

## Floor Committee #4 Report

### Floor Committee #4 - Congregation and Ministry Support Group – RTTD p. 13-29

Reference: RTTD: p. 13-15

Subject: Congregation and Ministry Support Group

The Congregation and Ministry Support Group (CMSG) has taken the place of Parish Services and is under the auspices of the Conference of Presidents. The Parish Assistance program will terminate at the end of June 2010. The CMSG is working to better serve alongside the district presidents and participate in the continuing education of called workers.

Reference: RTTD: p. 16-18

Subject: Commission on Lutheran Schools

We acknowledge with gratitude the continued growth of childhood ministries. We note with concern the declining number of Lutheran elementary schools and the declining enrollment. We acknowledge with gratitude the number of schools that have been accredited or are in the accreditation process with the WELS School Accreditation program.

Reference: RTTD: p. 19-20

Subject: Commission on Adult Discipleship

The position of director of Adult Discipleship is currently vacant. At this time, the commission has made its greatest priority developing and providing training for teaching adults and involving them in Bible study.

Reference: RTTD: p. 20-21

Subject: Commission on Youth Discipleship

The position of national director is vacant. We encourage the Conference of Presidents to resume calling to fill this vacancy.

Reference: RTTD: p. 21-25

Subject: Commission on Special Ministries

Even with limited resources, Special Ministries continues to diligently serve in the areas of Military Services, Prison Ministry, Special Education, Mental Health, among others. We acknowledge with gratitude their continued efforts.

Reference: RTTD: p. 25-28

Subject: Commission on Worship

There are tentative plans for a new hymnal by 2023. We acknowledge with special gratitude the workshops held throughout the synod for introduction of the *Christian Worship* supplement. This has made it much easier for congregations to introduce the supplement to their parishioners. The commission is looking to provide further resources for worship education. The commission is also exploring the revision of some historic Lutheran hymns for the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

Reference: RTTD: p. 28-29

Subject: Commission on Evangelism

We commend the commission for continuing to offer the Schools of Outreach and district evangelism seminars to assist congregations in reaching out to the lost. Long range plans include assisting every congregation with ongoing guidance for planning, organization, and implementation of outreach strategies. The website [whataboutjesus.com](http://whataboutjesus.com) continues to enhance our synod's evangelism efforts.

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