

Floor Committee #3 – Synod President/COP/SC

Reference: President's Report (RTTD p.1)

Subject: President's Report

We note:

- That, while the need to reduce overall ministry of the Synod by 20% has significant consequences, we have reason to thank our God for his continued blessings to our Synod through the VEBA premium holiday and Year of Jubilee offering.

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Reference: Congregational and District Ministry (RTTD pp. 3-6)

Subject: Conference of Presidents (COP)

We note:

- That we are saddened by the elimination of a number of synodical positions but are thankful that all but two (2) world missionaries and four (4) faculty members have received and accepted calls;
- That we continue to pray for the unassigned MLC and WLS graduates;
- That district wide training for circuit pastors will be conducted in each district this fall;
- That the revised New International Version will be evaluated due to some serious concerns;
- That the congregational commitments for calendar year 2010 showed a decrease from the 2009 offerings.

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Reference: Congregational and District Ministry (RTTD p. 8)

Subject: Commission on Inter-Church Relations (CICR)

We note:

- With thanksgiving the CICR and their work with individuals and churches throughout the world that are seeking to take Confessional Lutheran stances;
- That the ELS and WELS have agreed to refrain from the practice of women communing women.

Floor Committee #3 – Synod President/COP/SC
Reference Congregational and District Ministry (RTTD p. 10)
Subject: Ministry of Christian Giving

We note:

- That the number of Giving Counselors was reduced from 17 to 11.2 Full Time Equivalents (FTE);
- With thanksgiving the faithful service of each Giving Counselor in these difficult times.

Floor Committee #3 – Synod President/COP/SC
Reference Congregational and District Ministry (RTTD p. 12)
Subject: Communication Services

We note:

- The launch of the redesigned Website since last Synod Convention.

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Reference: Ministry Support (RTTD pp. 31-35)
Subject: Synodical Council (SC)

We note:

- What the Synodical Council does;
- That the SC has begun the task of composing a long range ministry plan for the Synod;
- That the Human Resources Oversight Committee is functioning and will report to the SC with regular reports and recommendations;
- That the SC has “*asked the Board for World Missions to take the lead in developing policies covering security and insurance issues and to submit a report with policy recommendations to the SC.*” (RTTD, 32);
- That the SC is working on a policy governing the use of special funds;
- That, in regard to Designated Giving, “*the area of ministry will not see its budgetary support from the synod automatically reduced as a result of such gifts.*” (RTTD, 32);
- With joy, that the COP and SC held one joint meeting in April of 2010 [and add the encouragement to consider like meetings in the future].

Floor Committee #3 - Synod President/COP/SC
Reference: WELS Long Range Plan for 2017 (U)
Resolution: No. 1
Subject: Reaction to WELS Long Range Plan for 2017

WHEREAS 1) we appreciate the *balancing* of the Means of Grace with the stewardship of the resources Christ has provided us in carrying out his command to proclaim the gospel as we make plans relying on his blessings; and

WHEREAS 2) we appreciate the unique *coordination* of efforts between Home Missions, World Missions and Ministerial Education; and

WHEREAS 3) we note the blessings of the *process* involved in developing the WELS Long Range Plan for 2017; therefore, be it

Resolved, a) that we thank the committee for their work in formulating the WELS Long Range Plan for 2017 and presenting it to the districts for reaction; and be it finally

Resolved, b) that we concur with the development of the WELS Long Range Plan for 2017 and strongly encourage continued joint planning in the future beyond 2017 by Home Missions, World Missions and Ministerial Education.

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