

Nebraska District Commission on Evangelism Report to the NE District in Convention June 14-17, 2010

Why we exist as a commission

The commission exists to help brothers and sisters in the NE District of the WELS in their corporate evangelism efforts to serve the un-served neighbors next to us who need to be confronted by the unconditional gospel of Jesus Christ.

What's been going on

The commission has not been unaffected by the synodical budgetary difficulties and some reorganizing and reprioritizing that has occurred. Parish Services has been more clearly aligned in a cooperative working relationship with the Conference of Presidents in the Congregation Ministry and Support Group (CMSG). The Commission on Evangelism, in the revamped CMSG arrangement, has come out emphasizing many of the same priorities and offerings as before:

-The School of Outreach

- An annual Evangelism seminar , offered to the congregations of the district
- An annual *Evangelism Sunday* materials for customized use in your congregation
- Partnering with the WELS ministerial ed schools and Area Lutheran High Schools to provide thorough personal witness training and experience
- Partnering with the BWM and BHM in every mission and new start

A School of Outreach was held in our district at Abiding Love in Loveland, CO in 2009 and another is scheduled for September, 2010 at Beautiful Savior in Topeka, KS.

How we might help

Contact one of your commission's servants regarding ways in which we could either assist you directly or ways in which we could point you to Mike Hintz' office for help. Our "shepherding" concept (one in which each of the congregations of the district not being actively assisted by the District Mission Board was assigned to one of our commission's members, to be shepherded personally) has not been as active as we envisioned initially. Was that a consequence of some of the revamping going on? Your commission's chair would like to see this shepherding concept, shamelessly stolen from the DMB, continue and be strengthened. And now that all the shaking and revamping is over and the Commission's priorities are again clear, there is no reason why the shepherding can't happen again.

Who we are

- Pastor Philip Sievert and Pastor David Olson on the Colorado end of the NE District
- Pastor Justin Gosch in the Rosebud of the NE District
- Pastor John Stelter and Pastor Phil Hirsch (Coordinator) on the Nebraska end of the NE District