

Reference: Ministry Support: Synodical Council RTTD, pg. 41
Report No. 1

We are thankful for the dedicated service of the Synodical Council members whose terms have come to an end during the past biennium.

Reference: Ministry Support: Publication Coordinating Commission RTTD, pg. 50
Report No. 2

We are encouraged that the Publication Coordinating Commission has listed several worthy projects for development. Currently, there is no funding to carry out these projects. Funding will be needed soon in order to complete these projects by the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We are encouraged that the Publication Coordinating Commission is striving to publish a new catechism that would coordinate with the 500th anniversary.

Reference: Support Services: Facility Services RTTD, pp. 40, 59-60
Report No. 3

We note with concern that WELS owns two administration buildings due to unforeseen events. The SC is committed to selling one of the buildings. The Milwaukee property needs repairs in the range of \$1.5 to \$2 million. We pray that a timely and financially responsible solution is found in order to reduce our risks.

Reference: Ministry Financial Plan and Results RTTD, pp. 61-69
Report No. 4

We thank Financial Services for noting the error on page 64 under "Synod Support: Variance to Plan." The parentheses in the table were incorrectly reversed on the dollar amounts.

Reference: Northwestern Publishing House RTTD, pp. 107-108
Report No. 5

For 120 years Northwestern Publishing House has published sound materials for use in our congregations and continues to be proactive as they look to future needs. Work on the *Christ-Light* curriculum is proceeding. At this time NPH is preparing a Sunday school version of the *Christ-Light* curriculum that is compatible with all the major translation choices.

Reference: WELS Historical Institute RTTD, pp. 108-109
Report No. 6

"The WELS Historical Institute works to preserve and present the story of God's grace to WELS. The institute continues to publish the *WELS Historical Institute Journal* and *WELS Historical Institute Newsletter* each year. The institute also works to restore and preserve the Salem Landmark Church Museum, constructed in 1863 in north Milwaukee. The Salem Landmark Church Museum will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2013."

Reference: WELS Church Extension Fund, Inc. RTTD, pp. 110-111

Report No. 7

With joy we recognize the work of the CEF in distributing loans and grants to new WELS mission openings for facility and land acquisition, and for their support in providing \$1 million for the Board for Home Missions.

Reference: WELS Foundation, Inc. RTTD, pp. 111-113
Report No. 8

We are thankful for the work of the WELS Foundation, which through encouraging planned giving, have provided support for \$5.6 million in 2011 to Home and World Missions, ministerial education schools, congregations, and area Lutheran high schools.

Reference: WELS Investment Funds, Inc. RTTD, pp. 114-115
Report No. 9

We recognize with thanksgiving the work of the WELS Investment Funds, Inc., to provide WELS organizations with professionally managed investment portfolios.

Reference: WELS Benefit Plans RTTD, pp. 115-117
Report No. 10

We are grateful for the work that the WELS Benefit Plans Office is doing to carefully manage the VEBA and Pension plans, considering the impact it has on congregation's ministry plans while maintaining meaningful benefits for the workers. We commend them on their focus to return the plan to 100% funding status while keeping pace with the growing number of retirees.

"Health care reform efforts are in a holding pattern as the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on the legality of at least some of the elements in June 2012. The outcome of the November 2012 elections will also impact the implementation of health care reform mandates."

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