



**Minnesota District C.Y.F.D.
Report to the District Convention
June 12-14, 2012**

District CYFD Notes

YME Academy: A seven-session curriculum, developed by Joel Nelson before leaving his position as CYD Administrator for WELS, is now being offered to all WELS districts through their youth coordinators and committee members. Our committee extends an invitation to any congregation, circuit, conference, or region within the district to contact me if you desire to strengthen your youth ministries via this material. You can reach me at pastor@myfaithlutheran.com or call me (952) 474-4966.

Goal - Youth Networking: The district commission for youth discipleship would like to continue to improve our networking capabilities throughout not only the congregations and conferences of our district, but also throughout the other WELS districts. As part of our approach, we will strive to maintain a current distribution list among youth leaders within our district, establish conference youth committees where possible and review our present website. This includes making it more user-friendly and capable of sharing local, regional, and synodical youth events as well as materials. We also hope to create a one-stop place where youth leaders can regularly talk and share ministry ideas.

TODAY, I ask you to help me do some of the leg work for this Minnesota District Youth Networking project, if you were unable to do this at the Pastor's Conference in April in Mankato. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM "Youth Discipleship Networking Project" AND PLACE IT IN THE PURPLE BOX BY THE DOOR LABELED...

... YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP NETWORKING PROJECT

Synod CYFD Notes

WELS International Youth: The international youth rally in Knoxville, Tennessee, on June 27-30, and costing \$350 per participant, "FILLED UP" in just a couple weeks. At this time registration is closed. From my understanding the registration of youth is around 2,000. As to the following summer, the Minnesota District is presently discussing whether to offer a rally next summer or the year after due to the international rallies which now come every three years. We would like to have offerings once a summer whether in the district or "piggybacking" on another district nearby for a regional rally.

St. Croix Youth Committee: Please keep your eyes open for reports from another Youth Committee within our district out of the St. Croix Conference under the direction of Pastor Arnold Lemke (alemke@visi.com; (952) 470-6245.) The youth activities offerings that come from this committee are often open to youth throughout our district. These include summer out-of-state mission trips and fellowship outings in northern Minnesota.

Christ Light Curriculum Update... (See backside of report).

Christ Light Curriculum Update:

The decision by Zondervan to discontinue publication of the 1984 NIV Bible has made it necessary for NPH to delay the publication of the Christ-Light Curriculum. However, as of April of this year, a number of auxiliary components have been made available because they work just as well with the existing curriculum as they will with the future revised curriculum. They include...

- Electronic teaching pictures (the four color lesson pictures) for prekindergarten through grade 4;
- Music CDs of the core memory treasure hymns and Bible passages, and many of the copy master songs;
- Supplemental devotions for prekindergarten-kindergarten, and devotions based on core memory treasures for Grades 1-4.

*(Contact [nph](http://nph.net) for a complete listing and description of the various components.)

The Sunday School module for year one of the revised curriculum is scheduled to be available in April of 2013. It is important to note that the curriculum is being edited so *that it will no longer be translation specific.* The curriculum will work well no matter which Bible translation the teacher is using.

The release date for *the LES module has not yet been determined, but it will **not** be ready for the 2013-2014 school year.* The LES module will also be in a non-translation-specific format.

In order to assist the teacher in assigning memory work, the memory treasures will be available as an electronic product in six translations. The teacher can simply choose the translation of choice and print the memory assignments to hand out to the students.

For an explanation of the non-translation-specific format of the revised lessons, and to view samples of the lessons as well as of the electronic products now available, **visit www.nph.net/CL2.**

Questions may be directed to the curriculum editor: schumacherr@nph.wels.net.

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YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP NETWORKING PROJECT: (PLACE IN PURPLE BOX BY THE DOOR)

Your Name: _____ Contact Email: _____

Is your youth ministry in need of youth support and do you want help? (Y / N)

Is your youth ministry able to offer support to congregations struggling in the area of youth? (Y / N)

Your Youth Leader: _____ Contact Email: _____

Your Congregation: _____

Your Circuit: _____

Your Conference: _____

Suggest whom you believe to be a potential Youth Reporter / Contact (Pastor) for Your Conference:

Suggest whom you believe to be a potential CYFD Committee Member (Pastor, Teacher, Youth Minister, Lay Leader) for the Minnesota District:

Strong WELS Youth Ministries You Are Aware of in Your Area:

Thank you!
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