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Christ's Love, Our Calling—
to Joyful Generosity

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Challenges to Funding WELS



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Congregation Mission Offerings


- Synod convention passed a budget relying on a 3% increase in CMO in 2012 and again in 2013.
- Congregations responded with a slight decrease in subscriptions for 2012.
- Good news: actual CMO through April is 12.3% higher than pledged!



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Individual Mission Offerings

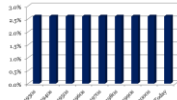
- While Christian giving staff has increased slightly, travel budgets are still tight.
- Ministry of Christian Giving continues to faithfully making calls with the funds available.




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Stewardship Outlook

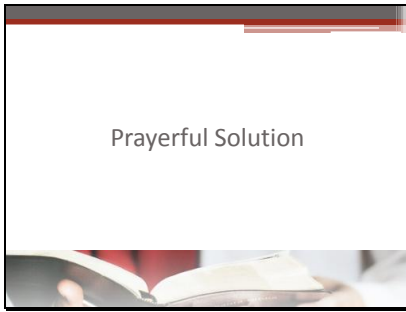
Per capita giving has been at 2.6% for the past 8 decades.



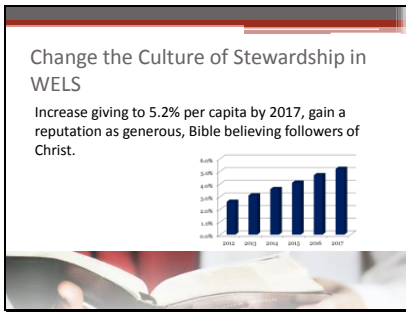
Year	Per capita giving (%)
1920	2.6%
1930	2.6%
1940	2.6%
1950	2.6%
1960	2.6%
1970	2.6%
1980	2.6%
1990	2.6%
2000	2.6%
2010	2.6%



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- Imagine
- Our synod, churches, and parasynodicals being well-funded.
 - Seeing just how far we can go in fulfilling Matthew 28—preaching, teaching, sharing.
- What other purpose do we have on this earth?*
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- How? It starts with an every member visit.
- Launch taking place right here at district convention.
 - Churches receiving a packet. Full program also on Connect (Ministry of Christian Giving page).
 - Your circuit pastor will work with you.
 - Goal: members receive regular help with stewardship of finances to clear obstacles to true joy in giving.
- A slide with a white background and a red header. The title is "How? It starts with an every member visit.". Below the title are four bullet points. At the bottom is a photograph of hands holding an open book.

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- Every Member Visit
- Title: "It's All About Jesus"
 - Details
 - Keep it simple. Keep it all about Jesus.
- A slide with a white background and a red header. The title is "Every Member Visit". Below the title are three bullet points. At the bottom is a photograph of hands holding an open book.

May God bless our service to him!