

Committee No. 8
WORLD MISSIONS

Reference: RTD, pp. 63-68

Report No. 1

We give thanks that WELS World Missions is conducting outreach in 44 foreign countries and is exploring outreach opportunities in 18 prospective new mission fields.

Report No. 2

We give thanks that the fellowship of believers outside our country may soon surpass total WELS membership and that missionaries are training 380 seminary students worldwide.

Report No. 3

We note that the One Asia Team and the East Asia Team are considering merging.

Report No. 4

We thank God for the use of technology including the TELL (Think, Evaluate, Learn, Lead) online instruction and multiplication effort, which has more than 200 students enrolled worldwide.

Report No. 5

We praise the Lord of the Church for the faithful ministry of Dr. Ernst Wendland, who is retiring after 50 years of service in Zambia.

Report No. 6

We celebrate the establishment of a new sister synod to the WELS, *Iglesia Cristo WELS Internacional* and we pray for their blessed work in Latin American countries.

Report No. 7

We encourage lay members to participate in the WELS Mission Journeys program in order to gain hands-on experience and assist with the outreach efforts of the Synod.

Report No. 8

We give thanks for the PSI (Pastoral Studies Institute) team as it trains pastors in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and immigrants in North America.

Report No. 9

We praise God for the various diaspora ministries that train people of different cultures to take the gospel to their own culture.

Report No. 10

We humbly ask our Ascended Savior to protect worldwide missionaries, who face security risks as they share the gospel. We furthermore pray that our Savior would equip and motivate us to share his Word no matter the danger or the cost.

Report No. 11

In these end times we give thanks to our Resurrected Lord that he continues to open doors for global outreach in the midst of pandemics and global conflict.

Report No. 12

We pray that God the Holy Spirit would fill our hearts with Christ's love that we may keep reaching even further with his love.

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