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CEF SUNDAY 2021: ROOTED IN TEXAS

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Imagine a mature oak tree. Its roots reaching far down into the earth. Its canopy stretching high towards the heavens. This tree has withstood years of wind, rain and even seasons of drought. Yet, it still stands strong – able to thrive because of its strong root system. Texas District Church Extension Fund (Texas CEF) is like this oak tree.

With a strong commitment to cultivating and nurturing relationships, the Texas CEF root system is rooted and built up in Christ.

The trunk of the oak tree is thick and strong, resilient, and built to withstand exposure to the elements. Faith is like the trunk of this tree which never stops growing. Starting with a tiny acorn, God provided everything it would need to grow. Faith is built in every component of the tree – the roots, the trunk, and the canopy. Faith is built into Texas CEF.

We are strengthened by the faithful partners in ministry, like you, who have continued to help provide a fruitful harvest.

Rooted in Texas



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.



Cultivating Financial Growth through our:

- + Flex Savings
- + Rainy Day Fund
- + Fixed Rate Notes
- + Floating Rate Notes
- + Individual Retirement Accounts

Cultivating Ministry Growth through our:

- + Congregation Savings
- + Building Funds

Through investments from Texas District LCMS congregations and their members, Church Extension Fund will be the preferred financial resources partner for district ministries focused on multiplying followers of Jesus.

VIRTUAL VISITS

Marketing Specialist, Raelyn Pracht and Executive Director, Becca Jones still have some openings for joining you and your congregation for online worship. If you are interested in having one of us join you for CEF Sunday, please email Raelyn at Rpracht@texascef.org.

HAVE YOU CELEBRATED CEF SUNDAY YET?

It's not too late. CEF Sunday resources are still available for you and your congregation. CEF Sunday resources can be ordered one of three ways:

- Visit texascef.org/cefsunday
- Call Raelyn at 512-646-1242 or 1-888-951-1233 ext. 237
- Email Raelyn at rpracht@texascef.org

CEF SUNDAY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ORDER AT NO COST

- Bulletin Inserts
- Posters
- Dollar Rate Sheets

CEF SUNDAY RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

(TEXASCEF.ORG/CEFSUNDAY)

- Screen Still
- Bulletin blurbs
- Applications
- Social Media Graphics
- E-Newsletter Graphics
- 2021 Infographics

TEXAS DISTRICT CEF OCTOBER 2021 INTEREST RATES

Investment	Fixed Rate ²		Floating Rate ²	
	Rate	APY	Rate	APY
One Year Note ¹	1.150%	1.15%	1.125%	1.13%
Three Year Note ¹	1.275%	1.28%	1.250%	1.26%
Five Year Note ¹	1.950%	1.96%	1.375%	1.38%
Flex Savings			0.750%	0.75%
Rainy Day Fund **			1.000%	1.00%
**Amounts over \$10,000 receive the Flex Savings rate				
For Congregations Only				
Congregation Savings			1.000%	1.00%
Building Fund			2.000%	2.02%

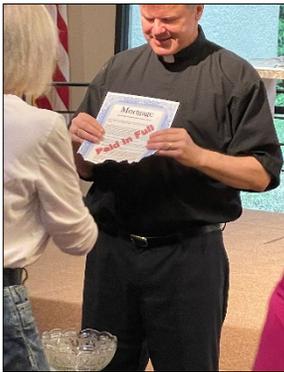
All individual Texas District CEF investments (FLEX, fixed and floating rate notes) may be included in a person's IRA portfolio, through our custodian GoldStar Trust Company. www.texascef.org/ira.html (1) Subject to penalty for early withdrawal. (2) Rates subject to change. Rates reviewed monthly. Texas 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.

“Rip and Burn” Celebrating Milestones

*Let no debt remain outstanding,
except the continuing debt to love
one another, for whoever loves
others has fulfilled the law.
Romans 13:8*



One of the greatest privileges in leading Texas District Church Extension Fund is the opportunity to share in milestone ministry events. Special occasions ranging from a groundbreaking for expansion to the dedication of a new parking lot, there are many significant happenings in the space and place of a congregation. Two recent events recognized a major accomplishment, doing so in unique, but equally meaningful ways.



Rip

Concordia Lutheran Church, Garland chose to celebrate the amazing blessing and unified accomplishment of their loan payoff at the June 27 congregational meeting. Senior Pastor, Ken Krippner, invited the members to come forward and symbolically tear a piece of the “Mock Mortgage” to signify the shared role everyone played in reaching this moment. Many saw the milestone as “just the beginning” as they prayerfully explore opportunities before them, in service to Him.



Burn

At Trinity Lutheran Church, Amarillo, Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse led the ceremonial burning of the “Mock Mortgage” during services on August 1. Joined by acting Congregation President, Bill Prestwood and CEF Representative, Robert Johnson, the congregation rejoiced as the debt went up in flames. What an exciting moment—and this celebration was just a “warm up” for events to come, as Trinity prepares to commemorate their 100th anniversary the first week of October. Such faithful servants!

Whether celebrated by symbolically ripping or burning a note, or even without any fanfare at all, retiring debt is a significant achievement. It represents the power of God in the lives of those who chose to do His will. The freedom it affords is certainly celebration-worthy, but there is an even greater triumph at both Concordia and Trinity—it’s their commitment to the responsibility Paul writes about in Romans, loving others. This obligation is a never-ending debt, actively being “paid” as they seek God’s guidance for what’s next in their ministries. All Glory and Honor to Him!

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