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## WHY TEXAS CEF?

By Raelyn Pracht

One of the biggest questions potential investors have is “Why Texas CEF?” They want to know what makes Texas District Church Extension Fund (Texas CEF) different from the bank or the credit union down the street. It’s more than just an investment when they partner with us!

Since 1888, Texas CEF has provided low cost funding for new buildings and expansions of Texas LCMS congregations. Investing with Texas CEF gives investors an opportunity to have their investments be a part of something much bigger and in line with the Great Commission. Investors join us in Jesus’ command to “Go and make disciples.”

When investments are made with Texas CEF, investors can be assured their savings are in a place where God is at the heart of everything that is done. This includes making prayerful decisions, and being financially responsible while helping expand and grow the Kingdom of God. When investments are made with Texas CEF, investors help make possible a baptism, a Bible Study, fellowship halls and so much more.

In short, the answer to “Why Texas CEF?” is a simple one. When they invest with us, they know how their money is being used - to extend God’s Kingdom. We can’t think of a better answer than that!

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The mission of the Texas District Church Extension Fund is to extend God's Kingdom by boldly and responsibly assisting congregations to acquire land and buildings and by linking investors with congregations.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rev. Michael Newman on his election as President of the Texas District.

“By God’s grace and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to **STRENGTHEN** congregations, schools, church workers, church members and agencies in their Gospel mission and service; to **SERVE** the members of the district by representing them faithfully on a Synodical level; to **STEWARD** district resources well as we partner in ministry and in the development of new mission efforts; and to **SHARE** the love and Good News of Jesus through faithful communication and Christ-centered conduct in the fulfillment of the duties of district president,” said Newman about his goals if elected president.



Rev. Michael Newman

## TEXAS DISTRICT CEF JULY 2018 INTEREST RATES

Investment	Fixed Rate <sup>2</sup>		Floating Rate <sup>2</sup>	
	Rate	APY	Rate	APY
One Year Note <sup>1</sup>	2.250%	2.27%	2.375%	2.40%
Three Year Note <sup>1</sup>	2.500%	2.52%	2.750%	2.78%
Five Year Note <sup>1</sup>	2.750%	2.78%	2.875%	2.91%
Flex Savings			1.000%	1.00%
<b>For Congregations Only</b>				
Congregation Savings			1.250%	1.26%
Building Fund			2.875%	2.91%

All individual Texas District CEF investments (FLEX, fixed and floating rate notes) may be included in a person's IRA portfolio, through our custodian GoldStar Trust Company. [www.texascef.org/ira.html](http://www.texascef.org/ira.html) (1) Subject to penalty for early withdrawal. (2) Rates subject to change. Rates reviewed monthly. Texas District Church Extension Fund is a nonprofit religious organization; therefore, CEF investments are not SIPC or FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This does not constitute an offer to sell or a request to buy. The offer is made solely by CEF's Offering Circular.

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