



FIRST LUTHERAN-INVERNESS, FL, members recently welcomed Rev. Thomas Beaverson as their new pastor. Beaverson, who moved to Florida from Rapid City, SD, was installed during a 4 p.m. service on April 30. Area Lutheran clergy participating in the celebration included (left to right) Rev. Robert Steinke (New Port Richey), installing clergyman, Rev. Hank Lubben (retired), Chaplain (COL) Gary Bomberger (retired), Rev. Dr. Arnold Kromphardt (retired), Pastor Thomas Beaverson, Rev. Fred Schielke (Lecanto), Rev. Roy Zerbe (retired), Rev. Norman Springer (1st. Pastor of First Lutheran), Rev. Graham Glover (Chiefland), and Rev. John Fischer (retired). □



GRACE-WINTER HAVEN, FL, welcomed 16 new members by adult confirmation and transfer during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on April 2. They were honored at a reception following the service. Pictured above are Rev. John R. Koczman and Grace's new members. □

Trinity-Delray Beach Welcomes New Pastor

Edward H. Gross was ordained and installed as Missionary Pastor during an afternoon service on Sunday, April 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church-Delray Beach, FL.

Florida-Georgia District President Gerhard Michael was the guest preacher.

Gross completed his work through the D.E.L.T.O. (Distance Education Leading Toward Ordination) program and graduated from Concordia Seminary-St. Louis in January. In his role as Missionary Pastor, he will continue his work of Jewish evangelism and senior outreach. □



Shown at the service are (left to right) Rev. Bruce Lieske (Retired, Florida-Georgia District), Rev. C. Scott Gress (Trinity-Delray Beach), Rev. Mark Wessling (Faith-Hialeah), Rev. Timothy Hartner (St. Paul-Weston), Rev. Edward Gross (Trinity-Delray Beach), Rev. Dennis Glick (St. Paul-Boca Raton), Rev. John Johnson (Son Life-Boynton Beach) and Rev. Gerhard Michael (Florida-Georgia District)

District Congregations to Welcome New Pastors, Vicars

The two Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod seminaries announced pastoral candidate and vicarage placements recently.

Among those receiving calls into the pastoral ministry from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne were David E. Nabinger, who will serve Grace Lutheran-Arcadia, FL, and Steven D. Schave, who will serve Mount Calvary Lutheran-Warner Robins, GA, as mission developer for Perry, GA.

Called to serve in the Florida-Georgia District from Concordia Seminary-St. Louis were Eric



David E. Nabinger and wife

Eichinger to Faith-Eustis, FL (Associate); Ross Engel to Holy Trinity-Lutz, FL (Assistant); Vincent Putnam to Trinity-Delray Beach, FL (Assistant); and Andrew Ross to Grace-St. Petersburg, FL (Assistant).

Placed as vicars were Concordia-St. Louis seminarians Timothy Ahlman to Grace-Winter Haven, FL; Bafel Paul Deng (Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology) to Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran-Decatur, GA; Jacob Hower to St. Paul-Boca Raton, FL; Justin Laughridge to Mount Calvary-Warner Robins, GA; Landon Ledlow to First Lutheran Church-Gainesville, FL; and Aaron Neugebauer to Christ the King Lutheran-Largo, FL. □



Shown with their spouses and Florida-Georgia President Gerhard Michael Jr. (front, far right) are new pastors and vicars assigned to the District from Concordia Seminary-St. Louis (front, left to right) Ross and Alisha Engel, Andrew and Sarah Ross, Emily and Justin Laughridge, Martha and Vince Putnam, (back, left to right) Jacob Hower, Landon Ledlow, Alexa and Tim Ahlman, Kara and Eric Eichinger, Megan and Aaron Neugebauer.



Steven D. Schave and family

CAPSULES by Rev. Gerhard Michael Jr. President, Florida-Georgia District

Calling Congregations Pastor

Augusta GA Our Redeemer
Cape Coral FL Trinity
Cartersville GA Savior of All
Clewiston FL Faith
Cumming GA Living Faith
Fort Lauderdale Trinity
Hialeah FL St. Andrew's
LaBelle FL Christ the King
North Miami FL Holy Cross
North Palm Beach FL Faith
Savannah GA Trinity
Stockbridge GA Lord of Life
Tallahassee FL Epiphany

Senior Pastor

Atlanta GA Rivercliff
St. Petersburg FL Grace
St. Petersburg FL Our Savior

Associate Pastor

Brandon FL Immanuel
Winter Haven FL Grace

Mission Developer

North Dade County (Miami Shores FL) Redeemer
Perry GA Mission Developer

Principal/Administrator

Brandon FL Immanuel
Ocala FL St. John
Orlando FL Prince of Peace
Orlando FL Trinity
St. Petersburg FL Grace
Stuart FL Redeemer

DCE/DCO

Kennesaw GA Living Hope
Marietta GA Faith
Orlando FL Trinity
Savannah GA Trinity
St. Petersburg, FL Grace
Winter Haven, FL Grace

Calls Extended

Grace-St. Petersburg FL, extended a call to Rev. Kevin Loughran, Sheboygan WI, as Sr. Pastor.
Trinity-Delray Beach FL, extended a call to Miss Regina Russo, Word of Life-St. Louis MO, as teacher.
Trinity-Delray Beach FL, extended a call to Mr. Daniel Meissner, Grace-St. Petersburg FL, as teacher.
Gloria Dei-Davie FL, extended a call to Mr. Larry Ueltzen, Deerfield Beach FL, as principal.
Grace-Jacksonville FL, extended a call to Jennifer Meyer, Champaign IL, as teacher.
Faith-Marietta GA, extended a call to Mr. Nicholas Utech, Shepherd of the Coast-Fort Lauderdale, as teacher.
Faith-Marietta GA, extended a call to Mr. Robert Jacklin, Immanuel-Wentzville MO, as teacher.
Redeemer-Stuart FL, extended a call to Mr. John D. Goetz, Rochester Lutheran School-Rochester MN, as principal.

Trinity-Delray Beach FL, extended a call to Ms. Alicia Wilkie, Immanuel-Hamilton OH, as teacher.

Trinity-Delray Beach FL, extended a call to Mrs. Brenda Spieler, St. Paul-Peachtree City GA, as teacher.

Immanuel-Brandon FL, extended a call to Mr. Paul Albers, Rocky Mountain District Ed. Executive, as principal.

Calls Received

Rev. Charles T. Reich, Abiding Savior-Gainesville FL, received a call from St. Paul-Westlake OH, as Associate Pastor.

Rev. Paul vonWerder, Hope-Orlando FL, received a call from Lord of Glory-Grays Lake IL, as pastor.

Mr. Deon Hull, Woodlands-Montverde FL, received a call from Walcamp Outdoor Ministries-Kingston IL as executive director.

Calls Accepted

Mr. Deon Hull, Woodlands-Montverde FL, accepted the call from Walcamp Outdoor Ministries-Kingston IL.

Mr. Larry Ueltzen, Deerfield Beach FL, accepted the call from Gloria Dei-Davie FL.

Ms. Jennifer Meyer, Champaign IL, accepted the call from Grace-Jacksonville FL.

Calls Declined

Rev. Jeffrey D. Marquardt, Trinity-Rockledge FL, declined the call from Advent-Forest Hill MD.

Rev. Robert Sorensen, Berwyn IL, declined the call from St. Andrew-Hialeah FL.

Mr. Daniel Meissner, Grace-St. Petersburg FL, declined the call from Trinity-Delray Beach FL.

Ms. Regina Russo, Word of Life-St. Louis MO, declined the call from Trinity-Delray Beach FL.

Mr. Nicholas Utech, Shepherd of the Coast-Fort Lauderdale FL, declined the call from Faith-Marietta GA.

Mr. Robert Jacklin, Immanuel-Wentzville MO, declined the call from Faith-Marietta GA.

Mr. Paul Albers, Rocky Mountain District Ed. Executive, declined the call from Immanuel-Brandon FL.

Transferred from Other Districts

Rev. Andrew Toopes from Eastern District
Rev. Ted D. Westermann from Indiana District

Church Triumphant

Rev. Dr. Lloyd Goetz, May 1, 2006.
Rev. Dr. Paul Foust, Sr., May 6, 2006.