

Committee No. 7
HOME MISSIONS

Reference RTD, pp. 59-63

In view of the information shared in the report, the committee notes with thanks to the Lord the faithful service of Rev. Keith Free as administrator of WELS Board for Home Missions for more than 11 years.

Resolution No. 1

Reference: Floor Committee Discussion

Subject: 100 mission starts and 75 ministry enhancements in 10 years

- WHEREAS 1) our synod in its 2021 convention resolved to set a goal of starting 100 new home missions and enhancing 75 other current ministries from 2023-2033; and
- WHEREAS 2) we are concerned about the shortage of pastors in our synod now and in the foreseeable future; and
- WHEREAS 3) we have not seen enough details about the plan to staff these new missions and enhanced ministries with trained called ministers of the gospel; and
- WHEREAS 4) the matter deeply involves the recruitment and training efforts of our four ministerial education schools; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED a) that we express in convention our Minnesota District's support of the goal adopted by the 2021 synod convention to open 100 new missions and enhance 75 other ministries within the planned 10 years; and be it further
- RESOLVED b) that we strongly encourage the congregations and area Lutheran high schools of our Minnesota District, along with Martin Luther College, to support this mission initiative with their prayers, recruitment efforts, and offerings; and be it finally
- RESOLVED c) that we encourage our synodical officials to communicate to our synod the plan for recruiting, training, sending out, and supporting the new ministers who will be needed to serve in the new and enhanced ministries.

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