

About Our Speakers:

Presenter Rev. David Reinke, NOW Director of *Transitional Interim Ministry*



Pastor David Reinke comes to transitional interim ministry from a background of stewardship consulting, financial planning, and serving as director of institutional advancement for 3 organizations. As a TIM, he's served 10 congregations and has been the Northwest District TIM Coordinator since 2015.

Presenter Rev. Allen Steinbeck, CNH Director of *Transitional Interim Ministry*



Allen is our event Chaplain and also a Presenter this year. Rev. Allen Steinbeck serves as the CNH District TIM Director, Treasurer of the LCMS-TIM Board, Circuit Visitor on the California Central Coast, and TIM pastor of God's precious people at Resurrection Ministries in the Bay Area Brentwood. Previously, Allen served in the family vineyard (2013-2019), as associate pastor at Trinity in Bloomington, IL (1997-2013), at Our Saviour in Westland, MI (1988-1997) and along with that, at Nazareth in Detroit (1989-1997). He also had the privilege of serving as vicar to two vacant congregations in Louisiana (Augustana in Alexandria and St Paul's in Mansura). This photo was taken during Allen's Concordia Portland years (1978-1983) at the top of the 286' Salt Creek Falls. Allen's wife, Lisa, and home are outside of Harrodsburg, KY—where he also plans to live someday. For as long as he can remember, Allen has lived life with a spirit of adventure!



Presenter Rev. Jim Swinford, PSD Director of *Transitional Interim Ministry*



A San Diego native now living in Phoenix, Jim has more than 35 years in pastoral ministry, including 15 as a Transitional Interim Pastor. He helps congregations get unstuck and rediscover God's plan beyond their walls, using insight, humor, and adaptive thinking to turn problems into gospel-centered opportunities for real change.

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Presenter Rev. Joel Morgan, OH District Director of *Transitional Interim Ministry*



Rev. Joel Morgan serves as the Ohio District TIM Coordinator, Advisor to the LCMS TIM Board, and Pastor to Prince of Peace Lutheran, an urban congregation in downtown Cincinnati. Joel received his Masters in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University, Baltimore, and assisted the Southeastern District with congregations in conflict. His second call was to a congregation in the Cincinnati area that was coming off its third split in seven years. He served there for 23 years of steady growth to over 800 members. Joel lives in the Cincinnati area with his wife, Dana, enjoying time with their four grandchildren.

Presenter Rev. Rocky Mease, *LuTMA Faculty*



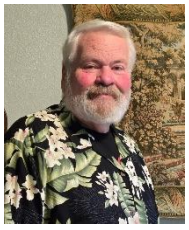
Rocky Mease is an intentional interim pastor who has served the majority of his pastoral ministry in Kansas as a hospital chaplain and judicatory official. He has had experience working with clergy and congregations in crisis (including crisis related to major natural disasters). As a student of Family Systems for over 25 years, he enjoys making new discoveries with congregations in transition.

Presenter Kris Kunkel, *LCEF Representative*



Kris helps leaders and congregations define opportunities, design solutions, and align resources for greater Gospel impact in the neighborhoods God has placed them. He has a passion for communicating the Good News of Jesus simply and clearly through active listening and caring. He served two congregations in Washington as vicar and then pastor, then spent eight years in corporate business development, client success, and sales. Born and raised on the foreign mission field until age 17, he continues cross-cultural and development work that expands God's kingdom locally and abroad. Kris is married to Sara; they have a daughter and son. The family enjoys travel, cooking, movies, and yard work. Living in Seattle, they love the Northwest—Seahawks, Mariners, hiking, camping, and the food. Kris serves the LCMS districts of California/Nevada/Hawaii, Montana, Northwest, Pacific Southwest, Rocky Mountain, and Wyoming.

Presenter Rev. Bill Baker, *Executive Director for LuTMA*



Bill Baker has 26 years of full-time ministry, most of it in the Pacific Southwest District, where he served as the LCMS District Life Coordinator, and as a presenter/instructor for the Lay Leadership Training program, now Mission Training Center. Bill has recently been appointed as Executive Director for LuTMA (Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association) where he has served on the Board of Directors and the Education committee for the last 3 years. He originally trained for IIM in the PSD in 2006 under Paul and R.Z. Meyer, and later through NALIP, now LuTMA, under the tutelage of Pete Alexander. Bill has retired from full-time settled ministry and is now serving as a TIM.

Presenter Rev. Robert LeBlanc



Over the past forty-two years, Robert has combined education (M.Div., S.T.M.), specialized training, and ministry in service to the Lord's work through His Church. His roles have included international mission work as a layman in West Africa with Lutheran Bible Translators, sole pastor, missionary-at-large, bi-vocational pastor, extended vacancy pastor, team ministry in a dual parish, and transitional interim ministry. He has served congregations in rural and urban settings, including cross-lingual and cross-cultural contexts. In his spare time he enjoys time with his family (wife Paula, four children, and thirteen grandchildren), traveling the back roads with Paula, hiking and camping, and collecting coins and hiking-stick medallions.

Rev. Michael Lange, *President California/Nevada/Hawaii District*



Mike has been married to Kristi (Peck) Lange since 1988. They are parents of four adult children, three bonus children (their children's spouses), and grandparents to six, with number seven on the way. A 1988 graduate of Concordia Seminary, Mike served pastorates in Wayzata, MN; Dixon, CA; and Brentwood, CA. He served as a church planter at the latter two locations. He remained Pastor at Resurrection in Brentwood, CA for 16 years, serving in a variety of leadership roles during its time of growth. He was called to serve as Mission Executive for the CNH in 2013 and elected as District President in 2018. Mike's interests include coaching, writing, reading, golfing, hiking, travel, and spending time with family. When time permits, he enjoys DIY projects around the house. "Nothing thrills me more than watching the lights come on in a new believer's eyes. I have a deep passion to assist existing saints in their life of following Jesus so that they might disciple others to do the same. Identifying, encouraging, and training the next generation(s) of leaders to serve in God's Mission is where I want to direct my time."

Rev. Jim Henkell, *Ministry Executive for PSD*. Representing the Pacific Southwest District President



Rev. Jim Henkell serves as Ministry Executive for the Pacific Southwest District, guiding leaders and ministries as they discern God's plans for them. Jim has more than 25 years of parish ministry experience in congregations from 50 to 5,000 people. He's spoken at hundreds of events across the country with an emphasis on gospel-dominant preaching, culture, and witness. Jim and Liane are the proud parents of three adult children and grandparents to an energetic two-year old.

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