

Reverend Bill Tesch

Associate to the Bishop
Director of Evangelical Mission

Pastor Bill Tesch is the Director of Evangelical Mission for the South Dakota Synod and an Associate to the Bishop. He is called to accompany communities of faith as they seek to engage in God's mission to redeem the lost and restore the broken. His passion is to equip intentional Jesus Communities (or "churches") to reach people with the saving gospel and the loving embrace of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Tesch has served in South Dakota since his Ordination in 1989. His first call was to St. Peter and St. Paul Lutheran Churches in Humboldt and Orland, SD. In 1992 he was called to gather a new congregation on the northeast side of Sioux Falls, SD called Messiah New Hope. During his 15 year tenure as Mission Developer and later as Sr. Pastor of Messiah New Hope, Pastor Tesch helped to launch several ministries including a full service day care center, a preschool, a city-wide youth ministry and two feeding ministries for the poor.

Pastor Tesch serves in the United States Military as a Chaplain with the South Dakota Air National Guard.

Pastor Tesch is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Luther Seminary, Officer's Training School and the Air Force Chaplain's School.

He is married to Chris Tesch who teaches Nursing at the University of South Dakota. He and Chris have two children in college.