

Floor Committee #2 Report

Floor Committee #2 – Nebraska District Work

Reference: Nebraska District Technology Committee Report

Resolution No. 1

Subject: District Technology Fund Offering

- WHEREAS 1) for the past six years the cost of the district server, software, and internet connection fees averaged slightly over \$4,000 per year, with all equipment, labor, and services donated; and
- WHEREAS 2) the Nebraska District Technology Committee anticipates these costs will increase to \$4,500 per year; and
- WHEREAS 3) the committee has suggested that the congregations of our district bring a special offering with a goal amounting to approximately one dollar per communicant member; therefore, be it
- Resolved, a) that the district presidium oversee gathering this offering; and be it finally
- Resolved, b) that such an offering be gathered annually.

Reference: Reports of the two mission boards, district parish services, district technology committee and other district committee reports

Subject: Thanksgivings, Blessings and Challenges

Calm, cool, collected, kind, caring. Faithful, friend, fellowshipper, unflappable – and very “frank”. These are a few of the words that describe Pastor Joel Frank throughout his twenty years of faithful service to the Lord and to the saints as president of the Nebraska District – WELS. As he takes his steady hand from the helm of the NE District, passes the baton to Pastor Earle Treptow, and leaves full-time public Gospel ministry to enter a well-deserved semi-retirement, some words that describe our feelings for “nedp” include “deeply appreciative” and ‘genuinely grateful’ to the Lord and to him for serving so well and for so long. Well done, good and faithful servant! Fishing, hunting, woodworking (or working with wood) will occupy his time and attention to a greater degree in the future, along with serving part-time at his home congregation in Plymouth, NE. God-speed and God’s blessings to him and Judy as they enter a new chapter of the forthcoming book, “To Be Frank!”

We thank the Colorado and Nebraska Mission Boards for continuing to encourage and assist congregations to reach the lost in our district, even during this time of financial difficulty.

We rejoice in and support the continuation of the Vicars in Mission Settings program, and are thankful many continue to be assigned to congregations in our district.

We are especially grateful to the Lord of the Church for calling Pastor Jared Oldenburg to begin exploratory work in Castle Rock, Colorado, and pray for his blessings on that mission effort.

We join in giving thanks to our Lord for the work of Pastor Jonathan Rockhoff and Mr. Jeff McKee, who served faithfully on the Nebraska Mission Board for so many years.

We thank God for blessing our Synod's world missions. We encourage members of our district to continue to show interest in our world mission program and support it with prayers and offerings. May the Lord bless our worldwide gospel outreach so as many souls as possible may know Christ's love.

The 10/10 Plan for setting CMO subscriptions is a plan which encourages congregations to work toward making their CMO 10% of their total offerings. Congregations who have reached that goal are asked to consider an increase of 10% above their current CMO subscription. We encourage all district congregations to consider the 10/10 Plan for setting their CMO subscription.

We appreciate the efforts of all serving the Lord in CMSG functions. We pray the Lord would bless their new operating structure.

After a period of decline, we thank God for the projected increases in enrollment at our district schools. We encourage all congregations to utilize our schools.

We recognize the value of WELSSA for district schools, especially in self-study and planning. We applaud those which have become accredited and those working toward it. We encourage all others to invest in the accreditation process.

In light of the sacrifices made by our nation's service members and families, we applaud the efforts of the Military Services Committee to bring the message of Christ's sacrifice to those fighting for our freedom.

We encourage congregations to support and promote the activities of the Youth Discipleship Commission.

We encourage district congregations to explore using electronic outreach such as Facebook and Twitter. We would appreciate the District Commission on Evangelism offering the Seminar on Evangelism Technology in our district.

Respectfully Submitted,

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