district president.

President Ken Hennings relinquished the chair of the convention to Vice President Ralph Hobratschk.

Omnibus Resolution B was presented for adoption to the convention by the chairman of the Governance and Administration Floor Committee (#2), John Davis. Omnibus Resolution B was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 243 - No: 68.

(NOTE: The final copy of all Resolutions and the convention action for each is included in the Resolutions section of the Convention Proceedings.)

Floor Committee #1 (Mission and Ministry), Chair, Rev. Eric Hiner, introduced and, on behalf of the committee, moved the adoption of resolutions from that convention committee for convention action, as follows:

Resolution 01-01-18, "TO GIVE THANKS FOR FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL MINISTRY," was adopted by an affirmative rising vote and singing of the Common Doxology.

Resolution 01-02-18A, "TO GIVE THANKS AND ENCOURAGEMENT AS WE RECOVER AND REBUILD FROM HURRICANE HARVEY," was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 313 - No: 2.

Resolution 01-03-18A, "TO REAFFIRM THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVANT-LEADERS FOR OUTREACH," was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 319 - No: 14.

Resolution 01-04-18, "TO WALK TOGETHER BY GIVING TO DISTRICT AND SYNOD MISSIONS," was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 248 - No: 83.

Resolution 01-05-18A, "TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING OF NEW MINISTRIES IN THE TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD." A delegate moved to amend the first *Resolved* of the resolution by striking the following words, "continue to" and "mission and ministry actions and specific budget allocations actively, regularly, and with transparency through electronic and/or print communications" and following the word "congregations," by inserting the words "within the parameters of current district policy, the distribution of all district mission funds (including recipients and amounts) on the district's Web site beginning with the present and two previous fiscal years." During debate, Vice President Ralph Hobratschk relinquished the chair to President Hennings. The amendment was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 185 - No: 148. The amended resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 287 - No: 49.

Resolution 01-06-18, "TO AFFIRM AND FINANCIALLY SUPPORT LUTHERANS FOR LIFE," was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 297 - No: 41.

Resolution 01-07-18, "TO REQUEST THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY OVERTURE 01-06-18," was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 290 - No: 49.

Floor Committee #1, having finished its work, was dismissed with thanks.

The report of the President of the Synod was presented by Synod President Matthew Harrison. He provided highlights from a written report distributed to the delegates titled, "JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN - A

message to the Church about the challenges we face and how to face them." A summary of report highlights were, as follows: He reminded the delegates of Luther's Reformation emphasis on repentance applied to our whole life and the forgiveness that is ours in the Gospel. He emphasized the joy we have in Christ. He encouraged delegates to read the Bible and the Book of Concord. He shared demographics that noted a trajectory of decline of the number of baptized members in the Synod. He encouraged the use of resources available for congregational use and reviewed statistical data about trends in the Synod. He gave an update of Synod finances, the international work of the Synod and the closing of Concordia University Selma.

A delegate moved that only the *Resolved* clauses be read on future resolutions. The motion was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 264 - No: 53, with the understanding that a floor committee could share additional information necessary for clarification of a resolution.

Floor Committee #2 (Governance and Administration), Chair, Rev. John Davis, and floor committee members, introduced and, on behalf of the committee, moved the adoption of resolutions from that convention committee for convention action, as follows:

Resolution 02-06-18A, "TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT, LCMS." During debate, President Hennings relinquished the chair to Vice President Ralph Hobratschk. Following debate, the resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 307 - No: 24 (*pending approval by the Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters*).

Vice President Ralph Hobratschk relinquished the chair to President Hennings.

Resolution 02-01-18, "TO OVERRULE CCM OPINION 14-2724," was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 275 - No: 72.

Resolution 02-02-18A, "TO AMEND LCMS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI." At the request of the floor committee, Rev. Jon Braunersreuther provided background information on the past and current practice of ecclesiastical supervision in the Synod. Debate was suspended until the next convention business session.

The convention was dismissed from the morning session at 12:00 noon, following a closing prayer by Chaplain Randy Haedge.

General Session 3 - Friday Afternoon, June 15

The convention reconvened Friday afternoon, June 15, at 1:30 pm beginning with the devotion led by Rev. Stephen DeMik, pastor of Cypress Chapel, Cypress, TX.

Floor Committee #2 (Governance and Administration), Chair, Rev. John Davis, and members of the floor committee introduced and, on behalf of the committee, moved the adoption of resolutions from that convention committee for convention action, as follows:

Convention business continued with Resolution 02-02-18A, "TO AMEND LCMS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI." As per the Standing Rules, after twenty minutes of debate the chairman called for a vote to close debate. The vote to close debate was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 242 - No: 89. The resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 251 - No: 95.

Resolution 02-03-18, "TO MEMORIALIZE THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD IN CONVENTION TO ALLOW SPECIFIC MINISTRY PASTORS TO SERVE IN DISTRICT ELECTED POSITIONS." An amendment was offered to reinsert the words, "{4} serve as a circuit visitor."

The amendment failed by a vote of Yes: 116 - No: 216. The question was called to close debate and adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 292 - No: 49. The resolution failed by a vote of Yes: 153 - No: 181.

Resolution 02-04-18, "TO MODIFY THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM." Debate was suspended for the orders of the day.

Convention Essayist, Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, delivered the second segment of his convention essay, offering a Law/Gospel analysis of changed America. A summary of some of the main points follow: God is working on everybody every day through the law to lead us to the primal fear of God. The Gospel turns us out of ourselves to God, through Jesus. We are boldly sending when we worship God through the works of the Second Table. We must meet people where they are hurting. The only help is from outside, through Jesus. "It's a great time to be the Church...of our Lord Jesus Christ."

President Hennings relinquished the chair of the convention to Vice President Ralph Hobratschk, who presided over a special recognition for the service of President Hennings to the Texas District on the occasion of the conclusion of his twelve years as district president and his upcoming retirement. He introduced The Reverend Dr. David Maier, President of the Michigan District, who was recently elected Chairman of the Council of Presidents of the LCMS, a position President Hennings previously held. Dr. Maier brought special greetings in recognition of President Hennings. A special tribute video was shown honoring President Hennings and his wife, Val. His children, Paul Hennings, Kim Otten, Luke Hennings and Erika Hennings, each shared thoughts about their father.

Following the special recognition, Vice President Hobratschk relinquished the chair of the convention back to President Hennings.

President Hennings recognized family members and members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, who were present at the convention.

President Hennings gave special recognition to retired district staff members who had served the district with long term service: Carole Stevenson, Administrative Assistant in the Mission Office (25 years), Bill Siegrist, Texas Church Extension Fund (30 years), and Stephen Block, Executive Director, Texas Church Extension Fund (25 years).

President Hennings introduced former Texas District Presidents and spouses in attendance. Recognized were Rev. Dr. Glenn O'Shoney and his wife, Sandra, and Rev. Dr. Jerry Kieschnick, and his wife, Terry. He also acknowledged three wives of former district presidents not present at the convention, Mrs. Ruth Wiederaenders, (widow of the late President Roland P. Wiederaenders), Mrs. Delores Pabor (widow of the late President Louis Pabor), and Mrs. Jean Linderman (widow of the late President Jim Linderman).

President Hennings recognized the current vice presidents of the district and their spouses: Ralph Hobratschk and his wife, Lynn, Eloy Gonzalez and his wife, Sophi, Mark Barz and his wife, Connie, and Dale Snyder and his wife, Kathy.

District Secretary Larry Krueger called for nominations for the selection of advisory delegates for the 2019 Synod Convention.

A video highlighting the new district evangelist training program, "Evangelism 101," was shown to the delegates.

Chaplain Randy Haedge closed the afternoon's business with prayer and the convention was dismissed from the afternoon session at 5:00 pm.

General Session 4: Saturday Morning, June 16

The convention reconvened Saturday morning, June 16, at 8:00 am beginning with the devotion led by Rev. Chris Holder and Rev. Juan Zamora, who work together with the missional organization in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex called T2C2, Together Transforming Churches and Communities.

A video highlighting the new district evangelist training program, "Evangelism 101," was shown to the delegates.

Walt Pohland reported that the Minutes Review Committee had reviewed the convention minutes from the previous day and reported that the minutes were satisfactory.

The Registration Report for Saturday morning was given by Rev. David Jung, Convention Registrar, with the following totals being reported: Clergy delegates - 178; Lay delegates - 193; Advisory delegates - Commissioned: 15 and Ordained: 46; Guests/visitors - 146.

The Total Registration Tally for the convention was also reported, with the following totals being reported: Clergy delegates - 207; Lay delegates - 213; Advisory delegates - Commissioned: 17; Ordained: 48; Guests/visitors - 263; Grand Total for Convention - 748.

Floor Committee #2 (Governance and Administration), Chair, Rev. John Davis, and members of the floor committee introduced and, on behalf of the committee, moved the adoption of resolutions from that convention committee for convention action, as follows:

Convention business continued with Resolution 02-04-18, "TO MODIFY THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,"

After some debate, the Chair asked the assembly whether it was ready to end debate. The delegates voted to end debate with an affirmative vote of Yes: 217 - No: 31. The resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 157 - No: 95.

Resolution L02-08-18, "TO AMEND DISTRICT BYLAWS TO COMPLY WITH SYNOD," which presented recommendations for twelve district bylaw amendments previously approved by the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM), was introduced. After brief discussion, the Chair asked the assembly whether it was ready to end debate. With no objection, the chair called for the vote. The resolution, which required a two-thirds vote, was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 230 - No: 14.

Resolution 02-05-18A, "TO ENSURE TIMELY AND TRANSPARENT FINANCIAL REPORTING IN THE SYNOD," was introduced. A delegate moved to amend the resolution by inserting before the final *Resolved* an additional *Resolved* reading, as follows: "*Resolved*, That what has been requested in this resolution of the Synod also be required through the publication of the 35 Districts of our Synod; and be it finally." The amendment failed by a vote of Yes: 104 - No: 132. The Chair asked the assembly whether it was ready to end debate. The delegates voted to end debate with an affirmative vote of Yes: 231 - No: 16. The resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of Yes: 213 - No: 34.

President Hennings called the attention of the delegation to pages 57-61 in the Convention Workbook in order to recognize the special anniversaries of ordained and commissioned workers listed on those pages.

The 61st Convention of the Texas District was adjourned and gaveled to a Trinitarian conclusion by President Hennings at 9:30 am. The Closing Worship and Memorial Service followed at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Larry Krueger
District Secretary

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

Name	Ballot 1	Ballot 2	Ballot 3	Ballot 4	Elected
District President					
Mark D. Barz	27 (7.0%)				
Jon Braunersreuther	21 (5.4%)				
Eloy Steven González	24 (6.2%)				
Michael Newman	209 (53.9%)				J
Dale Snyder	107 (27.6%)				
Vice President Area A					
Allan C. Eckert	204 (58.3%)				J
Larry Knobloch	30 (8.6%)				
Robert J. Pase	32 (9.1%)				
David W. Rohde	84 (24.0%)				
Vice President Area B					
Eloy Steven González	254 (66.7%)				J
Michael J. Mattil	33 (8.7%)				
James Woelmer	94 (24.7%)				
Vice President Area C					
Mark D. Barz	182 (48.4%)	208 (53.3%)			J
William B. Knippa	64 (17.0%)	x			
David N. Schroeder	130 (34.6%)	182 (46.7%)			
Vice President Area D					
David Bahn	79 (21.6%)	69 (18.6%)	x		
John F. Davis	150 (41.0%)	175 (47.2%)	230 (61.8%)		J
Jon Salminen	27 (7.4%)	x	x		
Alan Taylor	110 (30.1%)	127 (34.2%)	142 (38.2%)		
Ranking of Vice Presidents	For 1st Vice President				
Mark D. Barz	125 (31.3%)	150 (38.3%)	186 (47.9%)		
John F. Davis	132 (33.1%)	151 (38.5%)	202 (52.1%)		1 st VP
Allan C. Eckert	40 (10.0%)	x	x		
Eloy Steven González	102 (25.6%)	91 (23.2%)	x		
Ranking of Vice Presidents	For 2nd Vice President				
Mark D. Barz	184 (46.5%)	176 (44.7%)			
Allan C. Eckert	27 (6.8%)	x			
Eloy Steven González	185 (46.7%)	218 (55.3%)			2 nd VP

Name	Ballot 1	Ballot 2	Ballot 3	Ballot 4	Elected
Ranking of Vice Presidents	For 3 rd & 4 th Vice Presidents				
Mark D. Barz	220 (57.1%)				3rd VP
Allan C. Eckert	165 (42.9%)				4th VP
Secretary					
Brian Hesse	85 (23.9%)				
Larry Krueger	270 (76.1%)				J
District Board of Directors					
Commissioned Minister:					
Chaessa Koontz	196 (53.4%)				J
Mark McClain	171 (46.6%)				
Lay Person, Area A:					
David Baldner	265 (72.4%)				J
James Wells	101 (27.6%)				
Lay Person, Area B:					
Martin Schardt	181 (50.7%)				J
Don Truede	176 (49.3%)				
Bd. of Mission Administration					
Ordained Min. (1st Election):					
Brian Hesse	68 (18.5%)	58 (15.3%)	x	x	
Ely Prieto	99 (26.9%)	129 (34.0%)	156 (41.9%)	194 (51.6%)	J
Chris Singer	100 (27.2%)	118 (31.1%)	144 (38.7%)	182 (48.4%)	
Nathan Wendorf	72 (19.6%)	74 (19.5%)	72 (19.4%)	x	
Juan Zamora	29 (7.9%)	x	x	x	
Ordained Min. (2nd Election):					
Brian Hesse	73 (20.1%)				
Chris Singer	186 (51.1%)				J
Nathan Wendorf	77 (21.2%)				
Juan Zamora	28 (7.7%)				
Lay Person					
Troy Johnson	124 (33.2%)	145 (39.2%)			
Marcia Mittwede	187 (50.0%)	225 (60.8%)			J
Angela Newton	63 (16.8%)	x			

Name	Ballot 1	Ballot 2	Ballot 3	Ballot 4	Elected
Concordia University Board of Regents					
Ordained Minister:					
Randall Haedge	144 (38.2%)	167 (44.8%)			
Dan Schepmann	81 (21.5%)	x			
Stephen Sohns	152 (40.3%)	206 (55.2%)			J
Commissioned Minister:					
Sarah Black	45 (14.0%)	x			
Carol Mueller	131 (40.8%)	195 (58.9%)			J
Cassandra Schermbeck	38 (11.8%)	x			
Michaela Seeliger	107 (33.3%)	136 (41.1%)			
Lay Person (1st Election)					
Quentin Anderson	70 (19.7%)				
Theodore Crofford	187 (52.7%)				J
James Noffke	15 (4.2%)				
Michael Ratke	53 (14.9%)				
Michael Smith	30 (8.5%)				
Lay Person (2nd Election)					
Quentin Anderson	183 (53.7%)				J
James Noffke	24 (7.0%)				
Michael Ratke	90 (26.4%)				
Michael Smith	44 (12.9%)				
Nominating Committee for 2021 District Convention					
Ordained Minister, Area A:					
Allan Eckert	78 (20.9%)	x			
Brian Hesse	160 (42.9%)	193 (53.8%)			J
Dale Snyder	135 (36.2%)	166 (46.2%)			
Ordained Minister, Area B:					
Kevin Hintze	100 (27.5%)				
Michael Mattil	264 (72.5%)				J
Ordained Minister, Area C:					
Bill Knippa	210 (57.7%)				J
Nathan Wendorf	154 (42.3%)				

Name	Ballot 1	Ballot 2	Ballot 3	Ballot 4	Elected
Nominating Committee for 2021 District Convention					
Ordained Minister, Area D:					
Andrew Roettjer	66 (18.5%)				
Jon Salminen	194 (54.5%)				J
Stephen Sohns	96 (27.0%)				
Commissioned (1st Election)					
David Bangert	99 (27.5%)	94 (25.4%)			
Paul Krentz	166 (46.1%)	214 (57.8%)			J
Gregg Pinick	41 (11.4%)	x			
Michaela Seeliger	54 (15.0%)	62 (16.8%)			
Commissioned (2nd Election)					
David Bangert	174 (47.5%)	209 (57.9%)			J
Gregg Pinick	106 (29.0%)	152 (42.1%)			
Michaela Seeliger	86 (23.5%)	x			
Lay Person (1st Election)					
Troy Johnson	32 (8.6%)	x	x		
Gary Juhl	29 (7.8%)	x	x		
Ron Lammert	32 (8.6%)	x	x		
Angela Newton	74 (19.8%)	97 (25.7%)	x		
Louis Pabor	96 (25.7%)	170 (45.1%)	237 (63.7%)		J
Gordon Wagoner	89 (23.9%)	110 (29.2%)	135 (36.3%)		
James Wells	21 (5.6%)	x	x		
Lay Person (2nd Election)					
Troy Johnson	23 (6.3%)	x	x		
Gary Juhl	16 (4.4%)	x	x		
Ron Lammert	66 (18.1%)	60 (15.8%)	x		
Angela Newton	118 (32.4%)	156 (41.1%)	199 (52.9%)		J
Gordon Wagoner	134 (36.8%)	164 (43.2%)	177 (47.1%)		
James Wells	7 (1.9%)	x	x		
Lay Person (3rd Election)					
Troy Johnson	18 (4.9%)				
Gary Juhl	18 (4.9%)				
Ron Lammert	114 (30.9%)				
Gordon Wagoner	207 (56.1%)				J
James Wells	12 (3.3%)				

Name	Ballot 1	Ballot 2	Ballot 3	Ballot 4	Elected
Committee for Convention Nominations for 2019 LCMS Convention					
Lay Person (Member)					
Patricia Kym	157 (42.7%)	203 (55.0%)			J
Ron Lammert	59 (16.0%)	x			
Douglas Rohloff	81 (22.0%)	109 (29.5%)			
Gordon Wagoner	71 (19.3%)	57 (15.4%)			
Lay Person (Alternate)					
Ron Lammert	152 (41.5%)	199 (54.7%)			J
Douglas Rohloff	145 (39.6%)	165 (45.3%)			
Gordon Wagoner	69 (18.9%)	x			

Slate for Ratification of Circuit Visitor Nominees

Circuit # 1	Rev. Joseph Andrajack	Circuit # 22	Rev. Carl Roth
Circuit # 2	Rev. Michael Heckmann	Circuit # 23	Rev. John Schmidt
Circuit # 3	Rev. Eric Hiner	Circuit # 24	Rev. Rick Pfaff
Circuit # 4	Rev. Robert Pase	Circuit # 25	Rev. Christopher Kennedy
Circuit # 5	Rev. Allen Eckert	Circuit # 26	Rev. Tom Winter
Circuit # 6	Rev. Tom Chandler	Circuit # 27	Rev. Kevin Jennings
Circuit # 7	Rev. Larry Knobloch	Circuit # 28	Rev. Gregory Lorenz
Circuit # 8	Rev. Tab Ottmers	Circuit # 29	Rev. Carlos Boerger
Circuit # 9	Rev. Greg Beutel	Circuit # 30	Rev. John Selle
Circuit #10	Rev. John Messmann	Circuit # 31	Rev. Wayne Schueler
Circuit # 11	Rev. Joel Shaltanis	Circuit # 32	Rev. Kermit Bostelman
Circuit # 12	Rev. Paul Ferguson	Circuit # 33	Rev. David Quail
Circuit # 13	Rev. Jim Woelmer	Circuit # 34	Rev. Robert LeBlanc
Circuit # 14	Rev. Dennis Bragdon	Circuit # 35	Rev. Randy Ledbetter
Circuit # 15	Rev. Russell Hildebrandt	Circuit # 36	Rev. Jon Petering
Circuit # 16	Rev. William Lowrey	Circuit # 37	Rev. Ken Sinclair
Circuit # 17	Rev. John Heckmann	Circuit # 38	Rev. John Davis, Jr.
Circuit # 18	Rev. Kurt Rutz	Circuit # 39	Rev. Dr. Stephen Sohns
Circuit # 19	Rev. Luke Madsen	Circuit # 41	Rev. Scott Heitshusen
Circuit # 20	Rev. Jonathan Bontke	Circuit # 43	Rev. Michael Dorn
Circuit # 21	Rev. Peter Heckmann		

The Slate of Circuit Visitor Nominees was ratified [Yes: 346 (94.8%); No: 19 (5.2%)].

**61st Regular Convention of the Texas District
Irving, Texas**

**VIII. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT
Ken Hennings**

Introduction

The Texas District continued adding new ministries during the last three years. There are about 415 congregations proclaiming God's Word and serving people in their communities. Not all of these are "chartered" members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), but all are engaged in the mission of God under the LCMS name. As God continues to bless the mission efforts of congregations and mission networks, the Texas District will have 25% of its congregations as other than English speaking by 2025. God is bringing the world to Texas, and the Gospel is being shared freely.

The 2018 Texas District Convention provides opportunity for us to encourage one another in working in the Lord's vineyard right here in Texas. We also thank God for His blessings and reaffirm the power of His Word and recommit ourselves to His sending to the communities in Texas and beyond.

Theme

Our theme, "Firmly Standing, Boldly Sending," reaffirms our foundation in God's Word and our mission, which is God's mission. During 2017, Christians across the world recalled the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Many circuits and congregations in the Texas District held special events and services during the month of October. We are still in this 500th year and since representatives from every area of the Texas District are present for this convention, we spend time thanking God for using Martin Luther to proclaim very clearly the Gospel message of God's love and forgiveness through His Son Jesus.

The Rev. Dr. Herb Mueller, First Vice President of the LCMS, is the proclaimer for our convention communion service. The Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer is our Essayist/Bible Study leader. Both will help us to reflect the Reformation and encourage us to be bold in our witness. The Texas District is honored to have these Christian leaders with us.

Synod Report

Many districts hold conventions during the summer months. A number are holding conventions this weekend. The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the LCMS, is trying to attend as many district conventions as possible. Therefore, he will be with us on Friday for a few hours to present the Synod Report. He will share information about the ministries of the LCMS along with the challenges we face in this changing world. No matter what we face, we have the living and powerful Word of God to sustain us and to boldly share with the world.

District President

One of the purposes of each district having a president is for the District President to make visitations on congregations and church workers in their districts. This certainly is a challenge in larger districts like Texas; however, using district staff, Vice Presidents, and circuit visitors, I have a very good knowledge of the condition of congregations and workers. The circuit visitors meet twice a year, and I spend individual time with half of the circuit visitors at each meeting, sharing and receiving information about congregations and workers. Doing this for twelve years has given me knowledge and understanding of the challenges and

happenings throughout the District. This does not replace the value of personal visits with congregations and workers, and I have valued the personal visits as President.

The District President is to give vision and direction to the District in its mission and ministry efforts throughout our state. God has blessed the Texas District with a hard-working staff and with a strong commitment to "strengthen congregations to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and to care for people locally and globally." Over the years, this District has understood the power and firm foundation we have in the Word of God, and we have boldly gone throughout our state with many different ministries.

Even though God has blessed us with more ministries and congregations, this does not mean that we are perfect, or that more people do not need the love of Jesus. The population of the State of Texas continues to increase from people moving here from other states, other countries, and from babies being born. Please read the Report of The Board of Mission Administration to learn more about how God has blessed us and about a new mission emphasis as we move forward boldly.

District Staff

Retirements

Four staff people have retired or are retiring since our last convention. All of these people have served 20 years or more. When people with many years of experience in the District's mission and ministry retire, God is faithful and raises up people to serve and lead into the future.

Mrs. Carole Stevenson served for 20 years as the administrative assistant to the Board of Mission Administration (BMA) and the President's office. She supported the District staff person assigned to work with the BMA, assisted in the development of the mission budget, interacted with the mission workers throughout Texas, and assisted the President's office in the area of travel arrangements. We thank God for the years of service Carole gave to the District.

Mr. Steve Block came to serve as the Executive Director of Texas Church Extension Fund (TxCEF) 25 years ago. He came out of a banking environment and has given great guidance to TxCEF, which is now one of the strongest and most sound church extension funds in the Synod. There were challenging issues with land and loans when Steve arrived, but he will retire with none of these issues facing TxCEF going forward. He is known for his witty humor and one-liners and his many different hats. During his 25 years, he put into place a good policy manual and worked very closely with the BMA assisting with insights and thoughtful questions. He is also known for developing the Reformation Note in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. TxCEF is in a strong financial situation to serve congregations into the future. Thanks Steve!

Mr. Bill Siegrist has served 30 years as Director of Marketing for TxCEF. Bill was the first full-time staff person for TxCEF. He served as a DCE before coming to the District office and used his connections with members and workers in making TxCEF a well-known ministry throughout the District. He launched the annual TxCEF conference to assist, encourage, and train local representatives of congregations. These representatives have shared the message of TxCEF and have encouraged financial investments in TxCEF. Bill also launched a publication, "Chatter," sharing news and events associated with TxCEF. The District staff knows Bill for his

photo abilities, taking pictures at many staff events. During the annual TxCEF conference people attending will remember Bill for comments like, "It's time to grow" and "Change is a given, growth is a choice." Bill has served on the staff of the District more years than has any other full-time person. Thanks Bill for your many years of service!

The completion of my term as Texas District President concludes my 27 years of service in District leadership, 15 as Mission Executive and 12 as District President. The time between the convention and August 31 will allow me to lead a smooth transition, giving the new District President an orientation to the responsibilities of the President's office.

There is time set aside during the convention to recognize the retirees and to thank them for their service to the Lord and to our District.

New Staff

The District also added new staff people over the last three years. God has provided the District with wonderful people who have servant hearts and the abilities and experiences equipping them for their positions.

The Rev. Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab is the new Mission and Ministry Facilitator (MMF) for Area B of the District, following Mr. Paul Krentz. Yohannes was born and raised in Eritrea where he and his family were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Eritrea. He has experience as a pastor in an established LCMS congregation, a mission plant, a staff person in the National Mission Office of the Synod, and the head of a foundation. He has a passion for sharing the Gospel especially with those who have not heard of Jesus - and now to the thousands of immigrants coming to Texas. Welcome Yohannes!

Mrs. Lisa Candido serves the District as the Communication Director. She is a lifelong Lutheran growing up with her father being a pastor and professor. She has worked for a number of communication and marketing companies. Since becoming part of the Texas District staff, the communication pieces and interest in what is happening in the District have increased. Lisa is our Convention Manager and supports the development of many District conferences. She is part of the President's Team and keeps the District and Synod informed about the hurricane relief efforts the District is supporting. Welcome Lisa!

Ms. Cindy Hilewitz is a new administrative assistant in the President's office. Before moving to Texas, Cindy served as the administrative assistant to the President of the Southeastern District for over 20 years. She has been instrumental in supporting the President as he served as the Chairman of the Council of Presidents of the Synod. She, along with Gwendolyn Hohle, handle the many processes in the President's office. Welcome Cindy!

After serving as Senior Vice President of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), Mrs. Becca Jones is the new Executive Director of TxCEF. The leaders and workers of LCEF have very favorable comments about Becca and her accomplishments over her years at LCEF. She is a hard worker and has a deep love for Jesus. She has attended many TxCEF annual conferences and has a good knowledge of TxCEF and the ministries of the District. Welcome Becca!

Mrs. Julie Tucker is overseeing and coordinating the District's disaster response efforts related to Hurricane Harvey. She has had many years of experience with disaster relief and other ministries. She has been instrumental in securing equipment and materials free of

charge or at low cost. She is known by city mayors in the affected areas and by the governor's office. These officials are aware of what the Texas District is doing to help with the relief efforts. Julie is overseeing the work of our site leaders as well as assisting in the setting up of more sites. Her presence and expertise have allowed other District staff to continue their vital ministries with very little interruptions. Thanks Julie and welcome!

Other District Staff

The MMFs, Jon Braunersreuther, Yohannes Mengsteab, Steve Misch, and Mike Newman have assisted new mission starts as well as existing congregations. They are instrumental in the vacancy process by leading congregations through the "Pastor Profile Survey." They have helped establish congregations and new starts with demographic information of the areas surrounding the ministries. They are a blessing to our mission and ministries.

This past year, Jon Braunersreuther, Steve Misch, and Mike Newman also spent many hours in support of congregations, professional church workers, and members of congregations affected by Hurricane Harvey. They have been available to local people and Synod leaders.

The District Treasurer, Mrs. Linda Hagge, oversees the gifts of God's people given to the District for its work in Texas and throughout the world through the LCMS. She is conscientious about managing our resources so that support to congregations and the mission expansion are funded. Her office also assists many congregational treasurers in carrying out their responsibilities on the local level. Her office annually updates and posts the salary guidelines for church workers.

Dr. Bill Hinz and his office support over 100 congregations with an early childhood center or elementary/secondary school. His office assists in the placement and calls of commissioned ministers, support of principals, and offers a number of conferences to help new teachers/principals and workers in areas of classroom education. Our early childhood centers and schools provide a special opportunity to share the Gospel with children and parents.

Mr. Lanny Moore serves as the Executive Director of Texas Partners in Mission (TPIM). He plays an important part for the continued mission movement of the District. One hundred percent of the financial gifts given through TPIM are used for the support of new ministries. Lanny is available to make a presentation about the mission program of the District and to share about the ministry of TPIM.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Hohle and Ms. Cindy Hilewitz serve as administrative assistants in the President's office. Together they maintain the personnel records and LCMS Roster Forms for all pastors, congregation files, and assist vacant congregations in the call process. They manage the ever-changing database by updating contact information and creating lists and reports of District pastors and congregations. These women work closely with the administrative assistants of the other districts. Along with phone calls, correspondence, and other activities of the President's office, they keep the office humming.

The President's Team consists of the President, the two administrative assistants, the Communication Director (Lisa Candido), and the office manager (Meredith Wright). This team coordinates upcoming events including the President's travels, responsibilities, and conferences. They work with deadlines and the overall projects and activities of the President's office.

Mr. Keith Howanitz keeps the District office and staff productive with computer services. Electronic communication is vital to communication today, and as Director of Information Technology, Keith keeps up with the latest in the field and the security threats that come with this type of communication.

DCE Paul Krentz, in his retirement, continues to give part-time leadership to Directors of Christian Education (DCEs) and youth workers in the District. He assists congregations calling commissioned workers for parish ministry, planning the DCE retreats, and developing "Glory Bound," our District youth gathering.

Other staff serving in our various offices of the District are dedicated workers who understand and support our mission. They work at adapting to new demands and challenges in their respective areas. It is truly an honor and joy to work with such committed people!

The Texas District has also been blessed with auxiliary ministries that support the mission. Concordia University Texas and CANDO ministry, Upbring (formerly Lutheran Social Services), Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Texas, Legacy Deo (formerly Lutheran Foundation of Texas), Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Lutheran Laymen's League, and Lutherans for Life all contribute to the vital support of mission and ministry to congregations and their members.

Website

The Texas District's website provides a wealth of information for individuals and congregations. It hosts a variety of forms and checklists to assist congregations experiencing a vacancy or other ministry needs. The website contains a vast amount of information regarding the mission movement in Texas, including mission planting educational pieces. Information on upcoming District events, where and how to register, and agendas are found on the site. Resources on stewardship, calling a pastor, Mission and Ministry Facilitators, Texas Partners in Mission, CEF, school ministry, and other areas are all accessible. The website provides an opportunity for people to sign up for our mission prayer ministry and to receive weekly prayer updates about missionaries and ministry. You can also find website links to Synod, Concordia University Texas, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Texas, and UpBring posted for your convenience. The Texas District website's address: www.txlcms.org.

District Finances

The Treasurer's Report is in another part of this convention workbook. Financial challenges facing congregations are many and yet their generosity continues to be a blessing to the mission and ministry of the Texas District. Thank you for your important support!

Regulations on how to manage a budget and how to report financial information change almost yearly. Today a corporation cannot report moneys coming from unappropriated surplus as income, but must show a deficit budget to be able to use these funds. The District's Board of Directors did approve a deficit budget for 2017, but only used a small amount of the budgeted deficit to end with a balanced budget. Linda Hagge works closely with the District's auditor to make sure the District is reporting financial information accurately and clearly. Budget information is available through the treasurer's office.

By and large, the largest income received by the District is from congregations. Other revenue sources are not able to replace any shortfalls from congregational giving to the District. Giving from congregations is and will continue to be the backbone of the District's ability to begin new congregations and support existing congregations.

Vice Presidents/Circuit Visitors

The Texas District is truly blessed to have dedicated men serving as Vice Presidents (Rev. Ralph Hobratschk, Rev. Eloy Gonzalez, Rev. Mark Barz, and Rev. Dale Snyder) and circuit visitors. All of them are an extension of the President's office and have graciously given many hours over the years. First Vice President Ralph Hobratschk has completed his twelve years serving in this capacity. He has been a blessing to the District. Fourth Vice President Dale Snyder has decided not to allow his name to stand for reelection. He has represented Area A well over many years. We ask God's blessings on these two men as they continue to minister where God has called them.

The Vice Presidents oversee the pre-seminary interviews, and they attend, preach and/or officiate at many ordinations, installations, funerals, major congregational events, and support professional church workers in their area. Meeting one day before the Board of Directors' meetings, they have given counsel and support to the District President. It has been a joy and honor working with such great churchmen.

I also appreciate and thank God for the circuit visitors of our District and the commitment they have given through their office. Circuit visitors work closely with vacant congregations and with the Mission and Ministry Facilitators. They meet regularly with the pastors of their circuit for mutual support and growth and are usually the first ones to know of congregational issues or professional church worker challenges. They respond in ways to bring encouragement and support. These men have been very supportive of the President's office and the District.

Ablaze!

Ablaze! was an effort of the LCMS to start 2,000 new ministries throughout the Synod. This focus was to be carried out from 2004-2017. The Texas District set an *Ablaze!* goal of starting 200 new Word and Sacrament congregations where Word and Sacraments happened on a regular basis.

The Texas District was blessed to add 122 new congregations during this time period. Even though we did not meet our goal, we learned new ways of starting congregations with fewer dollars needed. The number of partnerships proved to be very important and will be in the years ahead.

Another learning from this *Ablaze!* effort is that the involvement of lay people is very important in any new start. Going forward, using trained lay people to establish the foundation of a new start or to begin new Word and mercy ministries will be a key in reaching people with the Good News.

Between 2004 and 2017, The Texas District started more new congregations than any other district in the Synod by a large margin - almost double. We can celebrate this, but we recognize that none of this would have happened without God blessing our effort. *Ablaze!* has been a blessing to the District in its mission efforts! To God be all glory and honor.

Hurricane Harvey

In 2017, the state of Texas experienced the largest hurricane to hit the United States mainland. Areas from Corpus Christi through Houston to the Golden Triangle were affected. The property damage and number of people touched by this storm were great. People helping

people was front and center - from boat rescues to mucking out homes to feeding and caring for people. The amount of relief moneys given to the District from congregations, people, and Synod is staggering. Every dollar received is being used to give assistance and help to the thousands affected by this storm.

Partnerships between congregations in Houston forming "Hearts for Texas" doing disaster relief out of Salem (Tomball), Trinity (Klein), and Gloria Dei (Nassau Bay) was a joy to watch. Many other congregations immediately started ministering to the people and their needs in communities around them. Hope, Winnie, has adopted a smaller community outside Winnie to serve people in need. Many volunteers are coming from across the United States to these sites and the sites operated by the District.

The District has mainly focused its work in the Coastal Bend area and in the Golden Triangle area. These two large areas involve smaller communities that have not had the attention or resources the Houston area has had.

Synod has been very supportive of the efforts of the District to assist professional church workers, congregations, and other people in need. Their partnership enabled the District to do more ministry than we could do on our own. More information about this work will be shared during the convention. God has opened many doors for partnerships of many kinds and has given Lutherans the opportunity to share God's peace and love with many.

Conclusion

God used a monk named Martin Luther to begin a reformation of the Roman Church. Luther would take a bold stand on the Word of God and the grace and forgiveness it proclaimed. He would stake his life on the clear teachings of the Scriptures and not rely on the teachings of Councils or even the Pope's decrees.

We will remember Luther's boldness as we thank God for His grace and mercy. We, too, "firmly stand" on the truth of God's Word and encourage others to stand with us, especially as the world around us wants to disregard God's Word. Our sure hope is built on nothing else.

God's Holy Word is active and alive. It not only gives us a sure foundation of faith but its truth gives us the boldness to share our faith, life, and hope in Jesus with others, especially those living in Texas.

The resurrected Christ revealed Himself to the disciples behind locked doors, and it changed everything. Because of Jesus' resurrection, the church throughout the ages has boldly taken this Good News to the world. Sin, death, and Satan are conquered, and God's kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit is being preached. Let us boldly go throughout Texas with this same message.

IX. Table of Resolutions and Results

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Resolution 01-03-18A TO REAFFIRM THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVANT-LEADERS FOR OUTREACH	Adopted
Resolution 01-04-18 TO WALK TOGETHER BY GIVING TO DISTRICT AND SYNOD MISSIONS	Adopted
Resolution 01-05-18A TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING OF NEW MINISTRIES IN THE TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD	Adopted with amendment
Resolution 01-06-18 TO AFFIRM AND FINANCIALLY SUPPORT LUTHERANS FOR LIFE	Adopted
Resolution 01-07-18 TO REQUEST THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY OVERTURE 01-06-18	Adopted
Resolution 02-01-18 TO OVERRULE CCM OPINION 14-2724	Adopted
Resolution 02-02-18A TO AMEND LCMS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI	Adopted
Resolution 02-03-18 TO MEMORIALIZE THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD IN CONVENTION TO ALLOW SPECIFIC MINISTRY PASTORS TO SERVE IN DISTRICT ELECTED POSITIONS	Failed
Resolution 02-04-18 TO MODIFY THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM	Adopted
Resolution 02-05-18A TO ENSURE TIMELY AND TRANSPARENT FINANCIAL REPORTING IN THE SYNOD	Adopted
Resolution 02-06-18A TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT, LCMS	Adopted (pending CCM approval)
Resolution 02-07-18 TO MEMORIALIZE SYNOD TO IMPLEMENT TERM LIMITS FOR THE SYNODICAL PRESIDENT AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	No Action (Resolution Dies)
Resolution L02-08-18 TO AMEND DISTRICT BYLAWS TO COMPLY WITH SYNOD	Adopted
Omnibus Resolution B	Adopted

X. Resolutions

FLOOR COMMITTEE 1: MISSION AND MINISTRY

RESOLUTION 01-01-18
RE: OVERTURE 01-08-18

SUBJECT: TO GIVE THANKS FOR FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL MINISTRY

WHEREAS, our Texas District, our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and the visible Body of Christ have been blessed and strengthened by the service of Kenneth Hennings for 45 years as parish pastor, as mission executive, and as district president; and

WHEREAS, this servant of Christ has been supported and encouraged during these various ministries by his bride, Val; and

WHEREAS, they are entering a new season of life with the certain knowledge of God's unchanging mercy and grace through Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8); therefore be it

Resolved, that the Texas District assembled in convention give thanks to the Triune God for the faithful and fruitful ministry of the Rev. Kenneth Hennings and his wife, Val, by standing to sing the Doxology as a sign of gratitude to our Lord for His servants.

ACTION: Adopted

(Resolution 01-01-18 was adopted as presented by a rising vote and singing of the Common Doxology.)

RESOLUTION 01-02-18A
RE: OVERTURE 01-07-18

**SUBJECT: TO GIVE THANKS AND ENCOURAGEMENT AS WE RECOVER AND REBUILD FROM
HURRICANE HARVEY**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Harvey brought much devastation through wind and rain to many churches, schools, pastors, teachers, other church workers and fellow saints of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, our churches, schools, pastors, teachers, other church workers, and fellow saints have banded together to be of help and service to one another and to our communities in rebuilding; and

WHEREAS, the Texas District and LCMS Disaster Response have helped God's people recover through materials, grants, volunteers, and prayer; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Texas District in convention give thanks for the Lord watching over His people in this great time of need; that we give thanks to our Lord for the help and support of materials, grants, volunteers, and prayers the Synod has provided for the Texas District; that we give thanks to our Lord for all those within local congregations, and on the District level who have organized help for our Lord's people; and that we give thanks for the help we have been able to give one to another as fellow saints; and be it further

Resolved, that we continue to share the love of our Lord one to another and with our communities as we help one another recover and rebuild as saints gathered in local congregations, as church workers, as Circuits, and as a District; and be it finally

Resolved, that we use this as an opportunity also to reach out to our neighbors around us who do not know our Lord so that they too may know the Lord who saves us not just from storms but from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

ACTION: Adopted

(Resolution 01-02-18A was adopted as presented [Yes: 313; No: 2].)

RESOLUTION 01-03-18A
RE: OVERTURE 01-01-18

SUBJECT: TO REAFFIRM THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVANT-LEADERS FOR OUTREACH

WHEREAS, the population of Texas continues to experience a net growth of nearly 500,000 people per year (source: United States Census Bureau); and

WHEREAS, a majority of Texas residents are unchurched and may not know Jesus Christ as Savior (source: MissionInsite); and

WHEREAS, Jesus said, "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" (Matthew 9:37-38 ESV); and

WHEREAS, the Texas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod currently funds church planter training and coaching, evangelist training, and the training of ordained, commissioned, and lay servant leaders in learning communities; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Texas District in convention strongly encourage churches and church members in the Texas District to pray diligently that the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers into His harvest; and be it finally

Resolved, that the Texas District continue to utilize a portion of its mission budget to provide training for ordained, commissioned and lay servant-leaders to engage in outreach for the sake of the Gospel.

ACTION: Adopted

(Resolution 01-03-18A was adopted as presented [Yes: 319; No: 14].)

RESOLUTION 01-04-18
RE: OVERTURE 01-04-18

SUBJECT: TO WALK TOGETHER BY GIVING TO DISTRICT AND SYNOD MISSIONS

WHEREAS, our Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is comprised of congregations voluntarily joined in common confession and for the mutual support of Gospel-focused mission and ministries; and

WHEREAS, the word "synod" can appropriately be defined as "walking together;" and

WHEREAS, this walking together is made tangible in part by the financial gifts of each congregation of the Texas District; and

WHEREAS, the stewardship of God's people—individually and corporately—is an action of faith in Christ and worship of the Triune God (Philippians 4:10-20); and

WHEREAS, a stronger witness of the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ throughout Texas, across our nation, and around the world would be enhanced and expanded by increasing the offerings shared with the Texas District and with our Synod (over 28% of the mission gifts received by the Texas District); therefore be it

Resolved, that the Texas District in convention strongly encourage each congregation to commit by January 1, 2019 to increase its giving by a minimum of 1% of its general offerings as a mission gift to and through the Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

ACTION: Adopted

(Resolution 01-04-18 was adopted as presented [Yes: 248; No: 83].)

RESOLUTION 01-05-18A

RE: OVERTURES 01-02-18, 01-03-18

**SUBJECT: TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING OF NEW MINISTRIES IN
THE TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD**

WHEREAS, God has revealed Himself in His Word as the originator and provider of His mission to save the world (John 3:16); and

WHEREAS, God has drawn unto Himself a people through His Means of Grace who are forgiven of their sins, recipients of salvation, and heirs of eternal life because of the holy life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection of His Son Jesus—God in the flesh (John 1:14); and

WHEREAS, the Holy Christian Church is expressed as the body of believers gathered locally around Word and Sacraments (Acts 2:42, Hebrews 10:25; Augsburg Confession: Article VII); and

WHEREAS, Jesus now sends His disciples into the world (Matthew 28:19, 20) to proclaim the life-saving, life-sustaining Gospel through His called servants—pastors and missionaries—(Luke 24:45-49a; Ephesians 4:11) and through the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 2:8-10); and

WHEREAS, the congregations of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod send their mission offerings to the District; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Gospel, non-returnable grants from the 2018 Texas District mission budget consist of 43.5% to Texas District congregations, 25.7% to Texas District ministries and church planting networks (LINC Houston, Glocal Mission, LINC Austin, LINC North Texas and World Lutheran Deaf Outreach in Texas), 4.5% for church worker scholarships and lay-evangelist training, and 1.3% for church planter support (coaching, district demographic data access, and the Frontera Border Ministry); and

WHEREAS, in support of the Gospel, 25% of the 2018 Texas District mission budget is being disbursed as returnable funding to new and developing Texas District congregations and ministries; and

WHEREAS, this funding strategy has supported the planting of 25 new Word and Sacrament ministries in the last triennium and the training of hundreds of missionaries; and

WHEREAS, \$860,000 in returned mission funds have been utilized to start new ministries in the last triennium; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Texas District staff communicate to Texas District congregations, within the parameters of current district policy, the distribution of all district mission funds (including recipients and amounts) on the district's Web site, beginning with the present and two previous fiscal years; and be it further

Resolved, that the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention encourage Texas District congregations to grow in awareness of where mission dollars are allocated by building a relationship with Texas Partners in Mission, by consulting the annual Budget Summary posted on the Texas District website, and by consulting with the Texas District Treasurer about the specifics of mission budget allocation; and be it further

Resolved, that the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention 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; and be it further

Resolved, that Texas District congregations and ministries prayerfully consider working with their area Mission and Ministry Facilitator to submit ministry plans that outline the right person, place and plan for new outreach efforts in order to request returnable funding and/or non-returnable grants from the Board of Mission Administration; and be it finally

Resolved, that the people of the Texas District boldly proclaim the Good News about Jesus, our Lord and Savior, with love in their words and deeds, so that others may be added daily (Acts 2:47) and counted among those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb (John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-21).

ACTION: Adopted with amendment

(During debate, an amendment was offered to the first *Resolved* of Resolution 01-05A-18A to strike the following words, "continue to" and "mission and ministry actions and specific budget allocations actively, regularly, and with transparency through electronic and/or print communications" and, following the word "congregations," to insert the words "within the parameters of current district policy, the distribution of all district mission funds (including recipients and amounts) on the district's Web site beginning with the present and two previous fiscal years." The amendment was adopted [Yes: 185; No: 148].

Resolution 01-05-18A was adopted as amended. [Yes: 287; No: 49].)

RESOLUTION 01-06-18

RE: OVERTURE 01-05-18

SUBJECT: TO AFFIRM AND FINANCIALLY SUPPORT LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

WHEREAS, our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has long been a faithful witness for God's gift of life to the unborn, the developmentally-disabled, the elderly, and the dying; and

WHEREAS, Lutherans For Life has worked tirelessly to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life; and

WHEREAS, changes in the policies of Thrivent Financial have disallowed the allocation of Thrivent "Choice Dollars" to pro-life ministries; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention strongly encourage its congregations to give an annual gift to Lutherans For Life by the designation of all or a portion of the congregation's Thanksgiving Eve or Day offering, or from the offering of another suitable day.

ACTION: Adopted

(Resolution 01-06-18 was adopted as presented [Yes: 297; No: 41].)

RESOLUTION 01-07-18

RE: OVERTURE 01-06-18

SUBJECT: TO REQUEST THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY OVERTURE 01-06-18

WHEREAS, the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod received Overture 01-06-18, "To Become a Partner in the Mission Efforts in Panama;" and

WHEREAS, the overture stated in part, "WHEREAS, the Texas District is not at this time directly engaged in a formal way to any particular foreign mission field," but, in reality, the Texas District is engaged in a formal way with the Lutheran Synod of Mexico; therefore be it

Resolved, that Overture 01-06-18 be studied by a task force to be appointed by the District President with a report from the task force to be provided to the District President and Circuit 7 (overture author) within one year of the date of the 2018 convention.

ACTION: Adopted

(Resolution 01-07-18 was adopted as presented [Yes: 290; No: 49].)

FLOOR COMMITTEE 2: GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION: 02-01-18

RE: OVERTURES 02-01-18 A-D

SUBJECT: TO OVERRULE CCM OPINION 14-2724

WHEREAS the Texas District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, at its 2015 convention, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: 02-01-15A

RE: OVERTURES 02-04-15, 02-05-15, 02-06-15, 02-07-15, 02-08-15, 02-09-15, 02-10-15, 02-11-15, 02-12-15, 02-13-15

SUBJECT: TO OVERRULE CCM OPINION 14-2724

WHEREAS, the Word of God (Acts 13) clearly reveals that in the first century of the New Testament, a local congregation of believers in the Lord Jesus, assembled in Antioch, after much prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, freely consecrated and sent missionaries, notably Barnabas and Saul, into mission fields; and

WHEREAS, Article III. 2 of the Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod identifies an objective of the Synod as to “Strengthen congregations and their members in giving bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness into all the world;” and

WHEREAS, Article VII of the Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod states, “In relation to its members, the Synod is not an ecclesiastical government exercising legislative or coercive powers, and with respect to the individual congregation’s right of self-government it is but an advisory body”; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the Constitution states, “The Synod in convention may adopt bylaws that are consistent with and do not contradict the Constitution of the Synod, which controls and supersedes such bylaws and all other rules and regulations of the Synod”; and

WHEREAS, 2010 Synod Convention Res. 8-32B encourages the Synod to study Article VII of the Constitution, including study of “Congregations and Synod, Background Material on the Advisory Nature of the LCMS” along with opinions of the Commission on Constitutional Matters related to this topic (including CCM Opinion 09-2573 listed in a “Whereas” paragraph in Resolution 8-32B); and

WHEREAS, 1983 Synod Convention Res. 5-10A in a “Resolved” clause states that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod reaffirms that its synodical polity is essentially and principally congregational in nature; and

WHEREAS, CCM Opinion 09-2573 states in part that “. . . there is a common understanding that a congregation exercises its self-government . . . in carrying out . . . its own ministry programs and financial affairs . . .”; and

WHEREAS, Synod Bylaw 3.8.3 deals only with who has authority to send ministers of religion and other workers into Synod foreign mission fields, and prior bylaws have been careful not to restrict congregational activity specifically relating to whom congregations could send funds overseas, and nothing in the current bylaws restrict or could restrict the right of member congregations to (a) fund ministries in foreign countries, or (b) send/fund congregation members for service with organizations seeking to share the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, 1983 Synod Convention Res. 5-37 amending the bylaws only dealt with who on behalf of Synod as a whole could send missionaries at the expense of the Synod, and where the restriction applied, it being a sending bylaw only, clearly not applicable to congregations in any event; and

WHEREAS, CCM Opinion 14-2724 referring to 2013 Synod Convention Res. 1-08, "To Work Together in Mission," called for a two-fold response: First, "*Resolved*, That the Synod, by the next convention, develop and provide a mission best-practices policy document for districts and congregations engaged in mission projects to assist them to better carry out their mission and their life together", indicating that districts and congregations have and are recognized to have mission work and practices of their own, and because they have their own mission work and practices, the Synod should assist and support those efforts by developing a best-practices policy; and second, "that these best practices include encouragement to districts and congregations to communicate their international mission activities to the Synod's Director of Church Relations and Offices of National and International Mission for the purposes of healthy coordination and stewardship" (underlined portions indicate emphasis added), indicating that districts and congregations can have their own mission activities and when they do they are encouraged to communicate these activities to the Synod for coordination and good stewardship; and

WHEREAS, CCM Opinion 14-2724 states in part, "Congregations may not send funds to mission societies and non-Synod entities for work in foreign areas without taking into consideration policies developed and determined for this purpose by the Board of International Mission as the only sending agency;" and

WHEREAS, CCM Opinion 14-2724 incorrectly restricts the mission outreach of congregations and others to give bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness into all the world; therefore be it

Resolved, that the congregations of the Texas District and of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod be encouraged, with much prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to send missionaries to foreign areas; and be it further

Resolved, That the Texas District affirms and encourages congregations, auxiliaries, recognized service organizations, districts, and individual members of the Synod, in their efforts to give bold witness by word and deed, to the love and work of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness to all the world; and be it further

Resolved, that nothing in the bylaws of Synod should ever be interpreted to limit efforts by congregations, auxiliaries, recognized service organizations, districts, and individual members of the Synod, to give bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness to all the world, but only be interpreted as requesting information which might allow Synod to support (and to assist in connecting potential support for) congregations and individual members, to assist in connecting potential mission partners, and to provide best practices information which could assist the efforts; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Texas District in convention memorialize the Synod in convention to adopt this resolution and to overrule CCM Opinion 14-2724, to be thereby declared null and void and of no effect.

Rev. Larry Krueger, Chairman
Rev. Brian Hesse, Secretary

And

WHEREAS, The above resolution appears in the 2016 LCMS Convention Workbook as Overture 2-04, thereby affirming its material accuracy; and

WHEREAS, Three other LCMS districts, three district boards of directors, one circuit, and seventeen LCMS congregations also adopted this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Two other overtures (2-07, 2-09) were submitted to the 2016 LCMS Convention that also requested that CCM Opinion 14-2724 be overruled; and

WHEREAS, LCMS Bylaw 3.9.2.2 (c) regarding the CCM says, in part:

An opinion rendered by the commission shall be binding on the question decided unless and until it is overruled by a convention of the Synod. Overtures to a convention that seek to overrule an opinion of the commission shall support the proposed action with substantive rationale from the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod. **All such overtures shall be considered by the floor committee to which they have been assigned and shall be included in a specific report to the convention with recommendations for appropriate action. (Emphasis added)**

And

WHEREAS, No such report was given to the 2016 convention of the Synod, as a report and a resolution (including the resolution identified as Resolution 2-06A in Today's Business p. 348-350 that was never brought to the convention floor) are the not the same thing according to Bylaw 3.1.6.1 and Bylaw 3.1.6.2, which clearly differentiate between "Reports" and "Overtures," defining "Reports," in part, as "statements of work performed or contemplated by those charged with conducting the business of the Synod" and "Overtures," in part, as "recommendations in the form of proposed resolutions requesting action on the part of the convention" (cf. Bylaw 3.9.2.2.1, which also distinguishes between reports and overtures); and

WHEREAS, No disposition of these overtures whatsoever is recorded in the 2016 Synod convention *Proceedings*; and

WHEREAS, The document "LCMS Best Practices in Short-Term Mission" requests congregations to receive approval from the Synod to be involved in short-term mission trips by referencing the Bylaws, which has been seen, correctly or incorrectly, as restricting congregations in "giving bold witness by word and deed" when and where they see fit (<https://wmltblog.org/2015/01/lcms-best-practices-in-short-term-mission/>, accessed 3/9/2018); therefore be it

Resolved, That the resolution quoted above be submitted as an overture to the 2019 Synod convention by the adoption of this current resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of Synod be directed to assure that both the spirit and the provisions of Bylaw 3.9.2.2 (c) are followed with respect to this resolution and any other resolution that becomes an overture to the Synod asking for a CCM opinion to be overruled; and be it finally

Resolved, That also in our agreements in how we will work together in the LCMS, things "be done in a fitting and orderly way" (I Corinthians 14:40).

ACTION: Adopted

(Resolution 02-01-18 was adopted as presented [Yes: 275; No: 72].)

RESOLUTION: 02-02-18A

RE: OVERTURES 2-02-18 A-H

SUBJECT: TO AMEND LCMS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI

WHEREAS, The 2016 Convention of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, in its Resolution 12-14 ["Regarding the Right of an Accuser to Appeal When a District President or President of the Synod Fails to Act or Declines to Suspend"] and according to Bylaw 7.1.2, deferred its rightful legislative authority and directed the Board of Directors of the Synod to draft bylaws to resolve a situation where, it claimed, "portions of the expulsion processes of the Synod's Bylaws are presently in an unconstitutional state with respect to Constitution Art. XI B 1-3 and Constitution Art. XIII 2"; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 12-14, resolves "That a consultation process shall be designed by mutual agreement of the Chairman of the Council of Presidents and the President of the Synod, by which the Council of Presidents shall have the opportunity to offer to the Secretary of the Synod input as to

proposed mechanisms to implement expulsion processes consistent with and not contradicting the Constitution of the Synod”; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 12-14 states that the Commission on Constitutional Matters in Op. 16-2791 “has indicated portions of the expulsion processes of Synod’s Bylaws are presently in an unconstitutional state with respect to Const. Art. XI B 1-3 and Const. Art. XIII 2”, such bylaws having been adopted by the Synod in Convention in 2004, acting as the “principal legislative assembly” (Bylaw 3.1.1) of the Synod; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, those Bylaws were regarded as constitutional by the Commission on Constitutional Matters prior to the convention, as they fulfilled their function to “examine all reports, overtures, and resolutions of the Synod asking for amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod or which in any manner affect the Constitution and Bylaws, to determine their agreement in content and language with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod” (Bylaw 3.9.2.2.1) and to “be represented at the meetings of national convention floor committees considering constitution and bylaw matters to ensure that they are in accord with the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod” (Bylaw 3.9.2.2.2); and

WHEREAS, At no time since the adoption of the Bylaw provisions in 2004 until CCM 16-2791 had a Commission opined that these expulsion process bylaws were in an unconstitutional state; and

WHEREAS, The 2004 Commission on Constitutional Matters and the 2016 Commission on Constitutional Matters clearly provided different opinions on the constitutional state of the Synod’s bylaws with respect to Constitution Art XI B 1-3 and Art XIII 2 prior to the 2016 Synod convention; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors, acting under Bylaw 7.1.2 and at the express direction of the 2016 Resolution 12-14, in May of 2017 adopted changes to the bylaws of the Synod regarding ecclesiastical supervision; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Synod, on November 3, 2017, published an article on the Synod’s website, recognizing the need to “relieve any confusion regarding these changes”; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of Synod defines clearly, precisely, and fully the supervisory role of the President of Synod, wherein the President of Synod has the “the supervision regarding the doctrine and the administration of a. All officers of the Synod; b. All such as are employed by the Synod; c. The individual districts of the Synod; d. All district presidents” (XI.B.1); and

WHEREAS, The President of Synod, as ecclesiastical supervisor, may assume “only such rights as have been expressly conferred” (XI A.1 [“The officers of the Synod must assume only such rights as have been expressly conferred upon them by the Synod, and in everything pertaining to their rights and the performance of their duties, they are responsible to the Synod.”]), and

WHEREAS, The duties are expressly conferred to be “the power to advise, admonish, and reprove . . . conscientiously use all means at his command to promote and maintain unity of doctrine and practice in all the districts of the Synod” (XI.B.3); and

WHEREAS, Synod’s Constitution expressly confers upon the District Presidents the duty “to exercise supervision over” their district’s ministers and to “visit and . . . hold investigations in the congregations” (XII.7), including the District Presidents being empowered “to suspend from membership” their district’s ministers (XII.8); and

WHEREAS, Prior to the year 2016 and CCM Op. 16-2791, numerous CCM opinions [to wit Ag. 1970, Op. 15-2750, 13-2669, 10-2581, 03-2354, and 03-2338, A and C] interpreted the President of Synod’s scope of ecclesiastical supervision not to include supervision over a district’s individual members and congregations as expressed in Article XII.7, 8; and

WHEREAS, C. F. W. Walther, the first President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod said that “We have merely the power to advise one another, that we have only the power of the Word and of convincing” (1848 Presidential address to the Synod) [See Article XI B 4 below in the third resolve]; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the Synod define ecclesiastical supervision as including "...visitation, evangelical encouragement and support, care, protection, counsel, advice, admonition, and when necessary, appropriate disciplinary measures..." (LCMS Bylaw 1.2.1 (i)); therefore be it

Resolved, That it is this assembly's formal declaration that such supervision should take place in relationship between the supervisor and the supervised, as close to the supervised as possible, and not carried out by a centralized authority; and be it further

Resolved, That it is this assembly's formal declaration that this was and is the intent of the Constitution of the Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That, for the sake of clarification, Article XI of the Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod be amended as follows:

Article XI Rights and Duties of Officers

A. In General

1. The officers of the Synod must assume only such rights as have been expressly conferred upon them by the Synod, and in everything pertaining to their rights and the performance of their duties they are responsible to the Synod.
2. The Synod at all times has the right to call its officers to account and, if circumstances require it, to remove them from office in accordance with Christian procedure.
3. The Synod reserves the right to abolish any office it has established.
4. Conventions of the Synod and of the districts have the right, in extraordinary cases, to elect a chairman other than the regular presiding officer.

B. Duties of the President

1. The President has the ecclesiastical supervision as limited in XI B 2 regarding the doctrine and the administration of
 - a. All officers of ~~the~~ Corporate Synod;
 - b. All such individual members of the Synod as are employed by ~~the~~ Corporate Synod;
 - c. The individual assembled corporate districts of the Synod in convention and through the ecclesiastical supervision of the district president when not in convention;
 - d. All district presidents.
2. The President shall have no ecclesiastical supervision over individual and congregational members of the Synod except as listed in XI B 1 a - d and shall have the power to exercise disciplinary, suspension, and expulsion provisions only of district presidents (Article XI B 1 d).
3. The President has the administrative supervision of all such as are employed by Corporate Synod.
- 2.4. It is the President's duty to see to it that all the aforementioned act in accordance with the Synod's Constitution, to admonish all who in any way depart from it, and, if such admonition is not heeded, to report such cases to the Synod.
- 3.5. The President has and always shall have and be limited to the power to advise, admonish, and reprove. He shall conscientiously use all these means at his command to promote and maintain unity of doctrine and practice in all the districts of the Synod. Such means and authority shall be limited to those rights and duties specifically laid out in this article (XI A, B).
- 4.6. The President shall see to it that the resolutions of the Synod are carried out.
- 5.7. When the Synod meets in convention the President shall give a report of his administration. He shall conduct the sessions of the convention so that all things are done in a Christian manner and in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod.
- 6.8. It is the duty of the President, or an officer of the Synod appointed by the President, to be present at the meetings of the districts, to advise them, and to report at the next session of the Synod.
- 7.9. The President shall perform all additional duties assigned to him by the Bylaws or by special resolution of the Synod in convention, provided that such duties do not conflict with other provisions of the Constitution.

8-10. When matters arise between meetings of the Synod in convention which are of such a nature that action thereon cannot be delayed until the next convention, the President is authorized to submit them to a written vote of the member congregations of the Synod only after full and complete information regarding the matter has been sent to member congregations by presidential letter and has been published in an official periodical of the Synod. If such matters are related to the business affairs of the Synod, such a vote shall be conducted only after the President has consulted with the synodical Board of Directors. In all cases at least one-fourth of the member congregations must register their vote.

And be it further

Resolved, That when the amendment process is complete, the Bylaws of the Synod regarding ecclesiastical supervision (Bylaws 2.14-2.17) be returned to the wording of the 2013 *Handbook* of the Synod to bring the Bylaws into harmony with this Constitutional amendment (Bylaw 3.9.4.2 b); and be it finally

Resolved, That the Texas District in convention memorialize the Synod in convention with this resolution.

ACTION: Adopted

(As per convention Standing Rules, following twenty minutes of debate the Chair called for a vote to close debate. The vote to close debate was adopted [Yes: 242; No: 89]. Resolution 02-02-18A was adopted as presented [Yes: 251; No: 95].)

RESOLUTION: 02-03-18

RE: OVERTURE 02-07-18

**SUBJECT: TO MEMORIALIZE THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD IN CONVENTION TO
ALLOW SPECIFIC MINISTRY PASTORS TO SERVE IN DISTRICT ELECTED POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, Specific ministry pastors are allowed by LCMS by-law 2.13.1 (b) (1) to serve as pastoral delegates to district conventions, and

WHEREAS, Service as an ordained member of a district board encompasses the context of the specific ministry pastor's call in the district, and

WHEREAS, The gifts, talents, and insights of specific ministry pastors can bring blessing to the decision-making processes of district boards; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Texas District in convention memorialize the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention to revise LCMS by-law 2.13.1 (b) to read:

(b) A specific ministry pastor is not eligible to

- (1) serve as a voting delegate to a national convention of the Synod—but may serve as an advisory delegate to national conventions and as a pastoral delegate to district conventions;
- (2) hold any elected or appointed office on the ~~district or~~ national Synod level that is assigned by the Bylaws of the Synod to “a pastor” or “an ordained minister” (although specific ministry pastors may serve in all other capacities, especially representing the ministerial contexts in which they serve);
- (3) supervise vicars; ~~or~~
- ~~(4) serve as a circuit visitor.~~

ACTION: Failed

(During debate, an amendment was offered to reinsert the words, “(4) serve as a circuit visitor.” The amendment failed [Yes: 116; No: 216]. The question was called. The vote to close debate was adopted [Yes: 292; No: 49]. Resolution 02-03-18 failed [Yes: 153; No: 181].)

RESOLUTION: 02-04-18

RE: OVERTURES 02-03-18 A-D & 02-04-18 A-C

**SUBJECT: TO MODIFY THE GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

RATIONALE

Higher education is in a time of significant change, including but not limited to demographic shifts in prospective student populations, increasing market competition from non-profit and for-profit providers of education, ongoing innovations in technology and academic program delivery models, increasing accountability to public and private entities, and growing financial complexities.

Christian colleges and universities face the additional challenge to be faithful to their confession in an increasingly secular culture.

To survive and thrive in today's highly competitive, complex, and secular environment Christian institutions of higher education require an informed and talented board of regents, with a common commitment to education in the context of the Christian Gospel. Regents' understanding of and passion for the unique missions of the institutions they govern, a multiplicity of skill sets to support the specific needs of the institutions they govern, and the capacity to support these institutions with their time, talent, treasure, and other resources is critical.

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been blessed by our Concordia Colleges and Universities for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the colleges and universities of the Concordia University System (CUS) desire to preserve and extend their identity as Lutheran institutions of higher education, which offer quality, affordable education, and have therefore renewed their commitment to Lutheran higher education by signing the Lutheran Identity Statement; and

WHEREAS, our CUS colleges and universities continue to provide the highest quality of education and faith development in the midst of a highly competitive higher education market; and

WHEREAS, Concordia University Texas received negative feedback through their process of reaffirmation of accreditation from the off-site committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in the governance structure portion of the university's report because of "undue influence from external bodies"; and

WHEREAS, Synod currently provides no direct financial support to Concordia University Texas, giving the synod "undue influence" with no financial responsibility or liability; and

WHEREAS, each Concordia is located in a unique part of the United States and faces legal challenges, cultural opportunities, and economic diversity which may differ from other CUS schools; and

WHEREAS, the schools of the CUS are valued partners of the LCMS, therefore be it

Resolved, that The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in convention give thanks to God for the treasures it has in its nine colleges and universities, and be it further

Resolved, that the governance of the individual colleges and universities of the Concordia University System be changed to the extent that

- Each college or university will determine the number of regents it chooses to appoint to its Board of Regents;
- Each Board of Regents will be responsible for appointing its own members from within a pool of candidates consisting of the members of member congregations of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod;
- Each Board of Regents will include among its members
 - the president of the LCMS District in which the college or university is located,

- a regent who resides in the Synodical geographic Region of the university, appointed by the LCMS President,
- a regent who resides in the Synodical geographic Region of the university, appointed by the LCMS Board of Directors,
- a minimum of two regents who are members in good standing on the LCMS roster of ministers of religion, ordained,
- a minimum of two regents who are members in good standing on the LCMS roster of ministers of religion, commissioned.

And be it further

Resolved that the Commission on Handbook be directed to make the appropriate changes to the bylaws of the Synod in accordance with bylaw 3.9.4.2b; and be it finally

Resolved, the Texas District in convention memorialize the Synod in convention with this resolution.

ACTION: Adopted

(After some debate, the Chair called for a vote to close debate. The vote to close debate was adopted [Yes: 217; No: 31]). Resolution 02-04-18 was adopted as presented [Yes: 157; No: 95].)

RESOLUTION: 02-05-18A

RE: OVERTURE 02-05-18

SUBJECT: TO ENSURE TIMELY AND TRANSPARENT FINANCIAL REPORTING IN THE SYNOD

WHEREAS, A principle of Biblical stewardship is to be accountable with the resources with which one has been entrusted, as expressed in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14 ff.); and

WHEREAS, Much is required of those to whom God has entrusted his gifts. As Jesus said, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more” (Luke 12:48b, ESV); and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures teach “it is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2, ESV); and

WHEREAS, The Synod has historically recognized its responsibility of accountability and faithfulness in the handling of the finances entrusted to it by its members, as is witnessed in Bylaw 1.5.4, “The Synod and each of its agencies shall fully disclose their financial books and records to any member congregation of the Synod;” and

WHEREAS, The Synod in previous conventions has expressed its opinion that such accountability and faithfulness be found additionally in regular reporting of such financial disclosure by adopting 2010 Convention Resolution 4-03, “To Broadly Communicate the Statement of Financial Position of LCMS,” which reads in its totality:

“Whereas, It is helpful to understand the Synod's financial position and communicate it to the members of the congregations of Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That each November, the Vice-President-Finance—Treasurer of the Synod use widely available means, (i.e., The Lutheran Witness, Reporter, the LCMS Website) to state the financial position of the Synod in a format easily understood by persons unfamiliar with financial terminology.” (2010 Convention Proceedings, p. 120); and

WHEREAS, The members of the Synod expressed even further the need for full transparency in all areas of financial disclosure by adopting 2016 convention **RESOLUTION 9-04A, “To Improve Disclosures Related to Financial Gifts from God’s Stewards for Special Appeals,”** which stated, in part,

“...Whereas, Monies for special appeals requested by corporate Synod (e.g., following natural disasters) are reported only in part in Synod publications (e.g., Reporter and The Lutheran Witness) and sometimes only annually; and ...

Whereas, Donors and members of the Synod are interested in the impact of funds raised for special appeals and will appreciate improved disclosure of results; therefore be it

Resolved, That the financial offices of corporate Synod continue to recognize the desire of donors and members of the Synod to improve processes of reporting and work to provide clear, timely, and transparent accounting for all funding and special appeals, so that the Body of Christ may experience the joy of Gospel-centered mission and ministry beyond the local context or community.” (2016 Convention Proceedings, p. 189); and

WHEREAS, It was reported to the 2013 Convention of the Synod by the Board of Directors in its Report on the Disposition of Funding the Mission Recommendations (R6-03-01) that “the decline in the Synod’s annual unrestricted revenue continues...The board believes that congregations will respond through better, open, and honest communication about the great things God is able to accomplish for His kingdom when we work together. Numerous conventions have passed resolutions calling on congregations to maintain and increase unrestricted support for district and Synod ministries, yet the unrestricted support passed through our districts to the Synod has continued to decline at the average rate of \$1 million each year.” (2013 Convention Workbook 2013, p. 114-115); and

WHEREAS, In 2016, the Chief Financial Officer of the Synod, in reporting to the Synod about offerings received, stated, “This sharing from God’s bounty continues to decline. Although the amount of decline in the past three years has not been as severe as the average decline of the previous 20 years, it is still trending negatively. In the face of continued declining unrestricted revenues, the ability of Synod, Inc. to respond quickly and nimbly to mission and ministry opportunities and challenges laid before us by our Lord also declines, as does our ability to “fill in the gap” when restricted revenues, needed to fund much of our mission and ministry activities, fall short of their goals. The financial challenges facing our beloved Synod persist. I believe that these challenges are of our own making, a product of how we distribute the resources provided by our loving Father.” (2016 Convention Workbook, pp. 61-62) (*Underlining added for emphasis*); and

WHEREAS, There have been reports about the financial struggles of the Synod, such as the need to trim \$4 million dollars from the budget of the Synod (ref. July 7, 2017 Reporter, <https://blogs.lcms.org/2017/international-national-mission>, and the May 19-20 2017 Synod Board of Directors Minutes, <https://www.lcms.org/about/leadership/board-of-directors>); and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that the Synod has only minimal days of operating capital in its cash reserves, which would seemingly place the Synod in a precarious financial position (ref. Paragraph 45, Financial Reports of the February 17-18, 2017 LCMS Board of Directors Minutes, <https://www.lcms.org/about/leadership/board-of-directors>), which stated that without funds held on behalf of the two Seminaries, the Synod had only a 5 days of cash available); and

WHEREAS, In the face of such challenging financial times, transparency and *regularity* in reporting of the financial situation of the Synod is of utmost importance to the members and constituency of the Synod, who have a vested interest in the financial viability of the Synod and who merit clear, concise, and timely reports; and

WHEREAS, The President of the Synod recommended in his report to the Synod in 2016 that the Synod have “Uniform Financial Reporting.” (2016 Today’s Business, p. 28); therefore be it

Resolved, that it is the formal declaration of this assembly that *annual* reporting of the synod’s financial position in the official publications of the Synod is insufficient; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod in convention direct the Chief Financial Officer to report *quarterly* in the Synod’s official publications about the financial position of the Synod in a format easily understood by persons unfamiliar with financial terminology, such reporting to include, but not limited to income and expenses, budget versus spending, explanations for variances in budget line items that vary by \$50,000 or more, cash reserves and cash position, etc.; and be it further

Resolved, That these quarterly reports include information about the regular Synod budget and the reporting on special appeals as stipulated in 2016 Resolution 9-04A; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod be shrewd managers with the resources God has given it; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod give thanks to God for the resources He has entrusted to us, recognizing "That the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" (Psalm 24:1, ESV); and be it finally

Resolved, That the Texas District in convention memorialize the Synod in convention with this resolution.

ACTION: Adopted

(During debate, an amendment was offered to insert an additional *Resolved* before the final *Resolved*, to read: "*Resolved*, That what has been requested in this resolution of the Synod also be required through the publication of the 35 Districts of our Synod; and be it finally." The amendment failed. [Yes: 104; No: 132]. The Chair called for a vote to close debate. The vote to close debate was adopted [Yes: 231; No: 16]. Resolution 02-05-18A was adopted as presented [Yes: 213; No: 34].)

RESOLUTION 02-06-18A

RE: OVERTURE 02-09-18

SUBJECT: TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT, LCMS

WHEREAS, it is good and right to preserve, for future generations, significant historical items that have helped to form and to shape the Texas District; and

WHEREAS, the current Bylaws of the Texas District provide for the preservation of these items in the archives of the district, but also call for pastors of the district *"to send a copy of all congregational publications to the district archivist. "All congregational publications" is defined as church papers, installation, dedication, and anniversary programs and booklets, news clippings and pictures"* (Article X.B.10.015), which has the potential effect of making the archives excessive in size and practically unmanageable; and

WHEREAS, the district president and Board of Directors have therefore not been able to effectively carry out the provisions of the existing Bylaws regarding archives, due to the size of archives as well as the costs associated with properly preserving these historical items; and

WHEREAS, the current Bylaws do not address, or allow for, the advances in technology for the preservation and dissemination of archives in digital form; therefore be it

Resolved, that the bylaws of the Texas District be amended as follows:

Article X

B. District Archivist

10.011 Personnel and Selection

An archivist shall be appointed by the district president. The appointment shall be approved by the board of directors of the district.

10.013 Functions

The ~~Archivist~~ archivist shall:

- a. Collect and receive historical documents and materials pertinent to the growth, development and maintenance of the Texas District ~~and its constituent congregations~~; and
- b. Store, catalog, and make available such materials as request by qualified persons.

10.015 Materials

All pastors of the Texas District are asked to send a copy of all congregational publications to the district archivist. "All congregation publications" is defined as church papers, installation, dedications, and anniversary programs and booklets, news clippings and pictures. The archivist, in consultation with the district president, will include in the district archives all items received by the district which are deemed to be of historical significance to the district. At the discretion of the archivist, some items may be digitally scanned and saved rather than retained in physical form.

10.017 Space and Funds

Space, necessary help, and appropriate funding for the binding, storing, preservation, and display of archive materials as determined by the board of directors. Digitally scanned items are to be retained by the district.

10.019 Use of Materials

a. No material that is part of the archives shall be sent out.

b. The following rules shall govern the use of the archives:

(1) The archivist, the district president, the four vice presidents, and the president of Concordia University Texas, and the treasurer of the district, shall have access to the archives.

(2) Permission for all others to use the archives shall be granted by the archivist or the district president.

(3) The students of Concordia University Texas wishing to be admitted to the archives must be granted permission by the president of the university. He will then refer the request to the archivist and/or the district president

(4) At the discretion of the district president, digitally scanned materials may be made available to the public.

ACTION: Adopted (pending approval from Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters)

(Resolution 02-06-18A was adopted as presented [Yes: 307; No: 24], pending approval by the Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters).

RESOLUTION L02-08-18

RE: REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT RE: AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT BYLAWS TO COMPLY WITH SYNOD

SUBJECT: TO AMEND DISTRICT BYLAWS TO COMPLY WITH SYNOD

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Synod is also the constitution of each district (Synod Bylaw 4.1.1.2), and

WHEREAS, A district may adopt additional bylaws, regulations, and resolutions necessary or proper for its own administrations or for effectively carrying on the work of the Synod (Synod Bylaw 4.1.1.2[a]), and

WHEREAS, These shall not conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod (Synod Bylaw 4.1.2[a]),

WHEREAS, The bylaws and regulations of the district and any subsequent change therein shall be submitted to the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) of the Synod for review and approval (Synod Bylaw 4.1.1.2[b]), and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Constitutional Matters shall examine the articles of incorporation, bylaws and policy manuals of every agency of the Synod to ascertain whether they are in harmony with the Constitution, Bylaws and resolutions of the Synod (Synod Bylaw 3.9.2.2.3), and

WHEREAS, Agencies intending to make amendments to articles of incorporation or bylaws shall make such intentions known and receive approval from the commission in advance (Synod Bylaw 3.9.2.2.3[a]), and

WHEREAS, Resolutions adopted at the 2016 Convention of the Synod that impact the bylaws of the district are to be incorporated into the bylaws of the district, and

WHEREAS, Upon review of the Handbook of the District, the CCM has recommended changes to the bylaws of the district for clarification and/or compliance with the resolutions and bylaws of the Synod (Recommendations 1-9), and

WHEREAS, Upon review of the Handbook of the District, the president, first vice president and secretary of the district have noted sections of the district bylaws that would benefit from amendment (Recommendations 10-12), and

WHEREAS, The CCM has duly reviewed and approved the proposed amendments to the bylaws included in this resolution, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Texas District in convention adopt the amendments presented in the recommendations of this resolution for inclusion in the Handbook of the District.

RECOMMENDATION #1: Replace existing Article V, Voting Power, in The Preamble to the Bylaws in its entirety and give the article the new title of "Membership," with a new subheading of "Voting."

Rationale: The current title of "Voting Power" is misleading. The membership of the district consists of congregations as voting members and ordained/commissioned ministers as individual members. This article is therefore both incorrectly named and incorrect.

Current wording:

Article V. Voting Power

This corporation shall consist of the accredited pastoral and lay delegates of the congregations and parishes, as provided by the bylaws hereafter enacted, each congregation or parish being entitled to one pastoral and one lay delegate in such meeting; only such delegates shall be entitled to vote.

Proposed wording:

Article V. Membership

Membership in the district shall be the same as membership in the Synod, which is held and may be acquired by congregations, ministers of religion—ordained and ministers of religion—commissioned. (See Handbook of the Synod).

1. Voting

All organized congregations that have joined the Synod and hold membership in the district hold voting membership. At the meetings of the districts every congregation or parish is entitled to two votes, one of which is to be cast by the pastor and the other by the lay delegate.

RECOMMENDATION #2: Revise Preamble, Article VI, Officers, to clarify that circuit visitors need to be ordained ministers.

Rationale: Circuit visitors also need to be ordained ministers.

Current wording:

The president, vice presidents and secretary shall be ordained ministers of religion (hereafter called ordained ministers).

Proposed wording:

The president, vice presidents, secretary and circuit visitors shall be ordained ministers of religion (hereafter called ordained ministers).

RECOMMENDATION #3: Revise Texas District Bylaw 1.011, Vacancies, to clarify that circuit visitor appointments do not require ratification.

Rationale: Appointment of circuit visitors to vacancies by the district president does not require ratification by the board of directors (LCMS Bylaw 5.2.2.1).

Current wording:

1.011.b. The board of directors shall ratify such vacancy appointments,

Proposed wording:

1.011.b. The board of directors shall ratify such vacancy appointments, except for circuit visitors. Vacancies that occur in the office of circuit visitor between conventions shall be filled by appointment by the district president (see Handbook of the Synod).

RECOMMENDATION #4: Revise the wording of Bylaw 1.057.f, Functions and Duties of Vice Presidents

Rationale: The language is of uncertain meaning and calls for clarification.

Current wording:

1.057.f be voting members, and attend all district conferences, of circuit visitors called by the district president.

Proposed wording:

1.057.f. attend all district circuit visitor meetings called by the district president.

RECOMMENDATION #5: Insert language from LCMS Bylaw 1.5.5, in part, into Texas District Bylaw 1.075, Personnel Manual.

Rationale: The district personnel manual needs to conform to Synod's human resources policies (LCMS Bylaw 1.5.5) as provided by the Board of Directors of the Synod. It would be helpful to state this as part of the review and revision to be conducted by the district board of directors.

Current wording:

1.075 Personnel Manual

The district shall maintain a written personnel manual which delineates policies and procedures for adding, dismissing, supervising and managing the district staff. The personnel manual will be subject to annual review and revision by the board of directors.

Proposed wording:

1.075 Personnel Manual

The district shall maintain a written personnel manual which delineates policies and procedures for adding, dismissing, supervising and managing the district staff. The district shall operate under the general human resources policies of the Synod as provided by the Board of Directors of the Synod (see

Handbook of the Synod). The personnel manual will be subject to annual review and revision by the board of directors.

RECOMMENDATION #6: Add language from Synod Bylaw 4.2.1 [g] in both District Bylaw 4.005, Distribution of Convention Workbook and District Bylaw 4.015, Distribution of Proceedings.

Rationale: While electronic distribution of convention materials is an option, it is subject to the requirements of Synod's Bylaws (LCMS Bylaw 4.2.1 [g]).

Current wording:

4.005 a. All matters to come before the convention shall be presented to the district president according to the time schedule set up by him. He shall decide which of these matters shall be in the convention workbook. The convention workbook shall be made available to every ordained minister, called commissioned minister, and lay delegate three weeks in advance of the convention, whether such can attend the convention or not.

4.015 Distribution of Official Proceedings

The district convention proceedings shall be made available to each ordained minister, called commissioned minister, lay delegate, such others as have registered, and be provided to synod's office.

Proposed wording:

4.005 a. All matters to come before the convention shall be presented to the district president according to the time schedule set up by him. He shall decide which of these matters shall be in the convention workbook. The convention workbook shall be made available to every ordained minister, called commissioned minister, and lay delegate three weeks in advance of the convention, whether such can attend the convention or not. The district may provide the convention workbook by a means of electronic communication, with the provision that any designated recipient shall be provided a printed copy of the workbook upon request (see Handbook of the Synod).

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The district convention proceedings shall be made available to each ordained minister, called commissioned minister, lay delegate, such others as have registered, and be provided to synod's office. The district may provide the convention proceedings by a means of electronic communication, with the provision that any designated recipient shall be provided a printed copy of the proceedings upon request (see Handbook of the Synod).

RECOMMENDATION #7: Provide clarification of the meaning of "professional church worker" in Bylaw 5.001.d(1), Official Conferences.

Rationale: The CCM noted that "professional church worker," in the language of the bylaws, means "ordained or commissioned minister."

Current wording:

5.001 d. Official district conferences shall include:
(1) district professional church workers conferences

Proposed wording:

5.001 d. Official district conferences shall include:
(1) district professional church workers conferences (ordained and commissioned ministers);

RECOMMENDATION #8: Provide clarification in Bylaw 7.007.a, Board of Mission Administration Personnel, regarding the number and type of members elected to the board of mission administration at the respective conventions of the district, in relation to the number appointed.

Rationale: The CCM noted an unclarity in the number of members of the Board of Mission Administration that are elected by the convention, as opposed to the number to be appointed.

Current wording:

7.007 a. The board of mission administration shall consist of eleven members as follows: five ordained ministers, one commissioned minister, and five laypersons, the majority of whom must be elected by the district in convention. All other members shall be appointed by the board of directors of the Texas District.

Proposed wording:

7.007 a. The board of mission administration shall consist of eleven members as follows: five ordained ministers, one commissioned minister, and five laypersons, the majority of whom must be elected by the district in convention in the following manner: two ordained ministers and one layperson elected in one triennium and one ordained, one commissioned minister and one layperson elected in the offsetting triennium. All other members shall be appointed by the board of directors of the Texas District.

RECOMMENDATION #9: Replace the wording of existing District Bylaw XV, Amendment to Bylaws, to include new actions allowed by the synod regarding amendments to bylaws at a district convention (Synod Bylaw 3.9.2.2.3[b]) and to expedite the inclusion of required bylaw changes due to synod convention action.

Rationale: The new wording will incorporate into the district bylaws the inclusion of Synod Bylaw 3.9.2.2.3[b], which was adopted to deal with article or bylaw amendments that arise or change spontaneously in the course of a convention. The new section (c) creates and defines an expedient process for the incorporation of mandatory bylaw changes required due to the action of a synod convention.

Current wording:

XV. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

15.001 Procedure

Amendments to these bylaws may be made

a. by a district convention provided they are:

- (1) not contrary to the Articles of Incorporation of the district or of the constitution and bylaws of synod;
- (2) presented to a convention of the district;
- (3) specified as bylaw amendments and considered by a convention floor committee;
- (4) submitted to the synod's commission on constitutional matters for approval prior to the presentation to the convention; and
- (5) adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting, or

b. by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the board of directors, in exceptional circumstances and upon the express direction of the convention, incorporating amendments to the district bylaws that are necessary to implement resolutions adopted by the district convention. Such amendments shall be drafted by the secretary of the district, approved by the board of directors and reviewed and approved by the commission on constitutional matters of the synod.

Proposed wording:

ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Amendments to these bylaws may not be contrary to the Articles of Incorporation of the district and are subject to the provision of the Constitution, Bylaws, and the resolutions of the Synod in convention.

15.001 Procedure

Amendments to the bylaws may be made

a. by a district convention provided they are:

1. not contrary to the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws;
2. approved by Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters prior to the convention;
3. specified as bylaw amendments and considered by a convention floor committee;
4. presented in writing to a convention of the district;
5. adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates present and voting.
6. Any modification to proposed bylaws, having received prior approval from the Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters, which are made at a district convention by amendment, only becomes effective in accordance with the procedures described in the Bylaws of the Synod.

b. by the district board of directors in exceptional circumstances and upon the express direction of the convention

1. such amendments shall be drafted by the secretary of the district in consultation with the district president
2. reviewed and approved by the Commission on Constitutional Matters of the Synod
3. following CCM approval be submitted to the board of directors for vote
4. shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors.

c. by the district board of directors when amendments to the district bylaws are required because of an action of the synod in convention

When bylaws or resolutions adopted by the Synod in convention require changes in the district bylaws in order to bring the district bylaws into conformity with the mandates of the Synod, these changes may be adopted by the district board of directors according to the following procedure:

1. changes in wording shall be developed by the district secretary in consultation with the district president
2. submitted for approval to Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters
3. following CCM approval be submitted to the board of directors for vote
4. shall be incorporated into the current district bylaws when adopted by majority vote of the board of directors.

RECOMMENDATION # 10: Amend Texas District Bylaw 1.005.a, Concordia University Texas Board of Regents, to ensure qualifications of university boards of regents

Rationale: To ensure compliance with Synod Bylaw 3.10.6.2

Current wording:

a. One ordained minister, one commissioned minister, and two laypersons shall be elected by the Texas District in convention. (See current Handbook of the Synod.)

Proposed wording:

1.005 Concordia University Texas Board of Regents

a. One ordained minister, one commissioned minister, and two laypersons shall be elected by the Texas District in convention. Qualifications of all nominees for election shall be reviewed and verified as stipulated in the handbook of the Synod. (See current Handbook of the Synod.)

RECOMMENDATION #11: To bring the responsibility for Bylaw 3.009, Welfare Needs in a Congregation, into line with current ministry practice.

Rationale: The district entity responsible for oversight of this bylaw is the district president.

Current wording:

3.009 Welfare Needs in a Congregation

The district entity responsible for human care shall establish written policy and procedures for addressing local and area welfare and disaster needs.

Proposed wording:

3.009 Welfare Needs in a Congregation

The district president, or his designee, shall be responsible for oversight of local and area welfare and disaster needs.

RECOMMENDATION #12: Create new Bylaw 6.002, Board of Directors, Nominations, to incorporate current practice into the bylaws of the district and to clarify standard for area membership.

Rationale: To include in the bylaws the current practice followed in the district regarding the nomination process for area-elected laypersons on the board of directors and to clarify the standard for area membership, as per Synod Bylaw 3.12.1.)

Current wording:

None

Proposed wording:

6.002 Nominations

Congregations and pastors shall be entitled to nominate laypersons only from their administrative area (A, B, C, and D) for those area-designated lay positions on the board. Individuals will be considered to be a part of the area in which they reside. The lay and commissioned "at large" nominations may be made from any area in the district.

ACTION: Adopted

(After brief discussion, the Chair asked the assembly whether it was ready to end debate. With no objection, the chair called for the vote. Resolution L02-08-18, which required a two-thirds vote, was adopted as presented [Yes: 230; No: 14].)

OMNIBUS RESOLUTIONS

OMNIBUS RESOLUTION B

WHEREAS, an issue has been presented through overture to which the Synod or District, in convention, has previously spoken; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of these matters, there appears to be insufficient rationale to change or alter the stated position of the Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That petitioner offering the following overture be referred to previous convention action as indicated.

<u>Overture Number</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Board, Commission, Individual</u>
02-08-18	To study the possibility of increasing the number of LCMS districts in the state of Texas.	Report 702 of Resolution 8-07 Task Force 2013 Synod convention

ACTION: Adopted

(Omnibus Resolution B was adopted as presented [Yes: 243; No: 68].)

XI. Report of the Credentials and Registration Committee

2018 TEXAS DISTRICT LCMS CONVENTION Final Registration Report

VOTING DELEGATES:

Clergy	208	
Lay	<u>213</u>	
Total Voting		421

NON-VOTING DELEGATES

Advisory, Ordained	48	
Advisory, Commissioned	<u>17</u>	
Total Non-voting		65

GUESTS

Guests, Visitors, Exhibitors	<u>263</u>	
Total Guests		<u>263</u>

GRAND TOTAL FOR CONVENTION 749

The registration numbers listed above do not include local volunteers such as worship leaders, musicians, pages, hospitality greeters, etc.

Rev. David Jung,
Registration Committee Chairman
2018 Texas District LCMS Convention

XII. 2018 CONVENTION DELEGATE ROSTER
Ordained and Lay Delegates Attending

City	Congregation	Pastoral Delegate		Lay Delegate	
Abilene	Our Savior	LaVerne	Janssen	Marty	Calvert
Abilene	Zion	Clyde	Kieschnick	Craig	Sanders
Alamo	Zion	E. B.	Holschuh, III		
Albany	Trinity	Tom	Chandler		
Amarillo	Prince of Peace	Joseph	Andrajack	Mark	Hewes
Amarillo	Trinity	Brian	Hesse	Henry	Janhsen
Anderson	Zion	Kermit	Bostelman	Charles	Schaefer
Angleton	Good Shepherd	Robert	Sweet	Barry	Smith
Aransas Pass	Faith	David	Bergquist	Dan	McCall
Arlington	Beautiful Savior	Weslie	Odom	David	Ricks
Arlington	Grace	Doug	Widger	James	Runzheimer
Arlington	Holy Cross	Bill	Lowrey	Wendy	Knutson
Athens	St. John			Charles	Gibson
Austin	Beautiful Savior	Jonathan	Bontke	Mike	McCann
Austin	Bethany	William	Knippha		
Austin	Christ	John	Stennfeld	Alan	Werchan
Austin	Hope	Peter	Heckmann	Terry	Heckmann
Austin	Mt. Olive	Paul	Meyer	Rich	Fritsche
Austin	Our Savior	Steve	Fick		
Austin	Redeemer	Kevin	Westergren	Allan	Moritz
Austin	St. Paul	Mark	Nuckols	Dale	Reistad
Ballinger	Bethel	Thomas	Baden	Betty	Baden
Beaumont	St. John	Jim	Menke	Ernie	Erickson
Big Spring	Alive In Christ	Richard	Lamb	Bo	Vizcaino
Bishop	St. Paul	Matthew	Ulmer	Michael	Moerbe
Boerne	Messiah	Richard	Pfaff	David	Theis
Bowie	St. Peter	Larry	Knobloch	Bryan	Roth
Brenham	Bethlehem	Mark	Moldenhauer	Fred	Boecker
Brenham	Grace	Ryan	Ogrodowicz	David	Dahmann
Bridgeport	Trinity	Gerald	Epperson	Jo Ann	Epperson
Brownwood	Grace	Craig	Schinnerer		
Bryan	Bethel	Randy	Bard	Preston	Kissman
Buchanan Dam	Genesis	J. Trey	Rienstra	Ronnie	Bollman
Canton	Holy Cross	Mark	Huston	Charlie	Padon
Carrollton	Prince of Peace	Micah	Miller	Ed	Moerbe
Cedar Park	Good Shepherd	Martin	Brauer	Leona	Brauer
Centerville	Our Savior			Jimmie	Curry
Childress	Trinity	Vernon	Appel		
Cibola	Word of Life	Ken	Mitschke	Jerry	Horton
Cisco	Redeemer	Daniel	Trempala	Justin	Odom
Cleburne	Ascension	Eddie	Scheler	Jay	Cornils
Clifton	Immanuel	Brian	McQuiggin	Robert	Machina
Colleyville	Crown of Life	David	Jung	Terry	Boepple

City	Congregation	Pastoral Delegate		Lay Delegate	
Conroe	St. Mark	David	Quail	Victor	Schultz
Corpus Christi	Lord of Life	David	Schroeder	Bob	Schultz
Corpus Christi	Messiah			Stephen	Brynstad
Corpus Christi	Mt. Olive	Kevin	Jennings	John	Moseley
Corpus Christi	Trinity	Dustin	Beck	Chelsea	Beck
Corsicana	Faith	Joe	Mashburn	Sherri	Mashburn
Crockett	Grace	Thomas	St. Jean	Walter	Wiedenfeld
Crosby	Our Shepherd			David	Averre
Cypress	St. John	David	Bahn	Darrel	Ludwig
Dallas	Bethel	Randall	Haedge	Chester	Methvien
Dallas	Holy Cross	Thomas	Zucconi		
Dallas	Zion	Robert	Preece	Nina	Gorham
Denison	Grace	Michael	Mattil	Art	Farrow
Denton	St. Paul	Russell	Tieken	Gary	Heldman
Desoto	Cross Of Christ	John	De Young	Tom	Graves
Devine	Divine Savior	Randall	Wehmeyer	Douglas	Weir
Dumas	St. John	Troy	Scroggins		
Eden	Trinity	Darrell	Howanitz	Russ	Schumann
Edna	St. Paul	Paul	Kaiser	Leann	Kaiser
Elgin	Grace	Carl	Roth	Brian	Gruetzner
Fairfield	Trinity			Jeffrey	Salomon
Fairview	Immanuel	Tab	Ottmers	Richard	Schminke
Farwell	St. John	David	Symm		
Flower Mound	Lamb Of God	Rance	Settle	Doug	Janeway
Forney	Water of Life			John	Kissling, Jr.
Fort Worth	Christ	Travis	Pittock	Nick	Horn
Fort Worth	Light Of The World	Greg	Beutel	Dan	Ristow
Fort Worth	Messiah	Thomas	Chryst	Marvin	Wilken
Fort Worth	Redeemer	David	Grassley	Clark	Penas
Fort Worth	St. Paul	Peter	Couser	John	Marut
Franklin	Shepherd of the Prairie	Michael	Gruhn	Vernon	Wittig
Fredericksburg	Resurrection			Dwain	Cheeseman
Friendswood	Hope	Jonathan	Petering	Larry	Sieraski
Frisco	St. John	Thomas	Stark	Bill	Bruncke
Galveston	St. John	Alan	Taylor	Zach	Stuckwisch
Garland	Concordia	Eddie	Torea	Kenneth	Voss
Gatesville	St. Paul	John	Heckmann	Nick	Kohel
Georgetown	Faith	Walt	Pohland	Dennis	Hill
Georgetown	Zion	Kevin	Hintze	Troy	Johnson
Giddings	Immanuel	Chris	Nietubicz	Ray	Walther
Giddings	St. John	Dale	Bohm	Dennis	Pratschke
Giddings	St. Paul	John	Schmidt	Gary	Becker
Gonzales	Abiding Word			David	Cole
Granbury	Our Savior	David	Schatte	Steve	Barber
Grand Prairie	Faith			Joanne	Goforth
Gun Barrel City	St. Peter			James	Campbell

City	Congregation	Pastoral Delegate		Lay Delegate	
Hamilton	St. John	Keith	Reich	Brad	Tomlinson
Harlingen	St. Paul	Nathan	Wendorf	Curtis	Walther
Harrold	Immanuel	Samuel	Wirgau	James	Gillis
Haslet	Holy Shepherd	Chris	Bramich	Bob	Lemke
Hewitt	Peace	Stephen	Ryneerson	Diane	Walters
Hillsboro	Christ	Michael	Nemec	Bryan	Schneider
Houston	Christ Memorial	Mark	Wood		
Houston	Concordia	Russell	Etzel	Burgess	Etzel
Houston	Epiphany	Jeffrey	Muchow	Jim	Epps
Houston	Gethsemane			Milton	Bade
Houston	Gloria Dei	Daniel	Schepmann	Bradley	Doerre
Houston	Hilltop	Seungwoong	Ok		
Houston	Holy Cross	Willie	Lucas	Danny	Yarbrough
Houston	Immanuel	Jeffrey	King		
Houston	Memorial	Ian	Pacey	Stephen	Hernandez
Houston	Mt. Olive	Randy	Ledbetter	Kendra	Koester
Houston	Our Redeemer Telugu	Vijay	Gurralla	Mary	Gurralla
Houston	Pilgrim	Joshua	Duffy	Reagan	Eckert
Houston	St. Andrew	David	Jung	Alex	Von Sehrwald
Houston	St. Mark	Andrew	Roettjer	Charles	McDaniel
Houston	St. Matthew	Mark	Wiesenborn	Doyle	Del Bosque
Houston	St. Matthew of Westfield	Ron	Bogs	Daniel	Cross
Houston	St. Timothy	Steve	Henze	Bob	Sawicki
Houston	The Family of Faith			Rick	Nash
Houston	Trinity	Michael	Dorn	Stephen	Maynard
Humble	Lamb Of God	Raymond	Van Buskirk	Rick	Lamascus
Huntsville	Faith	Robert	Hemsath	Darren	Williams
Hurst	Peace	Jim	Mueller	James	Bruce
Irving	Our Redeemer	Eloy	Gonzalez	Robert	Reichelt
Katy	Cross Point	Curtiss	Lanham	Achile	Bourquin
Katy	Memorial	John	Davis, Jr.	Eric	Hollar
Kerrville	Hosanna	David	Bass	George	Patterson
Kilgore	Pilgrim	Jayson	Galler	George	Heil
Killeen	Grace	Andrew	Green		
Kingsbury	Evangelists	Danny	Chambers	Michael	Wilson
Kingsville	St. Paul	Michael	Buchhorn	David	Christopher
Kingwood	Christ The King	Al	Doering	Jeff	Rensberger
Lago Vista	Christ Our Savior	David	Hintze	Gary	Little
LaGrange	Mt. Calvary	William	Qualman	August	Pietsch
Lake Jackson	St. Mark	Terrance	Adamson	Elton	Berry
Lakeway	ACTS Church			Catherine	Covington
Lamesa	Grace	Alan	Korinek	Tommy	Doederlein
Lampasas	Faith	Timothy	Ochsner	Kenneth	Peiser
Laredo	Faith			Erik	Ommen
Leander	ACTS Church	Joshua	Miller	Erica	Miller
Liberty Hill	Mission Liberty Hill			Wyndell	Rivers

City	Congregation	Pastoral Delegate		Lay Delegate	
Lincoln	Christ	Garrett	Smith	Ronnie	Beisert
Littlefield	Emmanuel	Robert	Holaday	Melba Fern	Holaday
Livingston	Trinity	James	Mayland, Jr.	Robert	Koether
Longview	Our Redeemer	Dennis	Bragdon	Stan	Waldow
Lubbock	Christ			Tom	Zachman
Lubbock	Hope	Eric	Hiner	Michael	Thomann
Lufkin	First	Ken	Bunge	Tom	Theiss
Mansfield	St. John	Jonathan	Thomas	Don	Treude
McAllen	St. Paul	Gregory	Lorenz	Fred	Karle
McKinney	Our Savior	Timothy	Radkey	Stephen	Maxwell
Midland	Grace	Phillip	Allman	Amy	Turner
Midland	Holy Cross	Peter	Williamson		
Mineral Wells	St. Mark	Don	Kirklen	Reggie	Lionberger
Monahans	St. Paul	Michael	Fickenscher	Margaret	Peterson
Montgomery	Living Savior	David	Bailes	Mark	Lamprecht
Nacogdoches	Redeemer	John	Cain	Gary	Manley
Navasota	Salem	Chris	Richardson	Tom	Wittenbach
Navasota	Trinity	Matthias	Dinger	Wayne	Ganske
Nederland	Holy Cross	Francis	Schroeder	Mark	Winstead
New Braunfels	Cross	Don	Fraker	James	Smith
Newark	Victory in Christ			Brian	Schwiesow
North Zulch	Bethlehem	Randall	Smith	Adam	Harris
Odem	Trinity			Travis	Adams
Odessa	Redeemer	Erik	Stadler	Chris	Cooper
Olney	St. Luke	Sean	Reeves	Allen	Bernhardt
Orange	Grace			George	Bohn
Paige	Ebenezer	Thomas	Obersat	Curtis	Maass
Palestine	Bethlehem	David	Adler	James	Taylor
Pampa	Zion	Michael	Erickson	Ken	May
Paris	Beautiful Savior	Shawn	Deterding		
Paris	Grace	Toby	Byrd	Daniel	Perry
Pattison	Christ			Dennis	Kueneke
Pearland	Epiphany	Jon	Salminen	John	Lund
Pearsall	St. Peter	Thomas	Winter	Edward	Graf
Pflugerville	Point of Grace	Delton	Weiser	William	Ducat
Plainview	St. Paul	Michael	Heckmann	Paul	Drager
Plano	Faith	James	Woelmer	Paul	Norris
Plano	Lord Of Life	Joel	Shaltanis	Greg	Moudy
Plano	Messiah	Victor	Kollmann	George	Chrisman
Plano	St. Paul	Stace	Rollefson		
Port Arthur	Trinity	Timothy	Dinger	Arnold	Schaefer
Port Isabel	Fishers of Men			Donald	Hoehne
Raymondville	Mt. Calvary	Steven	Morfitt	Richard	Steele
Riesel	Trinity	Robert	Kitson	Dennis	Edwards
Roanoke	St. Peter	Robert	Balduc		
Rockwall	Our Savior	Paul	Ferguson, Jr.	Randy	Heidrich

City	Congregation	Pastoral Delegate		Lay Delegate	
Rosanky	Vineyard Of Christ			David	Cole
Rosenberg	Trinity	Wayne	Schueler	James	Scheffer
Round Rock	King of Kings	Mark	Dankis	Sherrill	Packebush
Round Rock	Narrative	Ted	Doering		
San Angelo	Trinity	Allen	Eckert	Fred	Handley
San Antonio	Concordia	Stephen	Wagner	Ron	Lammert
San Antonio	Crown of Life	Mark	Barz	Benjamin	Meadows
San Antonio	King of Kings	Neldo	Schmidt	Ernest	Domel
San Antonio	Mt. Calvary	David	Reedy	Jim	Koenig
San Antonio	Mt. Olive	David	Brockhouse	Patricia	Brockhouse
San Antonio	Redeemer	Mike	Bailey	Bill	Gisler
San Antonio	Shepherd Of The Hills	Christopher	Kennedy		
San Antonio	St. Paul	David	Murillo	Martin	Landgraf
San Benito	St. John			Ron	Richardson
San Marcos	Grace			Bill	Bryson
Sealy	Trinity	Kenneth	Bersche	Ronald	Hartmann
Seguin	Grace	Richard	Mittelstadt	Dennis	Krolezyk
Smithville	Grace	Tim	Appel	Tim	Wolff
Snyder	Grace	Jim	Wright		
Spring	Community of Hope	Jonathan	Goeke	Nic	Griffin
Spring	Resurrection	Ted	Benson	Gary	Daileida
Spring	Trinity	Christopher	Singer	Daniel	Riemer
Stephenville	Faith	Tom	Konz	Greg	Wertz
Sugar Land	Faith	Kenneth	Sinclair	Jesse	Akande
Sugar Land	Fishers of Men	Wayne	Braun	Michael	Lobin
Sulphur Springs	Our Savior	Tim	Eden	Joe	Davis
Taylor	Trinity	Scott	Schaller	Rodney	Marx
Temple	Immanuel	Dana	Wilhelmsen	Darrell	Becker
Texarkana	First	Scott	Sundbye	Dennis	Hoffman
The Woodlands	Living Word	Dan	Quinn	Justice	Counts, Jr.
Thorndale	St. Paul	Aaron	Kalbas	Tim	Beard
Tomball	Salem	Tim	Niekerk	Mark	Knebel
Tomball	Zion	Christopher	Hull	Evan	Ogrodowicz
Tyler	Trinity	Art	Hill	Steve	Paar
Uhland	St. John	David	Truenow	Beverly	Truenow
Uvalde	Trinity	Mark	Tews	Jim	Barlow
Vernon	St. Paul	Paul	Neuberger	Richard	Fay
Vernon	Zion	Steven	Brummett	Mark	Lehman
Victoria	Grace			Jason	Bussey
Victoria	Zion Mission Valley	Jonathan	Meyer		
Waco	St. Mark	Peter	Kolb	Jim	Melcher
Waco	St. Paul	Larry	Krueger	Glenn	Hurta
Waco	Trinity *	August	Ristow	Mike	Abel
Waller	Cross of Christ	Henry	Wied, Sr.	Timothy	Carlisle
Waxahachie	Christ The King			Mike	Gleason
Weatherford	Trinity	Tim	Fraker	James	Burke

City	Congregation	Pastoral Delegate		Lay Delegate	
Wharton	St. John	Robert	Lutjens	Ronnie	Schmidt
Whitney	Our Savior	Philip	Wottrich	Rudy	Matthaie
Wichita Falls	Our Redeemer	Dale	Snyder	Kathy	Snyder
Wichita Falls	St. Paul			Kathy	Kabell
Wilson	St. Paul	David	Rohde	Peter	Scherer
Winchester	St. Michael	Nathaniel	Hill		
Winnie	Hope	Robert	LeBlanc		
Woodville	Faith	Mark	Follett	Aaron	Wueller
Zapata	Abiding Savior			Karran	Westerman

Total Congregations: 236

Total Pastoral Delegates: 208

Total Lay Delegates: 213

(As reconciled at the close of convention on June 16, 2018)

XIII. MEMBERSHIP OF SYNOD

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS NEWLY COMMISSIONED & INSTALLED

Bahr, Natalie Austin, Pilgrim, Houston, Rev. Joshua Duffy, August 21, 2016
Barnes, Joanna Deaconess, Fort Wayne, Bethel, Bryan, Rev. Ken Hennings, August 30, 2015
Bethany, Christiansen, Chicago, Faith, Plano, Rev. Stephen Kieser, August 16, 2015
Bogle, Aubrie, Irvine, Faith, Plano, Rev. Stephen Kieser, August 6, 2017
Braun, Sylvia, Seward, Dallas Lutheran School, Dallas, Rev. Paul Ferguson, August 27, 2017
Bredehoft, Laura DCE, Irvine, Peace, Hurst, Rev. James Mueller, April 10, 2016
Brock, Kayla DCE, Austin, St. Paul, Harlingen, Rev. Nathan Wendorf, August 9, 2015

Campbell, April Austin-Colloquy, Trinity-Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, September 25, 2016
Clifford, Emma DCE, Austin, Lutheran High School, San Antonio, Rev. Aaron Goeke, October 11, 2016
Copeland, Laura Austin-Colloquy, St. Paul, McAllen, Rev. Gregory Lorenz, August 16, 2015
Crouch, Richard DCE, Austin, Fishers of Men, Sugar Land, Rev. Jerry McNamara, February 28, 2016

Dayton, Allison DCE, Austin, Christ the King, Waxahachie, Rev. Robert Hemsath, June 14, 2015
Dietzmann, Lisa Austin-Colloquy, Salem, Tomball, Rev. Tim Niekerk, December 13, 2015
Domin, Michelle Deaconess, Ft. Wayne, Holy Shepherd, Haslet, Rev. Chris Bramich, August 21, 2016
Drake, Chase DCE, Austin, Epiphany, Pearland, Rev. Jon Salminen, July 12, 2015

Fick, Matthew Seward, Lutheran High North, Houston, Rev. Michael Dorn, August 23, 2017
Fraker, Emily DCE, Austin, Zion, Georgetown, Rev. John Davenport, August 9, 2015

Gorline, Gretchen, Seward, Concordia, Tomball, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, August 18, 2015

Hardaway, Harmony DCE, Austin, Messiah, Boerne, Rev. Rick Pfaff, May 24, 2015
Helfers, Brooke DCE, Austin, CrossPoint Community, Katy, Rev. Paul Goeke, September 24, 2017
Hoch, Afton, Mequon, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann August 16, 2015
Hovsepian, Natalie, Austin-Colloquy, Concordia, San Antonio, Rev. William Tucker, March 24, 2017

Jablinski, Olivia DCE, Austin, Our Savior, McKinney, Rev. Tim Radkey, February 26, 2017

King, Elizabeth Seward, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 13, 2017
Krahn, Suzanne Deaconess, Ft. Wayne, St. Paul, Waco, Rev. Larry Krueger, June 4, 2017

Lawrence, Katy Austin-Colloquy, Trinity-Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 13, 2017
Lohman, Tessa River Forest, Zion, Dallas, Rev. Robert Preece, August 20, 2017
Loppnow, Matthew DCE, Austin, St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. Peter Couser, August 9, 2015

Martin, Jayanne, Austin-Colloquy, Trinity-Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 16, 2015

May, Karlie, Seward, St. Paul, Thorndale, Rev. Aaron Kalbas, August 16, 2015
Mellor, Paige Austin-Colloquy, St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Timothy Duerr, March 8, 2017
Milbrath, Elizabeth DCE, Austin, Epiphany, Pearland, Rev. Jon Salminen, November 28, 2017
Miller, Rachel, Austin, Immanuel, Giddings, Rev. Robert Tiner, August 9, 2015
Moore, Patrick DCE, Austin, Epiphany, Houston, Rev. Jeffrey Muchow, May 21, 2017

Oberg, Meghan Austin, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Dave Schroder, August 20, 2017

Pomerence, Lydia, Seward, Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 23, 2015
Pruhs, Shea Deaconess, St. Louis, Christ the King, Kingwood, Rev. Al Doering, October 16, 2016

Redmond, Jordan Austin, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Dave Schroder, August 20, 2017
Rittgers, Nicholas DCE, Austin, Grace, Arlington, Rev. Joe Ardy, July 30, 2017
Royuk, Rachel Seward, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 13, 2017
Ryan, Hannah, Austin, Prince of Peace, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, September 18, 2016

Sanchez, Leticia Deaconess, St. Louis, St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. Doug Widger, August 14, 2016

Schultz, Melanie Seward, Concordia, Tomball, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, January 25, 2017
Seeliger, Michaela DCE, Austin, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls, Rev. Dale Snyder, May 28, 2017
Segovia, Brenda DCE, Irvine, St. Paul, Harlingen, Rev. Nathan Wendorf, August 14, 2016
Simonis, John, Mequon, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 16, 2015
Smith, Melissa Austin-Colloquy, Epiphany, Houston, Rev. Jeff Muchow, September 18, 2016
Snow, Barbara Seward, Concordia, Round Rock, Rev. Landon Ledlow, August 29, 2017
Snyder, Laura, River Forest, Memorial, Houston, Rev. William Heine, April 19, 2015
Stoneburner, Elizabeth, Austin, St Paul, Austin, Rev. Mark Nuckols, August 23, 2015

Thomas, Katie DCE, Austin, Camp Bethesda, Cypress, Rev. Doug Krengel, February 28, 2016

Wasson II, John DCE, Austin-Colloquy, Our Savior, McKinney, Rev. Timothy Radkey, June 5, 2016

Wittig, Rebecca Seward, Lutheran High School, San Antonio, Rev. Ben Schrank, October 15, 2015

Wolfram, Mark Irvine-Colloquy, Dallas Lutheran School, Dallas, Rev. Paul Ferguson, September 13, 2015

Worthing, Brianna Austin, Immanuel, Giddings, Rev. Robert Tiner, August 9, 2015

Zieschang, Zachary, River Forest, Cross of Christ, DeSoto, Rev. John DeYoung January 25, 2015
Zoch, Riley Austin, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, July 27, 2016

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS REINSTATED & INSTALLED

Birnbaum, Julie, to candidate, 9/2015

Dail, Christine, to candidate 9/2017

Fraker, Jonathan, to candidate, 11/2016,

Headley, Matthew, 11/2016, to call, Good Shepherd, Cedar Park, Rev. Dr. Martin Brauer, December 18, 2016

Hengeveld, Adam, to candidate 9/2017

Neumann, Becky, to candidate 9/2017

Stoneburner, Audrey, to candidate 9/2017
Telschow, Phillip, to candidate 9/2017

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS INACTIVE STATUS TO INSTALLED

Ankerberg, Erik Candidate, Concordia University Texas, Austin, Rev. Mark Nuckols, August 29, 2016

Bergman, Peter Candidate to Oikos Church, Houston, Rev. Aaron Lytle, December 17, 2017
Bowen, Carol Non-Candidate, Trinity-Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 14, 2016

Drees, Emily Non-Candidate, Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 21, 2016

Fitzgerald, Lisa Non-Candidate, Concordia High School, Round Rock, Rev. Eric Borchers, September 2, 2015
Fowler, Eleanor Candidate, St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. John Messmann, August 9, 2015

Garrabrant, Rachel Candidate, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 14, 2016

Hannemann, Lauren Non-Candidate, Mount Calvary, San Antonio, Rev. David Reedy, May 1, 2016

Kalbas, Pamela Candidate, St. Paul, Thorndale, Rev. Aaron Kalbas, August 20, 2017
Knea, Stephanie Candidate, Gloria Dei, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, April 2, 2017

Lange, Kristi Candidate, Salem, Tomball, Rev. Tim Niekerk, August 20, 2017
Luedemann, Sheri Non-Candidate, St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. John Messmann, October 25, 2015

McConnell, James DCE/Emeritus, Concordia University Texas, Rev. Steve Fick, August 28, 2017
Mueller, Carol Non-Candidate, Trinity-Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 14, 2016

Newton, Brittany Candidate, Faith, Plano, Rev. Stephen Kieser, August 7, 2016

Obersat, Jane Deaconess/Candidate, Grace, Brenham, Rev. Matthew Jacobs, January 31, 2016
Olson, Tanner Certified Lay Minister/Candidate, ACTS Church Antioch, Austin, Rev. Gabe Kasper, December 4, 2016

Phelps, Jason DCE Non-Candidate, Oikos, Houston, Rev. Ken Hennings, November 2015

Riske, Curtis Emeritus, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Schkade, Juli Non-Candidate, Zion, Dallas, Rev. Dr. Robert Preece, December 6, 2015
Tobaben, Kara Non-Candidate, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller August 7, 2015

Vaupel, Christina Candidate, Tangible Grace, Allen, Rev. Ken Hennings, March 20, 2016
Ward, Jennifer Non-Candidate, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann,
August, 14, 2016

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS TRANSFERRED WITHIN TEXAS & INSTALLED

Ashcraft, Ashley, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Austin, Kim, DCE, Salem, Tomball, Rev. Tim Niekerk, January 18, 2015

Austin, Ryan, Salem, Tomball, Rev. Tim Nierkerk, March 1, 2015

Bailes, Cheryl, Living Savior, Montgomery, Rev. David Bailes, August 28, 2016

Bangert, Jason, Dallas Lutheran, Dallas, Rev. Paul Ferguson, August 27, 2017

Bangert, Jessica, Our Redeemer, Dallas, Rev. Brent McGuire, August 13, 2017

Benscoter, Andrew, Upbring, Austin, Rev. Michael Newman, September 18, 2015

Brandon, Ruth, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Burdick, Brenda, Upbring, Austin, Rev. Chris Singer, July 2, 2017

Carlove, Patrick, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Cavage, Rebecca, St. Paul, Thorndale, Rev. Aaron Kalbas, August 27, 2017

Christian, Dr. Donald, Concordia University Texas, Austin, Rev. Ralph Hobratschk, September 11, 2015

Cleland, Laura, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Cleland, Laura, Crown of Life, Colleyville, Rev. David Jung, August 27, 2017

Drosche, Amy, St. Mark, Houston, August 14, 2016

Dwyer, Michelle, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Eilers, Christine, Our Redeemer, Dallas, Rev. Brent McGuire, August 13, 2017

Entzenberger, Kathryn, Upbring, Austin, Rev. Bill Tucker, November 12, 2017

Evans, Tanner, ACT Church, Leander, Rev. Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann, August 20, 2015

Graham, Betsy, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Grant, Michelle, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Griffin, Michelle, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Hahn, Christopher, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Hanson, John, DCE, St. John, Cypress, Rev. David Bahn, September 27, 2015

Henke, Chad, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Henke, Heidi, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

House, James, St. Paul, Giddings, Rev. John Schmidt, April 30, 2017

Kalbas, Pamela, St. Paul, Thorndale, Rev. Aaron Kalbas, August 16, 2015

Keiper, Christa, Trinity-Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 13, 2017

Kleb, Michelle, Our Savior, Houston, Rev. Laurence White, August 21, 2016
 Knippa, Kenneth, DCE, Concordia, Garland, Rev. Ken Krippner, December 3, 2017
 Knotts, Richard, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015
 Krause, Kacie, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015
 Kuiper, Emily, Immanuel, Giddings, Rev. Robert Tiner, August 14, 2016
 Kuiper, Jason, Immanuel, Giddings, Rev. Robert Tiner, August 14, 2016

 Lang, David, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015
 Lorenzen, Micah, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015
 Lusk, Michael, St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Timothy Duerr, August 16, 2015

 Matasovsky, Kristin, Concordia, San Antonio, Rev. William Tucker, August 14, 2016
 May, Karlie, St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Andrew Roettjer, August 13, 2017
 Meyer, Eunice, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015
 Mueller, Carol, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 23, 2015
 Mueller, Carol, Redeemer, Austin (Principal), Rev. David Schroder, May 15, 2016

 Parker, Daniel, DCE, St. Timothy, Houston, Rev. Steve Henze, August 9, 2015
 Patterson, Joshua, DCE, Tangible Grace Lutheran Fellowship, Allen, Rev. Ken Hennings, March 30, 2016
 Perry, Joey, Salem, Tomball, Rev. Tim Niekerk, August 28, 2016

 Roesel, Lori, St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Timothy Duerr, August 14, 2016
 Runge, Alan, Hong Kong International School (HKIS), Hong Kong, Rev. Joel Scheiwe, January 25, 2015

 Sanabria, Ashley, Trinity-Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 13, 2017
 Sandlin, Linda, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015
 Seris, Phil, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015
 Seter, Guy, DCE, Zion, Georgetown, Rev. John Davenport, August 27, 2017
 Snyder, Laura, Lutheran High North, Houston, Rev. William Heine, August 17, 2016
 Stark, Paul, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015
 Stuenkel, Katelyn, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015
 Swanson, Craig, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

 Taylor, Caleb, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 13, 2017
 Taylor, Elizabeth, Memorial, Houston, Rev. William Heine, August 23, 2015
 Thibodeau, Sandra, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 23, 2015
 Timm, Tracey, Redeemer, Austin, Rev. David Schroder, August 20, 2017

 Wallingsford, Jason, DCE, Mount Olive, Austin, Rev. Paul Meyer, November 6, 2016
 Warneke, Kimberly, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015
 Weiss, Nicolas, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Weiss, Rebecca, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Whitaker, Abby, Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, August 7, 2015

Worthing, Brianna, St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Timothy Duerr, August 14, 2016

Zoch, Jonathan, DCE, Texas District LCMS Board for Mission Administration, Rev. Ted Doering, June 14, 2015

Zimmerman, Lea, Memorial, Houston, Rev. William Heine, August 23, 2015

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS WITH CALL & INSTALLED

Auger, Cherie, Deaconess, Missouri District to Texas District as Missionary, August 25, 2017

Brandenburger, Corey, Rocky Mountain District to Cross, New Braunfels, Rev. Don Fraker, August 16, 2015

Bartz, Bradley, DCE, North Dakota District to Zion, Abilene, Rev. Clyde Kieschnick, December 18, 2016

Bleier, Heather, DCE, Florida-Georgia District to ACTS, Leander, Rev. Gabe Kasper, January 15, 2017

Crowe, Carolyn, Missouri District to Zion, Georgetown, Rev. John Davenport, July 1, 2015

Crouch, Kellye, DCE, Southern District to Fishers of Men, Sugar Land, Rev. Allen Bauer, January 29, 2017

Cunningham, Chloe, Northern Illinois District to Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio, Rev. Chris Kennedy, August 19, 2017

Dahl, Inese, DCE, California-Nevada-Hawaii District to St. Paul, McAllen, Rev. Gregory Lorenz, September 18, 2016

Duensing-Werner, Audrey, DCE, Missouri District to Redeemer, Austin, Rev. David Schroder, December 3, 2017

Duke, Jacqueline, Deaconess, Missouri District to Texas District as Missionary, August 24, 2016

Erickson, Douglas, California-Nevada-Hawaii District to LEAH/Lutheran High North, Houston, Rev. Michael Dorn, August 23, 2017

Finley, Jessica, DCE, Pacific Southwest District to St. Paul, McAllen, Rev. Gregory Lorenz, June 28, 2015

Flattley, Blake, Dir of Parish Music, Atlantic District to LINC International, Houston, Rev. Dominic Rivkin, October 24, 2017

Fleming, Kate, Pacific Southwest District to Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 14, 2016

Freitag, Krista, Rocky Mountain District to Lutheran High School, San Antonio, Rev. Ben Schrank, October 15, 2015

Gehrke, Seth, California-Nevada-Hawaii District to St. John, Cypress, Rev. David Bahn, January 4, 2015

Gorline, Jeremy, M Div Pastor, Ohio District to Concordia Lutheran H.S., Tomball, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, August 18, 2015

Garabrant, Steven, Michigan District to Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 14, 2016
Geyer, Thomas, Mid-South District to Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 21, 2016

Hagge, Nathaniel, Pacific Southwest District to Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 16, 2015
Hengeveld, Elizabeth, Nebraska District to Our Redeemer, Dallas, Rev. Brent McGuire, August 16, 2015
Hill, Matthew, Missouri District to Concordia Lutheran High School, Tomball, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, August 23, 2017
Hill, Vicki, Northwest District to Immanuel, Giddings, Rev. Robert Tiner, August 14, 2016
Hong, Janis, Southern District to St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Andrew Roettjer, August 13, 2017

Iwabuchi, Amanda, English District to Redeemer, Austin, Rev. Kevin Westergren, August 23, 2015

Jahnke, Amanda, DCE, Northern Illinois District to St. Paul, Fort Worth, Rev. John Messmann, August 14, 2016
Jensen, Heather, Pacific Southwest District to St. Paul, Thorndale, Rev. Aaron Kalbas, August 20, 2017
Justice, Donald, Michigan District to Lutheran South Academy, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 13, 2017

Kirchenberg, Jonathan, Northwest District to Concordia, Tomball, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, August 24, 2016
Kromminga, Kevin, Nebraska District to Westlake Preparatory Lutheran Academy, Rev. John Davis, August 31, 2016
Koontz, Chaessa, DCE, English District to Trinity, Amarillo, Rev. Brian Hesse, June 7, 2015
Kromminga, Rebecca, Nebraska District to Westlake Preparatory Lutheran Academy, Rev. John Davis, August 31, 2016
Kueck, Jonathan, Missouri District to Faith Lutheran H.S. of Central Texas, Warda, Rev. Ken Hennings, August 20, 2017
Kueck, Nicole, Missouri District to Faith Lutheran H.S. of Central Texas, Warda, Rev. Ken Hennings, August 20, 2017
Kuegele, Laura, DCE, California-Nevada-Hawaii District to Trinity, Tyler, Rev. Art Hill, September 10, 2017

Lettow, Kari, Rocky Mountain District to Cross, New Braunfels, Rev. Don Fraker, August 7, 2016
Littmann, Aaron, DCE, Indiana District to Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas, Rev. Paul Hoemann, July 30, 2017
Lowe, Dr. Jeremy, Rocky Mountain District to Prince of Peace Christian School, Carrollton, Rev. Micah Miller, September 18, 2016

Marsh, Benjamin, DCE, Missouri District to Salem, Tomball, Rev. Tim Niekerk, June 4, 2017
Maxwell, Elizabeth, Kansas District to Pilgrim, Houston, Rev. Joshua Duffy, August 20, 2017
Menke, Joshua, Iowa East District to Immanuel, Giddings, Rev. Robert Tiner, August 9, 2015

Metzger, Mary, Minnesota North District to Fishers of Men, Sugar Land, Rev. Allen Bauer, January 29, 2017

Morris, Sarah, California-Nevada-Hawaii to Crown of Life, Colleyville, Rev. David Jung, November 27, 2016

Muehl, Ashley, Pacific Southwest District to Memorial, Houston, Rev. William Heine, August 23, 2015

Nunes, Brenna, Deaconess, Michigan District to Upbring, Austin, Rev Mark Nuckols, June 30, 2017

Pinick, Gregg, Pacific Southwest District to LEAH, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 14, 2016

Ragaisis, DeeAnn, Pacific Southwest District to Concordia University Texas, Austin, Rev. Steve Fick, August 28, 2017

Schleicher, Jason, DCE, Montana District to Salem, Tomball, Rev. Doug Dommer, May 10, 2015
Schroeder, Bret, Mid-South District to Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 13, 2017

Schultz, Ryan, English District to St. Mark, Houston, Rev. Timothy Duerr, September 20, 2015

Semler, Karin, Southern Illinois to Texas District (Shanghai, China), November 1, 2015

Sievert, Kathryn, DCE, California-Nevada-Hawaii District to Gloria Dei, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, September 11, 2016

Stratton, Kristi, Pacific Southwest District to Trinity-Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 14, 2016

Straub, Vincent, Northwest District to Trinity-Klein, Spring, Rev. Chris Singer, August 16, 2015

Steinbrenner, Mark, Certified Lay Minister, English District to LINC International, Houston, Rev. Joe Robb, August 20, 2017

Styf, Sarah, Indiana District to Concordia, Tomball, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, August 24, 2016

Taylor, Caleb, Pacific Southwest District to Concordia, Round Rock, Rev. Eric Borchers, September 2, 2015

Topp, David, Montana District to Pilgrim, Houston, Rev. Joshua Duffy, August 23, 2015

UmaShankar, Kanagasabai, DCE, Northwest District to Concordia, Tomball, Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, August 24, 2016

Zarick, Brooke, English District to LEAH/Lutheran South Academy, Houston, Rev. Dan Schepmann, August 13, 2017

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS WITH INACTIVE STATUS

Anderson, Chris, Candidate, Kansas District, May 21, 2017

Ankerberg, Eric, Candidate, Michigan District, March 15, 2016

Bahr, Donald, Non-Candidate, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, July 17, 2016

Bleeke, Fred, Emeritus, Missouri District, December 17, 2015

Brandenburger, Melissa, Candidate, Rocky Mountain District, August 10, 2015

Carey, Carrie, Non-Candidate, Nebraska District, August 24, 2015

Constantino, Correne, Candidate, Pacific Southwest District, October 18, 2016
Coppersmith, Donna, Emeritus, Pacific Southwest District, January 11, 2015

Derong, Wynn, DCE/Candidate, Florida-Georgia District, October 18, 2016

Elliott, Gayle, Non-Candidate, Pacific Southwest District, January 27, 2015
Finke, Elizabeth, DCE/Candidate, Nebraska District, December 31, 2015

Garrabrant, Rachel, Candidate, Michigan District, June 16, 2016

Hengeveld, Adam, Candidate, Nebraska District, July 31, 2015

Jacob, Dorothea, Emeritus, Mid-South District, January 18, 2017

Kluth, Carol, Emeritus, Northwest District, December 6, 2017
Knea, Stephanie, Candidate, Michigan District, March 27, 2017

Lerch, Kathleen, Candidate, Pacific Southwest District, January 26, 2017
Liefer, Kelly, Candidate, Missouri District, January 31, 2017

Mieger, Paul, DCE/Kansas District, July 7, 2015
Mischnick, Walter, Emeritus, Indiana District, January 1, 2017
Mueller, Stephanie, Non-Candidate, North Wisconsin, February 8, 2016

Newton, Brittany, Candidate, Iowa East, May 10, 2016

Olson, Tanner, Certified Lay Minister/Candidate, North Wisconsin District, August 30, 2016

Paul, Amy, Teacher, Rocky Mountain District, September 1, 2017
Penney, Tina, Candidate, New England District, August 3, 2016

Robbins, Penny, Non-Candidate, Nebraska District, July 31, 2016
Roettjer, Stephanie, DCE/Non-Candidate, Rocky Mountain District, October 3, 2015

Schleicher, Amy, Non-Candidate, Montana District, May 9, 2015
Schuster, Phil, Emeritus, Michigan District, December 18, 2015
Sernett, Gilbert, Emeritus, South Wisconsin District, July 14, 2017
Souza, Connie, Emeritus, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, July 5, 2016
Souza, William, Emeritus, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, July 5, 2016
Stelzer, Kenneth, Emeritus, Indiana District, March 22, 2017

Weaver, Victoria, DCE/Non-Candidate, Southeastern District, February 26, 2016

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS

Ankerberg, Erik Called to Northern Illinois District, July 15, 2017

Bahr, Mark Called to South Wisconsin District, June 30, 2015
Bates, Tracy Non-Candidate to Minnesota South District, August 17, 2015

Berkesch, Hannah Certified Lay Minister/Candidate to North Wisconsin District, October 25, 2016

Brockman, Rebecca DCE/Non-Candidate to Rocky Mountain District, February 23, 2016

Busch, Erin Called to Oklahoma District, September 8, 2016

Birnbaum, Julie Candidate to Oklahoma District, September 22, 2015

Braun, Suzanne Called to Missouri District, June 12, 2015

Brandenburg, Melissa Candidate to Pacific Southwest District, June 15, 2017

Britton, Sarah DCE/Called to Pacific Southwest District, September 10, 2017

Bretthauer, James DCE/Called to English District, April 17, 2017

Burgess, Julie Called to Michigan District, July 1, 2015

Burgess, Robert Called to Michigan District, July 1, 2015

Cahill, Cheryl Called to South Wisconsin District, August 5, 2016

Cario, Matthew DCE/Called to Northwest District, December 15, 2016

Cario, Meredith Candidate to Northwest District, December 15, 2016

Chittick, Dr. Cari Called to Pacific Southwest District, July 1, 2017

Cleveland, Kadie DCE/Called to Rocky Mountain District, July 1, 2015

Dash, Denise Emeritus to English District, August 1, 2017

Dierks, Kevin Called to Kansas District, June 1, 2015

Druckhammer, Jaclyn DCE/Called to Northwest District, July 28, 2016

Engelhard, Marissa Called to Missouri District, June 30, 2015

Erickson, Bradley Called to Rocky Mountain District, July 1, 2015

Hansen, Sheryl Tch/DCE/Candidate to Missouri District, February 23, 2016

Heinrich, Stacy Called to South Wisconsin District, July 31, 2017

Hollatz, Jacob Call to Pacific Southwest District, July 26, 2016

Ingram, Lydia Non-Candidate to Southeastern District, October 3, 2015

Jagels, Brett Called to Nebraska District, June 30, 2015

Johnson, Paul DCE/Called to Michigan District, September 1

Koscik, Celeste DCE/Called to Pacific Southwest District, December 21, 2017

Krueger, Jessica Called to South Wisconsin District, July 20, 2015

Krueger, Julie Candidate to Michigan District, May 10, 2017

Krueger, Steven DCE/Called to Michigan District, December 28, 2016

Loewe, Jennifer Called to English District, July 10, 2017

Mallary Simonis, Called to South Wisconsin District, August 1, 2017

Marshall, Christopher Called to South Wisconsin District, June 5, 2017

Martin, Sarah Called to Indiana District, June 1, 2015

Menke, Thomas Called to Florida-Georgia District, June 1, 2017

Miller, Rachel Called to Central Illinois District, September 15, 2016

Mohr, Rhonda Called to Iowa West District, November 1, 2016

Muth, Janet Called to Southern Illinois District, August 1, 2017

Nichols, Jayme DCE/Called to Missouri District, January 31, 2015

Perez, Beaver-Nichole Called to Iowa East District, June 30, 2015

Robbins, Stephen Called to Rocky Mountain District, July 1, 2016

Rudy, Sally Emeritus to Michigan District, May 15, 2017

Runge, Alan Called to Missouri District, July 1, 2017

Schatte William II, Called to Missouri District, July 1, 2016

Schwenneker, Christopher DCE/Candidate to Northwest District, June 2, 2017

Simonis, John Called to South Wisconsin District, June 1, 2017

Steffen, Benjamin Called to Southeastern District, July 31, 2017

Stewart, Nicole DCE/Called to Pacific Southwest District, May 12, 2016

Taylor, Nicholas Dir of Parish Music Called to Pacific Southwest District, July 31, 2017

Thacker, Jess Called to Ohio District, June 30, 2015

Thibodeau, Sandra Called to South Wisconsin District, October 23, 2016

Tubbs, JoAnna Non-Candidate to Florida-Georgia District, June 3, 2015

Walker, Sara Called to Mid-South District, July 28, 2017

Wiseman, Levi, candidate status to Northwest District, December 26, 2017

Wittig, Rebecca Called to Pacific Southwest, July 26, 2017

Zieschang, Zachary Dir of Parish Music/Called to Michigan District, October 17, 2016

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS CHANGE OF STATUS

Ankerberg, Erik, Active to Candidate, January 1, 2017

Auger, Cherie, Deaconess, Active to Candidate, December 1, 2017

Baacke, Bruce, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2015

Barnes, Joanna, Deaconess/Active to Candidate, September 10, 2017

Becker, Teshia, Active to Candidate, June 1, 2016

Bergman, Peter, DCE Active to Candidate, March 1, 2016

Berkesch, Hannah, Certified Lay Minister/Active to Candidate, October 20, 2016

Blackley, Jenny, Candidate to Non-Candidate, January 14, 2015

Brandenburg, Melissa, Non-Candidate to Non-Candidate, November 8, 2015

Browning, Kristen, Non-Candidate to Non-Candidate, June 15, 2015

Cahill, Cheryl, Candidate to Non-Candidate, June 30, 2015

Constantino, Correne, Candidate to Emeritus, February 8, 2017

Dash, Denise, Active to Emeritus, July 31, 2017

Davis, Kim, DCE/Candidate to Non-Candidate, April 25, 2016

Doering, Mike, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2017

Domin, Michelle, Active to Candidate, July 10, 2017

Dorn, Veloyce, Candidate to Emeritus, March 1, 2017

Einem, Gary, Non-Candidate to Emeritus, June 1, 2016

Evert, Catherine, Candidate to Non-Candidate, June 1, 2015

Frank, Margaret, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2016
Frieling, Gary, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2015
Fuchs, Michael, Active to Emeritus, October 22, 2015

Glandorf, Steven, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2017
Greenwald, Linda, Active to Emeritus, September 7, 2016
Griffith, Billie, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2015
Grupe, Sandra, DCE/Active to Candidate, October 30, 2017
Gutekunst, Richard, DCE/Active to Emeritus, January 1, 2017

Haggard, Shelli, Non-Candidate to Non-Candidate, April 1, 2015
Hauter, Donna, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2017
Hengeveld, Elizabeth, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2017
Horton, Nancy, Active to Emeritus, December 20, 2015

Ingram, Lydia, Active to Non-Candidate, October 3, 2015

Kalbas, Pamela, Active to Candidate, June 30, 2016
Kemnitz, Alec, Active to Candidate, June 1, 2017
King, Jennifer, Active to Candidate, January 29, 2017
Kluth, Adam, Active to Candidate, June 30, 2015
Koslan, Carolyn, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2016
Kramer, Wayne, Active to Emeritus, June 30, 2016
Krause, Barbara, Active to Emeritus, June 30, 2016
Krueger, Julie, Active to Candidate, January 26, 2017
Kueck, Janice, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2015

Lange, Kristi, Candidate to Non-Candidate, March 17, 2015
Liebenow, Mark, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2017
Loppnow, Matthew, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2017
Lund, Keith Active to emeritus, December 31, 2017

Mitchell, Deborah K. , Active to Candidate, June 1, 2017
Mitchell, Joel, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2017
Moore, Bonnie, Active to Candidate, January 1, 2015
Mueller, Carol A., Non-Candidate to Non-Candidate, June 15, 2015

Nelson, Christie, Deaconess/Candidate to Emeritus, March 21, 2017
Noack, Dalton, Active to Emeritus, October 19, 2016

Obersat, Jane, Deaconess/Active to Candidate, July 31, 2017

Rathje, Michael, Active to Emeritus, June 30, 2016
Reagan, Theresa, Non-Candidate to Non-Candidate, January 2, 2015
Reber, Carrie, Candidate to Emeritus, July 1, 2017

Sawhill, Julia, Candidate to Emeritus, March 9, 2017
Schildwachter, Joel, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2017
Schwenneker, Christopher, DCE/Active to Candidate, June 1, 2017

Simonis, Mallory, Active to Candidate, May 27, 2016
Smith, Jacci, Candidate to Non-Candidate, February 2, 2015
Stoneburner, Elizabeth, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2017
Stoneburner, Gordon, Active to Candidate, August 1, 2017
Strandt, Marlene, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2016
Straub, Vincent, Active to Emeritus, June 30, 2016
Swanson, Craig, Active to Emeritus, June 17, 2016

Tauscher, Jane, Active to Emeritus, July 1, 2017
Terral, Paul, DCE/Active to Non-Candidate, July 1, 2015
Thibodeau, Sandra, Active to Candidate, May 31, 2016
Tubbs, JoAnna, Active to Non-Candidate, June 3, 2015

Walker, Sara, Active to Candidate, January 18, 2017
Wetuski, Angela, Non-Candidate to Non-Candidate, January 26, 2015
Wiseman, Levi, Active to Candidate, July 1, 2017
Wottrich, Sharon, Candidate to Emeritus, December 5, 2017
Zuehsow, Angela, Candidate to Emeritus, February 11, 2017

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS CALLED TO GLORY

Allen, Debra Pflugerville, January 9, 2016
Bernhardt, Beverly Fort Worth, February 22, 2015
Brady, Tia Fort Worth, May 6, 2016
Braun, Gregg Round Rock, August 30, 2015
Dash, Russell Harlingen, April 20, 2017
Goeke, John Georgetown, December 12, 2016
Hansen, J.B. (Ben) Odem, December 13, 2015
Hardt, Peggy Lou Meyer Double Oak, May 8, 2015
Hight, Pamela Hannusch Georgetown, July 21, 2017
Kueck, Janice Koeltzow Plano, December 5, 2016
Loomans, Keith Austin, February 5, 2015
Mieger, Paul Hideaway, October 16, 2015
Mock, Herbert Houston, September 6, 2016
Mueller, Martin Houston, January 11, 2016
Zehnder, George Cedar Hill, February 16, 2017

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS REMOVED FROM ROSTER

Anderson, Sherry Candidate, Resigned, December 15, 2017
Bradley, Joel Candidate, Removed, December 15, 2017
Browning, Kristen Candidate, Removed, December 15, 2017
Black, Kari DCE/Non-Candidate, Removed, February 23, 2016
Bostick, Tiffany DCE/Non-Candidate, Removed, February 23, 2016
Brinkley, Eleanora DCE/Non-Candidate, Removed, February 23, 2016

Cattau, Matthew Active, Resigned, August 16, 2015
Crowe, Carolyn Active, Resigned, October 26, 2016

Davis, Kim DCE/Candidate, Resigned, December 15, 2017

Engman, Sarah Candidate, Resigned, October 12, 2015

Fetzer, Melissa Candidate, Resigned, November 20, 2017

Fraker, Jonathan Active, Resigned, September 1, 2015

Hall, Daniel DCE/Non-Candidate, Removed, February 23, 2016

Hankemeier, Kurtis DCE/Candidate, Resigned, August 13, 2015

Hengeveld, Adam Candidate, Resigned, September 6, 2016

Henze, Nathan DCE/Non-Candidate, Removed, February 23, 2016

Hildebrandt, Mary DCE/Non-Candidate, Removed, February 23, 2016

Janda, Alexandra Active, Resigned, September 5, 2017

Krengel, Amy Candidate, Removed, December 15, 2017

Lierbo, Julie Non-Candidate, Removed, May 12, 2016

Lutjens, Kristian Deaconess/Non-Candidate, Removed, February 23, 2016

McIntyre, Rose Candidate, Resigned, November 16, 2017

Moerbe, Kevin DCE/Candidate, Resigned, December 18, 2017

Mora, Edward DCE/Candidate, Removed, January 30, 2015

Mueller, David Candidate, Removed, December 15, 2017

Mueller, Stephanie Candidate, Removed, December 14, 2017

Naumann, Eric DCE/Non-Candidate, Removed, February 23, 2016

Nazaroff, Patrick DCE/Active, Removed, September 23, 2015

Nordmeyer, Keith Non-Candidate, Removed, April 20, 2016

Palisch, Jason DCE/Candidate, Removed, January 7, 2016

Richter, Kimberly Active, Removed, April 20, 2016

Roberts, Angie DCE/Non-Candidate, Removed, February 23, 2016

Rustan, Erin DCE/Non-Candidate, Removed, February 23, 2016

Scheer, Steven DCE/Candidate, Resigned, July 13, 2017

Schermbeck, Timothy Candidate, Removed, December 15, 2017

Smith, Rebecca Candidate, Removed, December 15, 2017

St. Clair, Britany DCE/Non-Candidate, Removed, April 1, 2015

Stigler, Steve Active, Resigned, October 7, 2015

Taylor, Angele Candidate, Removed, December 15, 2017

Telschow, Jonathan Non-Candidate, Resigned, January 12, 2015

Titus, Amy Non-Candidate, Resigned, January 15, 2015

Wallingsford, Nathan Candidate, Removed, December 15, 2017

Wilber, Patrick DCE/Candidate, Removed, May 27, 2015

Wilson, Allison Candidate, Removed, December 15, 2017

Wolfram, Carlene Non-Candidate, Resigned, January 15, 2015

TEXAS DISTRICT ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Allman, Phillip J. (Fort Wayne) Ordained July 2, 2017 by Rev. Dale Snyder at Grace, Midland and installed July 2, 2017 by Rev. Robert Pase at Grace, Midland to serve Grace as Associate Pastor

Ashcraft, Karl (St. Louis) Ordained August 29, 2015 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at Water's Edge, Frisco and installed August 29, 2015 by Rev. Mark Schaefer at Water's Edge, Frisco to serve Water's Edge as SMP Pastor

Bailey, Jr., Robert (St. Louis) Ordained June 11, 2017 by Rev. Karl Fay at Prince of Peace, Palatine, IL and installed on August 6, 2017 by Rev. Dan Schepmann at Gloria Dei, Houston to serve Gloria Dei as Associate Pastor

Bashir, Sabir Nazir (St. Louis) Ordained February 15, 2015 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at Prince of Peace, Carrollton and installed February 15, 2015 by Rev. Oscar Benavides at Prince of Peace, Carrollton to serve LINC North Texas as Mission Developer

Celia, Anthony M. (St. Louis) Ordained January 28, 2017 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at Water's Edge, Frisco and installed January 28, 2017 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at Water's Edge, Frisco to serve Water's Edge as SMP Pastor

Choi, Young Chol Certified through Colloquy March 4, 2015 and installed March 20, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Peace, Hurst to serve Texas District BMA as District Missionary

Crowe, William L. (St. Louis) Ordained July 24, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Faith, Georgetown and installed on July 24, 2016 by Rev. Walter Pohland at Faith, Georgetown to serve Faith as Associate Pastor

Daniels, David M. (Fort Wayne) Ordained August 7, 2016 by Rev. Ray Ohlendorf at Salem, Taylorsville, NC and installed August 14, 2016 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk at Zion, Tomball to serve Zion as Associate Pastor

Duffy, Joshua P. (St. Louis) Ordained June 14, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Salem, Tomball and installed July 12, 2015 by Rev. Jon Braunersreuther at Pilgrim, Houston to serve Pilgrim, Houston as Pastor

Fickenscher, James W. (St. Louis) Ordained on June 17, 2017 by Rev. Dr. Kevin Golden at Village, St. Louis, MO and installed July 9, 2017 by Rev. Ken Hennings at St. Paul, McAllen to serve St. Paul as Associate Pastor

Grebing, Barrett H. (St. Louis) Ordained May 31, 2015 by Rev. Stephen Sohns at Trinity, Klein and installed July 26, 2015 by Rev. Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann at ACTS, Leander to serve Texas District BMA as District Missionary

Hernandez, Nelson (St. Louis) Ordained April 19, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings at LINC Houston and installed April 19, 2015 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk at LINC Houston to serve LINC as Missionary

Hills, Keith M. (St. Louis) Ordained July 31, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Faith, Sweetwater and installed July 31, 2016 by Rev. Dale Snyder at Faith, Sweetwater to serve Faith as SMP Pastor

Hohnstadt, Kevin A. (St. Louis) Ordained Jun 11, 2017 by Rev. Jon Braunersreuther at Salem, Tomball and installed June 25, 2017 by Rev. Joshua Duffy at Pilgrim, Houston to serve Pilgrim as Associate Pastor

Holder, Christopher S. (St. Louis) Ordained June 20, 2015 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at Holy Cross, Dallas and installed June 20, 2015 by Rev. Tom Zucconi at Holy Cross Dallas to serve Holy Cross as SMP Pastor

Holschuh, Edward B. (Fort Wayne) Ordained August 13, 2017 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at St. John, Mansfield and installed September 10, 2017 by Rev. Dr. William Dasch at Zion, Alamo to serve Zion as Pastor

Hopf, Lee A. (St. Louis) Ordained June 26, 2016 by Rev. David Brighton at Mt. Calvary, Warner Robins, GA and installed July 31, 2016 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk at Trinity, Klein to serve Trinity as Assistant Pastor

Huston, Mark T. (Fort Wayne) Ordained June 28, 2015 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at Holy Cross, Canton and installed June 28, 2015 by Rev. Paul Ferguson at Holy Cross, Canton to serve Holy Cross as Pastor

Issak, Kbrab Certified through Colloquy January 31, 2017 and installed March 14, 2017 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Eritrean Evangelical, Houston to serve Eritrean Evangelical as Pastor

Jennings, James R. (St. Louis) Ordained June 28, 2015 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk at Faith, Huntsville and installed June 28, 2015 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk at Faith, Huntsville to serve Faith as SMP Pastor

Jones, Jarrett D. (St. Louis) Ordained January 29, 2017 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at St. John, Mansfield and installed January 29, 2017 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at St. John, Mansfield to serve St. John as SMP Pastor

Kreig, Kelly D. (Fort Wayne) Ordained June 17, 2017 by Rev. Dale Snyder at Mt. Calvary, Eola and installed July 9, 2017 by Rev. Laurence White at Our Savior, Houston to serve Our Savior as Assistant Pastor

Kunze, Seth L. (St. Louis) Ordained June 12, 2016 by Rev. Dwayne Lueck at St. John's Wausau, WI and installed July 10, 2016 by Rev. Allen Doering at Christ the King, Kingwood to serve Christ the King as Associate Pastor

Lanham, Curtis L. (St. Louis) Ordained January 22, 2017 by Rev. John Davis at CrossPoint, Katy and installed January 22, 2017 by Rev. John Davis at CrossPoint, Katy to serve CrossPoint as SMP Pastor

Mayland, James L. (Fort Wayne) (Ordained June 5, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Trinity, Livingston and installed June 5, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Trinity, Livingston to serve Trinity as Pastor

Morales, Edilberta Alzate (St. Louis) Ordained February 15, 2015 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at Prince of Peace, Carrollton and installed February 15, 2015 by Rev. Oscar Benavides at Prince of Peace, Carrollton to serve LINC North Texas as Hispanic Ministry Director-RSO

Nietubicz, Christopher (St. Louis) Ordained June 26, 2016 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk at Trinity, Klein and installed July 3, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Immanuel, Giddings to serve Immanuel as Associate Pastor

Nuttelman, Christopher K. (Fort Wayne) Ordained June 14, 2015 by Rev. James De Loach at Zion, Kearney, NE and installed June 28, 2015 by Rev. Mark Barz at Crown of Life, San Antonio to serve Crown of Life as Associate Pastor

Pulliam, Mark T. (St. Louis) Ordained February 22, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Mt. Calvary, San Antonio and installed February 22, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Mt. Calvary, San Antonio to serve Mt. Calvary as Associate Pastor

Scott, Tobin L. (St. Louis) Ordained June 11, 2017 by Rev. Peter Lange at Bethany, Eldon, MO and installed July 9, 2017 by Rev. John Heckmann at Immanuel, Copperas Cove to serve Immanuel as Pastor

Smith, Garrett (St. Louis) Ordained June 21, 2015 by Rev. Randall Bard at Bethel, Bryan and installed June 28, 2015 by Rev. Michael Newman at Christ, Lincoln to serve Christ as Pastor

Smith, Harry R. (St. Louis) Ordained July 24, 2016 by Rev. Eloy Gonzales at Our Redeemer, Irving and installed July 24, 2016 by Rev. Robert Hemsath at Our Redeemer, Irving to serve Our Redeemer as Assistant Pastor

Thompson, David R. (St. Louis) Ordained January 17, 2016 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at Our Savior, McKinney and installed January 17, 2016 by Rev. Eloy Gonzales at Our Savior, McKinney to serve Our Savior as SMP Pastor

Torea, Eduardo J., (St. Louis) Ordained October 23, 2016 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at Peace, Garland and installed October 23, 2016 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez at Peace, Garland to serve Peace as Associate Pastor

Trepala, Daniel S. (St. Louis) Ordained July 24, 2016 by Rev. Dale Snyder at Redeemer, Cisco and installed July 24, 2016 by Rev. Dale Snyder at Redeemer, Cisco to serve Redeemer at Pastor

Weider, Michael J. (St. Louis) Ordained June 28, 2015 by Rev. John Davis at Memorial, Katy and installed July 28, 2015 by Rev. John Davis at Memorial, Katy to serve Memorial as Associate Pastor

Williamson, Peter C. (St. Louis) Ordained June 11, 2017 by Rev. Robert Pase at Holy Cross, Midland and installed June 11, 2017 by Rev. Robert Pase at Holy Cross, Midland to serve Holy Cross as Pastor

Winters, Thomas J. (St. Louis) Ordained August 16, 2015 by Rev. Bill Tucker at Concordia, San Antonio and installed August 16, 2015 by Rev. Bill Tucker at Concordia, San Antonio to serve Concordia as SMP Pastor

Yadessa, Solomon E. Certified through Colloquy August 10, 2015 and installed March 20, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings at Peace, Hurst to serve Texas District BMA as District Missionary

Yoseph, Demelash Oumer Certified through Colloquy May 10, 2014 and installed March 30, 2017 by Rev. Mark Junkans at Emmaus, St. Paul, MN to serve LINC International as a Missionary at Large

TEXAS DISTRICT ORDAINED TRANSFERRED AND INSTALLED

Adamson, Terrance S., Pastor, St. Paul, Amherst, OH to Pastor, St. Mark, Lake Jackson, November 15, 2015 by Rev. Alan Taylor

Adler, David L., Candidate to Pastor, Bethlehem, Palestine, August 7, 2016 by Rev. Dennis Bragdon

Ahlman, Christopher S., Candidate to Associate Pastor, Memorial, Houston, October 22, 2017 by Rev Dr. Scott Murray

Alzate, Edilberto, LINC North Texas RSO to Associate Pastor, Bethel, Dallas July 2, 2017 by Rev. Eloy Gonzales

Anderson, R. Danny, Pastor, Holy Cross, Midland to Sr/Admin Pastor, Christ Memorial, Houston, November 22, 2015 by Rev. Jerry McNamara
Askins, Roy S., Pastor, Trinity, Livingston to Missionary, LCMS International Missions-Hong Kong, April 5, 2015 by Rev. James Woelmer

Bass, David J., Pastor, St. Paul, Chicago, IL to Pastor, Hosanna, Kerrville, July 28, 2015 by Rev. Dr. Dan Mueller
Bauer, Allen J., Candidate to Associate Pastor, Fisher of Men, Sugar Land, June 5, 2016 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk
Behrens, Matthew J., Associate Pastor, LakePointe, Hot Springs, AR to District Missionary, Texas District BMA to serve The Well, Buda March 1, 2015 by Rev. I. Melvin Newman
Benson, Thayer K., Associate Pastor, Redeemer, Peoria, IL to Associate Pastor, Resurrection, Spring, August 13, 2017 by Rev. Jon Braunersreuther
Bersche, Kenneth J., Pastor, Zion/Trinity, Vernon/Seymour to Pastor, Trinity, Sealy, June 28, 2015 by Rev. Wayne Schueler
Bontke, Jonathan C., Candidate to Pastor, Beautiful Savior, Austin, July 24, 2016 by Rev. Mark Barz
Borkenhagen, Daniel G., Candidate to Associate Pastor, Hope, Lubbock, September 24, 2017 by Rev. Eric Hiner
Bragdon, Dennis J., (Interim) Our Redeemer, Longview to Pastor, Our Redeemer, Longview, January 11, 2015 by Rev. Eloy Gonzales
Brown, J. David, Associate Pastor, Concordia, Fort Wayne, IN to University Faculty, Concordia University, Austin, February 29, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings
Brynstad, Christopher P., Associate Pastor, St. Paul, Decatur, AL to Associate Pastor, King of Kings, Round Rock, June 21, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings
Buchhorn, Michael G., Pastor, Zion, Auburn, MI to Pastor, St. Paul, Kingsville, November 29, 2015 by Rev. Kevin Jennings
Bunge, Kenneth L., RSO, Lutheran Bible Translators, San Antonio to Pastor, First, Lufkin, December 4, 2016 by Rev. Mark Barz

Cain, John W., Pastor, Gethsemane, Houston to Pastor, Redeemer, Nacogdoches, June 18, 2017 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez
Chambers, Danny E., Candidate to Pastor, Evangelists, Kingsbury, November 29, 2015 by Rev. Mark Barz
Chryst, Thomas E., Missionary, LCMS International Missions, to Associate Pastor, Messiah, Keller, May 17, 2015 by Rev. Eloy Gonzales
Couchman, David M., Emeritus to Pastor, Christ the King, Victoria, July 30, 2017 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk

Danner, Martin D., Associate Pastor, St. Paul, Fort Worth to Associate Pastor, Bethany, Austin, February 15, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings
Davidson, Seth T., Associate Pastor, Holy Cross, Nederland to Pastor, St. John, Athens, January 25, 2015 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez
Deterding, Shawn L., Pastor, Trinity, Salina, KS to Pastor, Beautiful Savior, Paris July 10, 2016 by Rev. Wayne Renning
Doria, Jeffrey S., Sr/Admin Pastor, King of Kings, San Antonio to Associate Pastor, St. John, Cypress, June 5, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings
DuBois, Craig, Non-Candidate to Pastor, Grace, San Marcos, September 13, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings

Duerr, Timothy S., Associate Pastor, St. Mark, Houston to Sr/Admin Pastor, St. Mark, Houston, January 25, 2015 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk

Eckert, Allan C., Pastor, St. Paul, Kingsville to Sr/Admin Pastor, Trinity, San Angelo, March 15, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings

Engel, Timothy A., Pastor, Holy Cross, Portage, IN to Pastor, Messiah, Houston, January 17, 2016 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk

Griffin, Benjamin, Pastor, theAlley, Cottage Grove, MN to RSO, LINC International, Houston, July 1, 2017 by Rev. Mark Junkans

Gruhn, Michael V., Emeritus to Pastor, Shepherd of the Prairie, Franklin, February 26, 2017 by Rev. Christopher Richardson

Gurralla, Vijay, Candidate to Pastor, Our Redeemer Telugu, Houston, May 31, 2015 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk

Harrow, Gerald W., SMP, Redeemer, Ft. Collins, CO to SMP, St. Paul, Gatesville, January 8, 2017 by Rev. John Heckmann

Hamilton, Morgan W., Candidate to Assistant Pastor, Peace, Hurst, July 12, 2015 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez

Hardaway, Matthew D., Associate Pastor, Lee's Summit, MO to Associate Pastor, St. Paul, Waco, September 24, 2017 by Rev. David Bergman

Hartjen, Travis M., SMP, Water's Edge, Allen to SMP, Tangible Grace, Allen, March 20, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings

Hawkins, Daniel D., Associate Pastor, Messiah, Charlotte, NC to Associate Pastor, CrossPoint, Katy, February 22, 2015 by Rev. Bill Woolsey

Heitshusen, Scott E., Sr/Admin Pastor, St. Mark Houston to Associate Pastor, St. Mark, Houston, January 25, 2015 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk

Hemsath, Robert W., Pastor, Christ the King, Waxahachie to Sr/Admin Pastor, Faith, Huntsville, January 22, 2017 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk

Hildebrandt, Russell C., Emeritus to Pastor (IIP), Christ the King, Waxahachie, July 23, 2017 by Rev. Ken Hennings

Holaday, Robert W., Pastor, Zion, Alamo to Pastor, Emmanuel, Littlefield, March 5, 2017 by Rev. Dale Snyder

Holder, Christopher S., SMP, Holy Cross, Dallas to SMP, Bethel, Dallas, July 2, 2017 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez

Hotopp, Mark A., Associate Pastor, Concordia, Garland to Associate Pastor, Water's Edge, Frisco, November 20, 2016 by Mark Schaefer

Hull, Christopher J., Pastor, Christ, Normal, IL to Pastor, Zion, Tomball, May 24, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings

Hull, Robert C., Candidate to Assistant Pastor, Our Savior, Houston, September 18, 2016 by Rev. Laurence White

Issak, Kbrab, Pastor, Eritrean Evangelical, Houston to Missionary, LINC International, Houston, September 25, 2017 by Rev. Mark Junkans

Johnson, David A., Faculty, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to Associate Pastor, Epiphany, Pearland, June 7, 2015 by Rev. Jon Salminen

Johnson, Gene E., Pastor, Grace, Port St. Lucie, FL to Associate Pastor, Trinity, Klein, August 30, 2015 by Rev. Jon Braunersreuther

Kalbas, Aaron, Associate Pastor, Epiphany, Pearland to Sr/Admin Pastor, St. Paul, Thorndale, June 7, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings
 Kasper, R. "Gabe", Missionary, Texas District to Pastor, ACTS Church, Leander, August 30, 2015 by Rev. Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann
 Kieschnick, Gerald B., University Staff, Concordia University, Austin to Other Special Ministry (Legacy Deo), Texas District, January 29, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings
 Kirklen, Donald, Emeritus to Pastor, St. Mark, Mineral Wells, November 12, 2017 by Rev. Dr. John Messmann

Laux, John A., Pastor, Trinity, Decatur, IL to Pastor, Resurrection, Fredericksburg, December 13, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings
 LeBlanc, Robert E., (Interim) Hope, Winnie to Pastor, Hope, Winnie, October 25, 2015 by Rev. Tim Dinger
 Ledlow, Landon M., Missionary, Texas District to Associate Pastor, Redeemer, Austin, August 28, 2016 by Rev. David Schroder
 Liefer, Todd W., Associate Pastor, Immanuel, Wentzville, MO to Associate Pastor, Bethany, Austin, May 22, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings
 Lo, Fungchatou T., RSO (Exec. Dir.), LINC Twin Cities, St. Paul, MN to Missionary, LINC International, Houston, September 25, 2016 by rev. Mark Junkans
 Lofgren, Richard S., Candidate to Pastor, Our Savior, Corpus Christi, May 3, 2015 by Rev. Mark Barz
 Lopez, Antonio J., Pastor, Palabra de Dios, Maywood, CA to Pastor, El Calvario, Brownsville, July 31, 2016 by Rev. Mark Barz
 Lutjens, Robert W., Non-Candidate to Pastor, St. John, Wharton, August 14, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings
 Lytle, Aaron L., Associate Pastor, Trinity, Houston to Pastor, Oikos, Houston, November 15, 2015 by Rev. Ken Hennings

McKnight, David M., Emeritus to Assistant Pastor, Concordia, San Antonio, January 31, 2016 by Rev. Bill Tucker
 Meissler, Craig, SMP, Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio to SMP, Mt. Calvary, San Antonio, September 10, 2017 by Rev. Carlos Boerger
 Mengsteab, Yohannes A., Associate Pastor, Holy Cross, Fort Wayne, IN to Texas District Staff (MMF), March 20, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings
 Menke, James W., Pastor, Trinity, Waco to Pastor, St. John, Beaumont, August 20, 2017 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk
 Meyer, Jonathan, F., Pastor, Our Shepherd, Crosby to Pastor, Zion, Victoria, June 11, 2017 by Rev. Wayne Schueler
 Miller, Joshua M., Associate Pastor, Community of Life, Oregon, WI to Pastor, ACTS Church, Leander, November 12, 2017 by Rev. Peter Mueller
 Miller, Micah D., Associate Pastor, Prince of Peace, Carrollton to Sr/Admin Pastor, Prince of Peace, Carrollton, November 6, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings
 Misch, Stephen "Nathan", Pastor, Lord of Life, Corpus Christi to Associate Pastor, Epiphany, Pearland, November 6, 2016 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk
 Morfitt, Steven A., Texas District Staff, Brownsville to Pastor, Mt. Calvary, Raymondville, May 10, 2015 by Rev. Dr. Robert Holaday

Neumann, Paul D., Pastor, Trinity, Fairfield to Pastor, Redeemer, Baytown, December 13, 2015 by Rev. Ralph Hobratschk

Nischal, Jamesraj “Naveen”, Candidate to Assistant Pastor, Grace, Arlington, June 11, 2017 by rev. Eloy Gonzalez

Obersat, Sr., Thomas F., Associate Pastor, Grace, Brenham to Pastor, Ebenezer, Paige, August 27, 2017 by Rev. Carl Roth

Odom, Weslie T., Pastor, Grace Burkburnett to Pastor, Beautiful Savior, Arlington, July 30, 2017 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez

Patterson, Craig A., Pastor, Messiah, Longmont, CO to Pastor, St. Paul, Wichita Falls, September 11, 2016 by Rev. Dale Snyder

Paul, Robert W., Sr/Admin Pastor, Immanuel, Roswell, NM to Associate Pastor, Memorial, Houston, August 13, 2017 by Rev. Dr. Scott Murray

Pilli, Sager, Candidate to Assistant Pastor, Memorial, Houston, November 15, 2015 by Rev. Dr. Scott Murray

Pittock, Travis A., Pastor, Faith, Huntsville to Pastor, Christ, Ft. Worth, November 1, 2015 by Rev. Brian Cummins

Reedy, David D., Non-Candidate to Sr/Admin Pastor, Mt. Calvary, San Antonio, November 1, 2015 by Rev. Mark Barz

Richert, Aaron M., Associate Pastor, St. John, Fraser, MI to High School Staff, Lutheran South Academy, Houston, August 13, 2017 by Rev. Daniel Schepmann

Rienstra, Jan “Trey”, Pastor, Our Savior, Centerville to Pastor, Genesis, Buchanan Dam, January 17, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings

Rische, Scott, Associate Pastor, First, El Cajon, CA to Missionary, Texas District BMA, May 31, 2015 by Rev. Shaun Daugherty

Ristow, Jr., August K., Pastor, Zion, Fallbrook, CA to Pastor (IIP), Trinity, Woodway, November 5, 2017 by Rev. David Bergman

Rivkin, Dominic J., Sr/Admin Pastor, Trinity, Temecula, CA to Missionary, LINC Houston, February 15, 2015 by Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau

Robb, Joseph E., Associate Pastor, Hales Corner, WI to RSO, LINC Houston, April 17, 2016 by Rev. Mark Junkans

Schroeder, David B., Associate Pastor, Our Savior, Excelsior, MN to Pastor, Lord of Life, Corpus Christi, December 17, 2017 by Rev. Mark Barz

Settle, Rance A., Pastor, Holy Cross, Prior Lake, MN to Sr/Admin Pastor, Lamb of God, Flower Mound, January 15, 2017 by Rev. Ken Hennings

Scheler, Eddie R., Pastor, St. Paul's, Decatur, AL to Pastor, Ascension, Cleburne, November 29, 2015 by Rev. Yohannes Mengsteab

Schinnerer, Craig R., Pastor, Good Shepherd, Azle to Pastor (IIP), Grace, Brownwood, June 22, 2017 by Rev. Allan Eckert

Schmidt, Neldo, Pastor, St. John, Woodbury, MN to Pastor, King of Kings, San Antonio, August 27, 2017 by Rev. Mark Barz

Schnieder, Jack, A., Candidate to Sr/Admin Pastor, Peace, Garland, October 23, 2016 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez

Schuller, Richard L., Pastor, Messiah, Houston to Missionary, LCMS International Missions (Puerto Rico), February 21, 2015 by Rev. Theodore Krey

Stadler, Erik W., Non-Candidate to Pastor, Redeemer, Odessa, February 14, 2016 by Rev. Dale Snyder

Stark, T. Clint, Pastor, Zion, Chippewa Falls, WI to Pastor, St. John, Frisco, October 30, 2016 by Rev. Tab Ottmers

Sundbye, Scott A., Pastor, Faith, Gainesville to Pastor, First, Texarkana, October 9, 2016 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez

Tews, Mark W., Military Chaplain, LCMS Bd for Mission Services to Pastor, Trinity, Uvalde, September 4, 2016 by Rev. Mark Barz

Thomas, Jonathan R., Candidate to Sr/Admin Pastor, St. John, Mansfield, February 28, 2016 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez

Thompson, John L., Candidate to Pastor, St. Peter, Houston, September 25, 2016 by Rev. David Leeland

Van Buskirk, Raymond J., Emeritus to Associate Pastor, Lamb of God, Humble, May 15, 2016 by Rev. Jon Braunersreuther

Vanderbush, Neil S., Pastor, Calvary, Jacksonville, NC to Pastor, Christ, Lubbock, September 20, 2015 by Rev. Eric Hiner

Waiser, Walter, Emeritus to Assistant Pastor, Lamb of God, Flower Mound, October 22, 2017 by Rev. Rance Settle

Walker, Andrew J., Pastor, St. Peter's, La Grange, MO to Texas District Missionary, September 11, 2016 by Rev. Michael Newman

Weaver, Brian S., Assistant Pastor, Concordia, Conover, NC to Associate Pastor, Gloria Dei, Houston, December 6, 2015 by Rev. Daniel Schepmann

Wehmeyer, Randall C., Pastor, Trinity, San Angelo to Pastor Divine Savior, Devine, March 13, 2016 by Rev. Ken Hennings

Zucconi, Thomas, Pastor, Christ/Shepherd, Alpharetta, GA to Sr/Admin Pastor, Holy Cross, Dallas, June 7, 2015 by Rev. Eloy Gonzalez

OTHERS ORDAINED TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS DISTRICT

Behrhorst, Wallace D., Emeritus, Kansas District, May 15, 2017

Bergquist, David H., Emeritus, Iowa West District, September 12, 2017

Coppersmith, Michael, Emeritus, Pacific Southwest District, February 2, 2015

Donaldson, Robert J., Non-Candidate, California-Nevada-Hawaii, February 9, 2016

Edge, David A., Candidate, South Dakota District, March 10, 2017

Gallo, Stephen F., Emeritus, Central Illinois District, June 9, 2015

Haberoth, Steve G., Emeritus, Pacific Southwest, January 2, 2016

Hemingway, Jeffrey L., Emeritus, Mid-South District, February 12, 2016

Hull, Robert C., Candidate, Southeastern District, June 2, 2015

Kirk, Alston, Emeritus, Florida-Georgia District, April 3, 2016

Kluth, David, Candidate, Northwest District, September 30, 2017

Kophamer, Mark, Candidate, Mid-South District, February 13, 2017

Krentz, Eugene, Emeritus, Florida-Georgia District, August 18, 2015

Lange, Alvin H., Emeritus, Missouri District, August 11, 2017

Limmer, Harlan L., Emeritus, South Wisconsin District, February 1, 2015
Lubeck, Thomas M., Emeritus, Michigan District, May 19, 2016

Macina, Robert D., Candidate, Rocky Mountain District, May 29, 2017
Marth, Walter D., Emeritus, Northwest District, December 15, 2015
Miller, Richard D., Emeritus, Minnesota South District, February 22, 2017
Moeller, Eric, Candidate, Iowa West District, August 2, 2015
Moore, John M., Candidate, Iowa East District, March 6, 2017
Mumm, David P., Emeritus, Northern Illinois District, April 20, 2016

Porter, Donald, Emeritus, Indiana District, July 15, 2015

Reese, David A., Emeritus, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, September 25, 2017
Richmeyer, Edward J., Emeritus, Rocky Mountain District, April 13, 2017

Schaper, Gary G., Emeritus, Missouri District, June 21, 2016
Schultz, Roland, Emeritus, Mid-South District, June 5, 2017
Scroggins, Troy D., Candidate, Kansas District, October 22, 2017

Truenow, Dave, Emeritus, Pacific Southwest District, March 21, 2016

Walquist, Randy, Emeritus, Rocky Mountain District, July 1, 2016
Weise, Russell J., Emeritus, Central Illinois District, August 27, 2017

ORDAINED REINSTATED

Lamb, Richard E., to Pastor September 24, 2015

ORDAINED TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS

Bartholomew, Andrew P., Candidate to South Wisconsin District, January 30, 2016
Braun, Benjamin A., Associate, Mt. Olive, Austin to Eastern District, Call, November 16, 2015
Burton, Kenneth W., Pastor, Good Shepherd, Borger to Pacific Southwest District, Call, May 16, 2016
Byler, David R., Candidate to Pacific Southwest District, February 1, 2017
Canion, Matthew, Associate, St. Paul, Waco to Minnesota North District, Call, August 15, 2016
Choi, Young Chol, Texas District Missionary to English District, Call, January 13, 2017
Cholak, Steven T., Assistant, Messiah, Keller to Rocky Mountain District, Call, July 22, 2016
Cizek, Curt J., Candidate to Southeastern District, December 9, 2016
Cook, Philip E., Associate, Lamb of God, Flower Mound to Kansas District, Call, July 9, 2015
Cosby, Samuel, Candidate to Southeastern District, Call August 31, 2017
Cummins, Brian, Pastor, Beautiful Savior, Arlington to Calif-Nevada-Hawaii District, Call, August 22, 2016

Duerr, Timothy, Sr. Pastor, St. Mark, Houston to Pacific Southwest District, Call July 15, 2017
Dupre, Brian, Pastor, Redeemer, Lubbock to Michigan District, Call, September 12, 2016

Edge, David A., Candidate to Minnesota North District, Call, September 21, 2017

Edge, James M., Pastor, Immanuel, Mercedes to Florida-Georgia District, Call, November 16, 2015

Francisco, Benjamin, J., Pastor, Mt. Calvary, Brady to Nebraska District, Call April 18, 2016
Frerichs, Paul, C., Pastor, Mission Liberty Hill to Ohio District, Call, November 1, 2017

Garcia, Juan, Candidate to Indiana District, December 15, 2015

Gonzalez, Ben, Missionary, LINC Houston to Minnesota South District, Call, November 1, 2017

Hasskarl, Leif, Missionary, LCMS International Missions to Nebraska District, Call, September 8, 2017

Hawkins, Daniel, Candidate to Mid-South District, Call, December 28, 2015

Hillyer, William, Candidate to Minnesota South District, May 12, 2015

Holz, Richard, Emeritus to Minnesota South District, December 19, 2016

Jacob, David K., Military Chaplain, LCMS Bd for Mission Services to Iowa East District, April 26, 2017

Jofre, Pedro, RSO, LINC Houston to Rocky Mountain District, Call, March 1, 2017

Kasper, R. Gabe, Pastor, ACTS Leander to Michigan District, Call, March 27, 2017

Kear, Dustin, K., Associate, St. Paul, Harlingen to Rocky Mountain District, Call, August 1, 2017

Koch, Mark A., Pastor, St. Andrew, Houston to Southern District, Call, August 29, 2016

Kohlmeier, Theodore, Emeritus to Indiana District, March 1, 2017

Kolb, Barry L., Emeritus to Missouri District, January 6, 2016

Kophamer, Mark, Candidate to Mid-South District, July 25, 2017

Kramin, Howard, Emeritus to Southeastern District, February 2, 2017

Laux, John A., Pastor, Resurrection, Fredericksburg to Central Illinois District, Call, November 1, 2017

McCall, Willis, Pastor, Resurrection, Fredericksburg to Montana District, Call, June 15, 2015

Marhenke, Larry, Emeritus to Mid-South District, August 1, 2015

Moeller, Eric, Candidate to New Jersey District, August 1, 2017

Monterastelli, Michael, Candidate to Missouri District, March 10, 2017

Niemtschk, Bobby, Pastor, Trinity, Taylor to Missouri District, Call, May 1, 2017

Olson, Jr., Donald, Emeritus to Indiana District, March 2, 2016

Parks, Vincent S., Sr. Pastor, Gloria Dei, Houston to Pacific Southwest District, Call, March 11, 2015

Parsons, Jacob, Non-Candidate to Pacific Southwest District, October 2, 2015

Patterson, Craig, Pastor, St. Paul, Wichita Falls to Calif-Nevada-Hawaii District, Call, July 2, 2017

Peffer, Bruce, Candidate to Pacific Southwest District, Call, March 21, 2016

Price, James M., Pastor, St. Mark, Waco to Kansas District, Call, July 2, 2017

Richard-Wokoma, P. A., Candidate to Missouri District, Call, December 1, 2015

Scheiwe, Logan, Associate, Our Redeemer, Irving to Ohio District, Call, July 15, 2015
Shaw, James, Emeritus to Florida-Georgia District, November 29, 2016
St-Onge, Charles, Missionary, LCMS International Missions to Missouri District, Call, February 3, 2016

Vanderbush, Neil S., Pastor, Christ, Lubbock to Mid-South District, Call, September 25, 2017
Vandercook, David, Assistant, Our Savior, Houston to Mid-South District, Call, September 17, 2016

Wagner, Robert, Pastor, Immanuel, Copperas Cove to Iowa West District, Call, July 15, 2015
Waynick, Thomas, Candidate to Missouri District, Call, June 22, 2016
Wollenberg, Nathan, Associate, St. Paul, McAllen to Southern Illinois District, Call, December 5, 2016

Zersen, David, Emeritus to South Wisconsin District, December 16, 2017

ORDAINED CHANGE OF STATUS

Abel, Allan, Candidate to Emeritus, December 16, 2016
Anderson, Darren, Pastor, Trinity, Texarkana to Candidate, July 1, 2016
Anderson, Mark, Pastor, Good Shepherd, Cleveland to Candidate, October 8, 2014
Auger, Edmund, LCMS Missionary to Emeritus, December 8, 2017

Bartholomew, Andrew, Pastor, Alive in Christ, Big Spring to Candidate, January 1, 2016
Bergman, David, Pastor, Bethlehem, Palestine to Emeritus, July 1, 2015
Beverly Henry H., Candidate to Emeritus, December 12, 2016

Cecil, David, Institutional Chaplain to Emeritus, June 23, 2015
Chelmo, Walter, Pastor, First, Rosebud to Emeritus, June 16, 2015
Cizek, Curt, Military Chaplain, LCMS Bd for Mission Services to Candidate, August 1, 2016
Cosby, Samuel, Pastor, Mt. Calvary, Houston to Candidate, August 1, 2015

Dasch, William, Pastor, St. John, Mansfield to Emeritus, August 1, 2015
Diaz, John, Candidate to Emeritus, December 9, 2016
Diaz, John, Pastor, St. Paul, George West to Candidate, January 1, 2015
Dobberfuhr, Ned, Non-Candidate to Emeritus, March 17, 2016
Dorn, Paul, Pastor St. Peter, Houston to Emeritus, January 1, 2016
Doyal, Odis, Pastor, Divine Savior, Devine to Emeritus, November 16, 2015

Erickson, Patrick, Pastor, Peace, Garland to Emeritus, August 1, 2015

Finke, Gregory, Candidate to Non-Candidate, February 6, 2015
Franzmeier, Alvin, Associate Pastor, Zion, Tomball to Emeritus, May 25, 2015

Garcia, Ernesto, Institutional Chaplain to Emeritus, March 5, 2017
Garcia, Juan, Assistant, St. Mark, Waco to Candidate, August 25, 2014
Grunklee, Corey, Pastor, Christ, Lubbock to Non-Candidate, April 26, 2015

Haas, Thomas, SMP, Grace, Orange to Emeritus, January 1, 2017
Hadley, Tom, Pastor, Crown of Life, Rowlett to Emeritus, February 1, 2015

Hartfield, Paul, Pastor, Christ, Loebau to Emeritus, June 29, 2015
 Hawkins, Daniel, Associate, CrossPoint, Katy to Candidate, September 1, 2015
 Hernandez, Nelson, RSO, LINC Houston to Candidate, December 4, 2017
 Hildebrandt, Russell, Senior Pastor, Grace, Arlington to Emeritus, January 9, 2017
 Hillyer, William, Pastor, Redeemer, Odessa to Candidate, May 11, 2015

 Jimenez, Dimas, RSO, LINC Houston to Candidate, November 26, 2017
 Johnson, Chris, E., Pastor Grace, Victoria to Emeritus, January 1, 2017

 Kabell, Douglas, Non-Candidate to Non-Candidate, February 20, 2015
 Keistman, Herbert, Pastor, Ebenezer, Manheim to Emeritus, March 1, 2017
 Kim, David, RSO Staff, LINC Houston to Candidate, October 1, 2016
 Kirklen, Don, Pastor, St. Paul, Hamilton to Emeritus, January 1, 2015
 Kobler, Robert, Pastor, Redeemer, Nacogdoches to Emeritus, July 4, 2016
 Kretzmann, James, Pastor, Mt. Calvary, Raymondville to Emeritus, November 1, 2015

 Larsen, Steven, Pastor, St. Mark, Lake Jackson to Non-Candidate, September 22, 2014
 Lieder, Lawrence, Pastor, Holy Three-in-One, Houston to Emeritus, January 1, 2016
 Little, Donald, Assistant Pastor, Zion, Abilene to Emeritus, May 1, 2015
 Loeschen, Donald, Pastor, Christ, Pattison to Emeritus, July 17, 2017

 Martin, James C., Candidate to Emeritus, April 6, 2017
 McMillian, Ricky, Associate Pastor, Resurrection, Spring to Emeritus, February 1, 2017
 McNamara, Jerry, Pastor, Fishers of Men, Sugar Land to Non-Candidate, May 1, 2016
 Meyer, Milferd, Pastor, Beautiful Savior, Austin to Emeritus, June 1, 2016

 Nelson, Dewayne R., Pastor, Our Savior, Dallas to Emeritus, June 27, 2016

 Olson, Jr., Donald, Pastor, Trinity, Uvalde to Emeritus, November 30, 2015
 Orea, Hiram, Candidate to Non-Candidate, March 29, 2016

 Peffer, Bruce, College Faculty, Concordia University, Austin to Candidate, December 23, 2015
 Pittock, Travis, Pastor, Faith, Huntsville to Candidate, January 1, 2015

 Raddatz, John, Pastor, Joy, Houston to Emeritus, May 1, 2017
 Rathgeber, Douglas, Pastor, St. John, Beaumont to Emeritus, October 9, 2017
 Reedy, David, Military Chaplain to Non-Candidate, January 16, 2015
 Renning, Wayne, Pastor, Beautiful Savior, Paris to Emeritus, July 11, 2016
 Runge, Brian, Non-Candidate to Non-Candidate, September 7, 2015

 Schey, Bernard, Pastor, Trinity, Copperas Cove to Candidate, July 1, 2017
 Schkade, Jr., Landon, Pastor, Abiding Savior, Zapata to Emeritus, November 1, 2017
 Schneider, Curtis, Pastor, Grace, Brownwood to Emeritus, February 5, 2017
 Sharp, W. Barry, Pastor, St. John's, Wharton to Emeritus, June 1, 2015
 Simon, Steven, Senior Pastor, Christ Memorial, Houston to Emeritus, March 1, 2016
 Spitzenberger, Raymond, Pastor, St. Paul, Wallis to Emeritus, August 1, 2017
 Stadler, Erik, Candidate to Non-Candidate, August 31, 2015
 Stinnette, Eric, Pastor, St. Peter, Gun Barrel City to Candidate, August 7, 2017

Thompson, John L., Pastor, Bethany, Houston to Candidate, November 11, 2015

Waynick, Thomas, Military Chaplain, LCMS Bd for Mission Services to Candidate, January 1, 2016

Whitson, Craig, Pastor, Hope, Marble Falls to Emeritus, August 24, 2014

Wiechman, Steven, Associate Pastor, CrossPoint, Katy to Non-Candidate, January 24, 2015

Wong, Larry, Assistant Pastor, The Family of Faith, Houston to Emeritus, December 2, 2015

Zell, Loren, Pastor, Emmanuel, Littlefield to Emeritus, August 1, 2016

ORDAINED REMOVED/RESIGNED

Craver, James, March 9, 2016

Knippa, Gregory, December 22, 2015

Strand, Jr., Ahlert, April 4, 2017

ORDAINED CALLED TO GLORY

Biar, Henry H., March 12, 2017

Cardaro, Robert G., October 5, 2017

DeVries, Kim T., January 1, 2015

Dinda, Richard J., February 28, 2017

Dobberfuhr, Gerhard P., May 9, 2017

DuBois, Keith E., July 26, 2016

DuBois, Loren A., May 14, 2016

Fisher, Walter F., August 1, 2017

Florschuetz, Duane W., November 15, 2016

Fritz, John D., March 7, 2016

Geisler, Stanley W., December 16, 2015

Georg, Daniel E., August 21, 2017

Gibson, Jr. George, July 15, 2015

Harmann, Eldor J., March 19, 2017

Heine, William C., December 18, 2016

Henning, J. C., November 24, 2015

Herzog, James M., March 25, 2015

Johnson, Dwayne, April 7, 2017

Koch, Marvin O., February 8, 2016

Kroll, Donald O., October 11, 2015

Limmer, Harlan L., October 10, 2016

Luecke, James R., November 11, 2016

McMillan, Whitfield M., January 10, 2016

Meissner, Alvin G., October 24, 2017

Meyer, Virgil F., January 12, 2015

Miller, Albert H., November 7, 2016

Neumann, Donald A., July 23, 2016

Oesch, Eugene A., June 5, 2017

Peterman, Gerald W., January 20, 2017

Puig, Carlos H., September 5, 2016

Reich, Raymond D., May 3, 2017
Reiter, Carlos C., January 12, 2016
Richmeyer, Edward J., July 14, 2017
Schoenborn, Ernest F., November 12, 2016
Schroeter, Harold W., June 17, 2017
Schubert, Jr. Alfred W. November 3, 2016
Segovia, Carlos M., October 29, 2016
Simonsen, Jay E., September 18, 2017
Snow, C. Michael, January 21, 2015
Southard, Roy L., July 14, 2017
Vavroch, John, August 16, 2015
Welmer, Michael F., December 17, 2015
Williams, Daniel R., May 15, 2017
Willmann, Victor D., January 21, 2017
Wuensche, Reinhard "Dick" H., July 25, 2017

INITIAL MEMBERSHIP OF CONGREGATIONS

Allen, Tangible Grace Lutheran Fellowship, March 20, 2016
Franklin, Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, December 11, 2016
Houston, Oikos Lutheran Church, February 22, 2015
Leander, ACTS Church Leander, May 31, 2015
Sealy, Lifebridge Community Lutheran Church, January 24, 2016
Spring, Community of Hope Lutheran Church Northwest, October 1, 2017

NEW CHURCH STARTS

Arlington, Hope for The Nations, December 9, 2015
Austin, ACTS Church Northwest, October 16, 2016
Cedar Park, ACTS Lutheran Church Antioch, January 31, 2016
Cypress, Iglesia Nuevo Camino, April 16, 2017
Dallas, Oromo Evangelical Church of Dallas, 2016
Franklin, Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, April 12, 2015
Frisco, Saint John Lutheran Church, September 1, 2015
Galena Park, Centro Evangelistico Jehovah Jireth, April 1, 2015
Houston, EightTen Lutheran Church, October 1, 2017
Houston, Iglesia Cristiana El Buen Pastor, January 31, 2017
Houston, Shalom Oromo Evangelical Church of Houston, May 31, 2017
Katy, NewChurch Lutheran Church, September 5, 2015
Kingwood, The Dwelling, September 24, 2017
Kyle, ACTS Church Kyle, September 10, 2017
McKinney, ART Church, September 10, 2017
Port Arthur, La Trinidad Lutheran Church, April 1, 2015
Rockwall, Comunidad Cristiana Expansion, July 1, 2017
Round Rock, Narrative Church, October 4, 2015
Sugar Land, Eritrean Evangelical Lutheran Church-Kumana, July 1, 2016
Watauga, Grace Korean Church, June 1, 2015
Waxahachie, What is Happening Now Ministry, February 1, 2015
Wylie, Veritas Community Lutheran Church & Academy, October 29, 2017

XIV. MILESTONES

Commissioned Ministers' Anniversaries

75th Anniversary		Fred Bleeke	1967
Ruth Braun	1942	Janet Brunette	1967
		Linda Buls	1965
70th Anniversary		Shirley Buser	1965
Ruth Doering	1947	Dorothea Eckert	1966
Ruby Mueller	1947	Rodney Eckert	1966
		Trina Fischer	1965
65th Anniversary		Sharlyn Fritz	1966
Leroy Tschatschula	1951	Kenneth Germann	1965
Harold Rutz	1952	Lowell Goecker	1967
		Rose Ann Grissett	1965
60th Anniversary		Stephen Henke	1966
Katherine Bolland	1955	Larry Hoffschneider	1966
Lillian Deterling	1955	Terry Hynous	1965
Dorothea Jacob	1957	Lou Jander	1966
Reynold Kunz	1956	Martha Jander	1966
William Leimbach	1955	Eloise Kuhlmann	1967
Donald Rotermund	1955	Bonnie Noack	1966
Walter Schramm	1956	Daniel Palisch	1967
Dorothy Stuemke	1955	Melvin Schiwart	1967
		Kenneth Schmidt	1967
55th Anniversary		Carolyn Shaver	1967
Gerald Brunworth	1960	David Sommermeyer	1966
Marilyn Comotto	1961	Donald Zielke	1967
Edward Gallmeier	1962		
Elizabeth Gallmeier	1962	45th Anniversary	
Katherine Gerdes	1962	Kathleen Achterberg	1970
Cherry Hammon	1962	Robert Achterberg	1970
Gary Hintz	1960	Steven Allmon	1972
David Koenig	1961	Bruce Baacke	1970
Lois Lange	1962	Audrey Barnes	1970
Pauline Miller	1962	Donna Coppersmith	1972
William Rutherford	1961	Gary Einem	1972
Janice Sage	1960	Gary Frieling	1970
Darrell Schepmann	1962	Michael Fuchs	1970
David Schultz	1962	Susan Fuessel	1970
Phil Schuster	1962	David Goeke	1970
Beverly Smith	1960	James Kamprath	1970
Helen Wenthe	1961	Sylvia Kokel	1971
William Wenthe, Sr.	1961	Wayne Kramer	1972
Carolyn Wilke	1962	Paul Krentz	1971
		Rebecca Krentz	1971
50th Anniversary		David Kroft	1970
Woodrow Arp	1965	Cheryl Linebrink	1971
Jerome "Gayle" Berry	1967	Michael Linebrink	1970
Peggy Berry	1965	Jan Lohmeyer	1971

Norbert Malenke	1972
Robert Malzahn	1971
Evelyn Mann	1970
Mary Mountford	1971
Sharon Mueller	1972
M. Ted Nelson	1970
Eloise Nisayas	1970
Sandra Nun	1971
Diane Wallis	1970
Marilyn Petersen	1971
Gerhardt Pipho	1971
Joel Robinson	1972
Linda Rottermond	1971
Sally Rudy	1971
Ardith Vandercook	1971
James Vandercook	1971
Dr. Janet Whitson	1971
Charles Wildauer	1970
Bruce Wurdeman	1971

40th Anniversary

Donald Bahr	1977
Deborah Beisert	1977
Annette Boehnke	1977
Dorothy Burroughs	1975
Sandra Clinkenbeard	1976
Connie Devine	1977
Christine Eilers	1977
Lynette Eickemeyer	1977
Margaret Frank	1975
Ronald Fritsche	1976
David Glienke	1975
Elizabeth Gremmer	1975
Margaret Harris	1975
Donna Hauter	1975
Thomas Hilgendorf	1975
Ann Jung	1977
Randall Kerkman	1975
Carolyn Koslan	1977
Elizabeth Landfrie	1975
Bobbie Ledbetter	1975
Keith Lund	1976
David Lundin	1977
Eileen Lyons	1975
Leann McClain	1976
Mark McClain	1976
James McConnell	1977
Cynthia Melcher	1977
Kathleen Menzel	1975
Deborah Merkord	1977

Lanny Merkord	1977
Judith Perez	1975
Michael Rathje	1976
Julia Sawhill	1977
Mark Wilk	1975
Angela Zuehsow	1976

35th Anniversary

Kimberly Appel	1982
Virginia Axtell	1982
Theresa Bielefeldt	1980
Dennis Boldt	1981
Linda Braun	1980
Elizabeth A.-Brooks	1982
Robert Cahill	1981
Mary Caldwell	1980
Deborah Christian	1980
Donald Christian	1981
Mary Dahn	1982
Mark Davis	1980
Sue Davis	1982
Timothy Eickstead	1980
Robert "Jeff" Fink	1981
Eleanor Fowler	1981
Sharon Fraker	1980
Judith Friesenhahn	1982
Steven Glandorf	1980
Keith Goedecke	1982
Matthew Headley	1982
Gary Himmler	1981
Nancy Horton	1982
Dirk Kemnitz	1981
Pamela Krause	1982
Ruth Maas	1981
Steven Menke	1981
Cindy Miller	1982
Linda Miller	1982
David W. Mueller	1980
Donna Mueller	1981
Gene Marie Mueller	1980
Kevin Pieper	1980
Greg Pinick	1980
Richard Ryan	1982
Daniel Schaefer	1982
Susan Schaefer	1982
Diane Severson	1981
William Siegrist	1981
Ellen Stamp	1982
Kenneth Stelzer	1980
Douglas Urban	1981

30th Anniversary

Phillip "Gil" Abbott	1985
Judith Arldt	1985
Kevin Baker	1986
Gene Benson	1986
Bruce Biedinger	1985
Lisa Bohm	1985
Ellen Brda	1986
Katherine Dobbins	1985
Veloyce Dorn	1986
Rosanne Eberts	1985
Monica Ehrhardt	1985
Karla Einspahr	1985
Kathryn Entzenberger	1987
Susan Gary	1985
Dana Gerard	1985
Lance Gerard	1986
Michelle Griffin	1986
Richard Gutekunst	1986
Sandra Hampton	1986
Lorna Hill	1985
Nancy Hurst	1987
Paul Keiper	1987
Patricia Klekamp	1985
Bradley Krause	1986
Elizabeth Krause	1986
Stanley Kruse	1987
Kathryn Leslie	1986
Amy Lunsford	1987
Rebecca McArthur	1986
Penny Robbins	1987
Carolyn Rouse	1987
Donna Rupp	1987
Donna Schelen	1986
Melissa Sindlinger	1987
Bethel Sticklus	1987
Cynthia Struckmann	1986
Craig Swanson	1987
Cathy Swanstrom	1985

John Troutman	1985
Julie Walther	1985
Dorinda Werner	1985
John Williams	1985
Sharon Wottrich	1986
Thomas Wrege	1985
Lea Zimmerman	1987
Anita Zoch	1985

25th Anniversary

Jan Brennan	1991
Harold Boldt	1992
Maxine Bradshaw	1992
Patrick Carlove	1991
Bruce Collet	1990
RaeLynn Dover	1992
Audrey Duensing-Werner	1992
James Eifert	1992
Julie Finke	1990
Martha Fredenburg	1990
Nathan Frerking	1991
Chris Hahn	1990
Howard Lacey	1992
Melissa Larsen	1991
Rebecca Kromminga	1990
Walter Mischnick	1992
Christie Nelson	1990
Todd Nitz	1991
Mark Palmer	1991
Brenda Paulsel	1991
Heidi Peterson	1992
Sarah Popp	1991
Jana Redmond	1991
Cassandra Schermbeck	1991
Paul Wilke	1990
Rebecca Westhar	1992
Chris Winkler	1991
Janice Yung	1990

Significant anniversaries, beginning with the 25th, are being observed at the District Convention for the three years beginning with the last convention year. Therefore, in 2018, we observe anniversaries in 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Anniversaries for 2018 will be observed at the District Convention in 2021.

Ordained Ministers' Anniversaries

70th Anniversary
Eldor Mickan 1945

65th Anniversary
Wallace Behrhorst 1950
Ronald Lawrenz 1950
Erwin Metz 1950

60th Anniversary
Hubert Beck 1956
Walter Chelmo 1955
John Diaz 1955
James Dretke 1956
David Ebert 1957
David Ebs 1957
Alvin Franzmeier 1957
Herbert Graf 1956
Elmer Hohle 1957
William Johnson 1956
Robert Kuhlmann 1957
Roger Neeb 1956
Thomas Petersen 1956
Andrew Simcak 1955
Henry Stoeppelwerth 1957
Otto Urban 1957
Robert Wedergren 1956

55th Anniversary
Paul Dorn 1961
Herbert Eifert 1960
John Fibelkorn 1962
LaVerne Fitch 1960
Charles Froehlich 1960
Roger Grummer 1961
Ronald Halamka 1960
James Haupt 1962
Robert Hill 1961
Marvin Kilian 1960
Carroll Kohl 1961
Donald Muchow 1962
Gerald Nichols 1960
Glenn O'Shoney 1962

Ronald Rodeck 1961

50th Anniversary
Bruce Blakelock 1966
Daniel Canion 1966
Ernesto Garcia 1966
Fred Gersch 1967
James Haner 1966
L. Dean Hempelmann 1966
Charles Houska 1967
Steve Kappler 1967
Donald Kaspar 1965
Lawrence Kelm 1965
Albert Loeschman 1965
Fred Neumann 1965
Wayne Renning 1966
James Ristvedt 1965
Gary Schaper 1966
Walter Schmidt 1965
Richard Schroeder 1967
Frank Starr 1967
John Stelling 1965
Herman Symmank 1965
Dennis Tegtmeier 1966

45th Anniversary
Alan Abel 1970
Walter Albers 1971
George Ascher 1971
Neil Bockelmann 1972
Gilbert Franke 1972
Kenneth Haupt 1970
Paul Howe 1972
Richard Kessler 1971
Gerald Kieschnick 1970
John Kieschnick 1970
Bert Klein 1970
Elmer Kubitz 1972
Richard Kurth 1970
Paul Muench 1972
Irvin "Mel" Newman 1972
Marion Parker 1970

Gary Pohl	1971
Douglas Rathgeber	1970
Charles Rogers	1972
David Schroder	1972
Wayne Schumpe	1971
John Selle	1971
Kenneth Sinclair	1971
Stephen Stallings	1970

40th Anniversary

Kenneth Baisden	1975
Allen Bauer	1977
Charles Boerger	1977
Gerald Boerger	1977
Robert Budewig	1976
Todd Dittloff	1976
John Frahm	1976
Victor Frank	1975
Tom Hadley	1977
Joel Heck	1975
David Hintze	1977
Ralph Hobratschk	1976
Laverne Janssen	1977
David Kluth	1977
Robert Kobler	1976
Donald Loesch	1976
George Loudonback	1977
James Mann	1976
Elder McCants	1977
Daniel Mueller	1975
Robert Nordlie	1975
Mark Paul	1975
David Quail	1976
August Ristow	1976
Donald Rosentreter	1977
Curtis Schneider	1977
Paul Schroeder	1975
Roland Schutz	1977
Walter Waiser	1975

35th Anniversary

Burt Benson	1980
Donald Bahr	1982
Mark Barz	1982
Henry Beverly	1981
Robert Boyce	1982
Dennis Bragdon	1982
Kenneth Burkhard	1982
Robert Cheney	1980
Michael Coppersmith	1980

Timothy Dinger	1982
Douglas Dommer	1981
Craig DuBois	1981
Alfred Gallmeier	1982
Michael Gruhn	1981
Randall Haedge	1982
Steven Henze	1981
Art Hill	1982
Glenn Huebel	1980
Chris Johnson	1981
Douglas Kabell	1982
Mark Karle	1982
Donald Kasper	1982
Harry Klepper	1980
Victor Kollmann	1981
Alan Korinek	1981
Rolf Larsen	1982
David Leeland	1981
Dale Leland	1980
Thomas Lubeck	1982
John Messmann	1982
Paul Meyer	1981
Steven Misch	1982
Steve Morfitt	1982
David Mumm	1981
Paul Neumann	1982
James Otte	1980
Donald Porter	1980
John Raddatz	1982
Ralph Sackschewsky	1981
David Sawhill	1981
Wayne Schueler	1982
Richard Schuller	1982
Richard Snyder	1981
Thomas St. Jean	1980
Russell Ticken	1981
Russell Weise	1982
Donn Williams	1981

30th Anniversary

Edmund Auger	1985
John Austin	1986
Michael Bailey	1986
James Baxter	1986
Dale Bohm	1985
Patrick Erickson	1986
Ronald Gebauer	1986
Richard Goodwill	1987
David Grassley	1985
Edward Greenthaner	1987

John Heckmann	1985
Russell Hildrbrandt	1985
Joseph Howlett	1985
Harvey Kelm	1985
Thomas Konz	1986
Larry Krueger	1986
Lee Kunkel	1985
Randy Ledbetter	1986
Lawrence Lieder	1987
Richard Lofgren	1986
Ric McMillian	1985
Glenn Merritt	1985
John Moore	1986
Michael Newman	1987
Louis Redmann	1986
Brian Runge	1985
Stephen Rynearson	1987
William Sager	1985
Bernard Schey	1985
John Thompson	1986
William Tucker	1987
Kevin Westergren	1987
Bill Woolsey	1987
Jimmie Wright	1986
Thomas Zucconi	1986

25th Anniversary

Terrance Adamson	1992
Joseph Ardy	1991

Ron Bogs	1992
Michael Dorn	1991
John Elser	1992
Russell Etzel	1992
Norman Finke	1992
Michael Hafer	1992
Peter Heckmann	1992
Dimas Jimenez	1992
Paul Kaiser	1992
Clyde Kieschnick	1990
Douglas Krengel	1991
Jerry McNamara	1991
Yohannes Mengsteab	1991
Ninh Huu Nguyen	1992
Thomas Obersat	1991
Donnie Poole	1990
Daniel Quinn	1990
David Reese	1991
Stace Rollefson	1992
Eddie Scheler	1991
John Schmidt	1992
Scott Stewart	1991
Robert Sweet	1992
Mark Tews	1992
Doyle Theimer	1990
John Walther	1991
Edmund Weber	1990
Delton Weiser	1991
James Woelmer	1990