



## Board of Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest elects officers

New officers and members of the executive committee were elected by the board of trustees of Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest at its March 12 annual meeting.

John Dellis, minister of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Goliad, is the new board chair. An associate in ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), he serves as a foundation trustee for the Southwestern Texas Synod of the ELCA.

Belinda Schmidt of San Antonio, retired CPA at USAA, is the new vice chair of the board. She is an at-large trustee and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in San Antonio.

Deanna Christensen, executive director of Cross Trails Ministry, was elected secretary. She serves as Cross Trails Ministry's trustee on the foundation board and is a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg.

Pam Vetter, Patent Legal Assistant at Open Text Corporation, was elected treasurer. She is an at-large trustee and is a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Austin.

Rodney Reuter, president of Lutheran Sunset Ministries in Clifton, was elected as an at-large member of the executive committee. He serves as Lutheran Sunset Ministries' trustee on the foundation board and is a member of First Baptist Church of Clifton, TX.

The board honored four retiring trustees: Virginia Worley of Dallas, at-large trustee and board chair; Ed Scharlau of Austin, at-large trustee and at-large member of the executive committee; Garner McNett of Dallas, trustee for the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Mission Area of the ELCA and board secretary; and Phil Oestreich of La Grange, at-large trustee.

Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest works to recognize, inspire, facilitate, and teach end-of-life stewardship. With approximately \$50.4 million under management, the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest supports eight sponsoring Lutheran agencies: the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Mission Area, the Southwestern Texas Synod, and the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA; Texas Lutheran University; Lutheran Sunset Ministries; Cross Trails Ministry; Upbring (the new Lutheran Social Services), and the ELCA Foundation.