

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT CALL STATUS  
AS OF 1/15/2026

**PENDING – ORDAINED**

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Received

**ACCEPTED - ORDAINED**

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Accepted
Lemcke, Brian	Zion, Delmont, SD Emmaus, Tripp, SD	First Trinity Bloomfield, NE	12/30/2025
McCarthy, Christopher	First, Wall, SD	St. Paul, Ashland, KY	01/14/2026
Slavens, Doug	Memorial, Sioux Falls, SD	Memorial, Sioux Falls, SD	01/14/2026

**DECLINED - ORDAINED**

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Declined
Grimmer, Daniel	Zion, Mitchell	Trinity, Rantoul, Wisconsin	01/12/2026
Hanson, Joseph	First Missouri Valley, IA	Emanuel, Sisseton, SD Zion, Waubay, SD	01/03/2026

**VACANCY STATUS**

City	Church	Position	Status/Man Called	Date	Vacancy Pastor
Black Hawk	Divine Shepherd	Senior Admin.	In Call Process	5/4/2025	Dennis Mercer
Blunt-Harrold-Onida	Trinity Immanuel Holy Cross	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	9/21/2025	David Otten Samuel Handschke
Brookings	Mt. Calvary	Associate Pastor	In Call Process	6/02/2025	Matthew Wurm
Cresbard-Wecota	Concordia-Immanuel	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	10/30/2022	David Otten Tom Penrod
Sioux Falls	District Office	Assistant to the President	Evaluating Needs	12/21/2025	
Huron	Mt. Calvary	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	6/23/2025	Phil Andreasen
Plankinton-White Lake	St. Paul-Trinity	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	8/1/2021	Don McKillop
Rapid City	Peace	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	9/7/2025	Terry Naasz
Sioux Falls	Memorial	Senior Admin	In Call Process	4/27/2025	Doug Slavens
Sisseton	Emanuel Zion	Sole Pastor	In Call Process	8/4/2025	Jonathon Varns Robert Mueller
Tripp	Emmaus Zion	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	01/5/2026	
Wagner-Fairfax	St. John-Trinity	Sole Pastor	In Call Process	12/23/2024	Jens Jenson Gary Jacobson
Watertown	Mt. Olive	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	12/29/2025	Aaron Asmus
Wentworth	St. Peter	Sole Pastor	In Call Process	9/15/2024	Wayne Bernau