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66TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

WELS Home Missions

Preparing, Planting, Proclaiming





THE WHITE FIELDS

"... Look on the fields, for
they are white already
to harvest." John 4:35

A REPORT OF THE WORK IN OUR
HOME MISSION FIELDS
Prepared and compiled by
The General Board for
Home Missions
of the
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
1965

Every state by '78

Our Synod is divided into nine districts and two mission districts. Each of these districts and mission districts elects a District Mission Board to supervise the mission work in its area, and to seek out new fields.

OUR WORK IS ORGANIZED

Twice each year the District Mission Boards send representatives to a meeting of the General Board for Home Missions. Here all requests for new fields, for men to enter these fields, for chapels and for schools are reviewed and decided upon.

Thus the entire Synod, through its representatives, has the joy of deciding where, when, and how the Lord's work is to be done in the various Districts.

OUR WORK EXPANDS

Several reasons can be given for the expansion of our Synod's Mission program into new areas.

- the mobility rate of our nation. (20% of the people are on the move at all times.)
- the transfer of industry into different parts of the nation.
- our own people moving into new areas, asking us to serve them with the Pure Word.
- the liberalism in many Lutheran bodies, resulting in many requests addressed to us as a Synod.
- the movement from rural areas to metropolitan areas.



The General Board for Home Missions in session



100 missions
& 75 enhancements
in 10 years
2023–2033



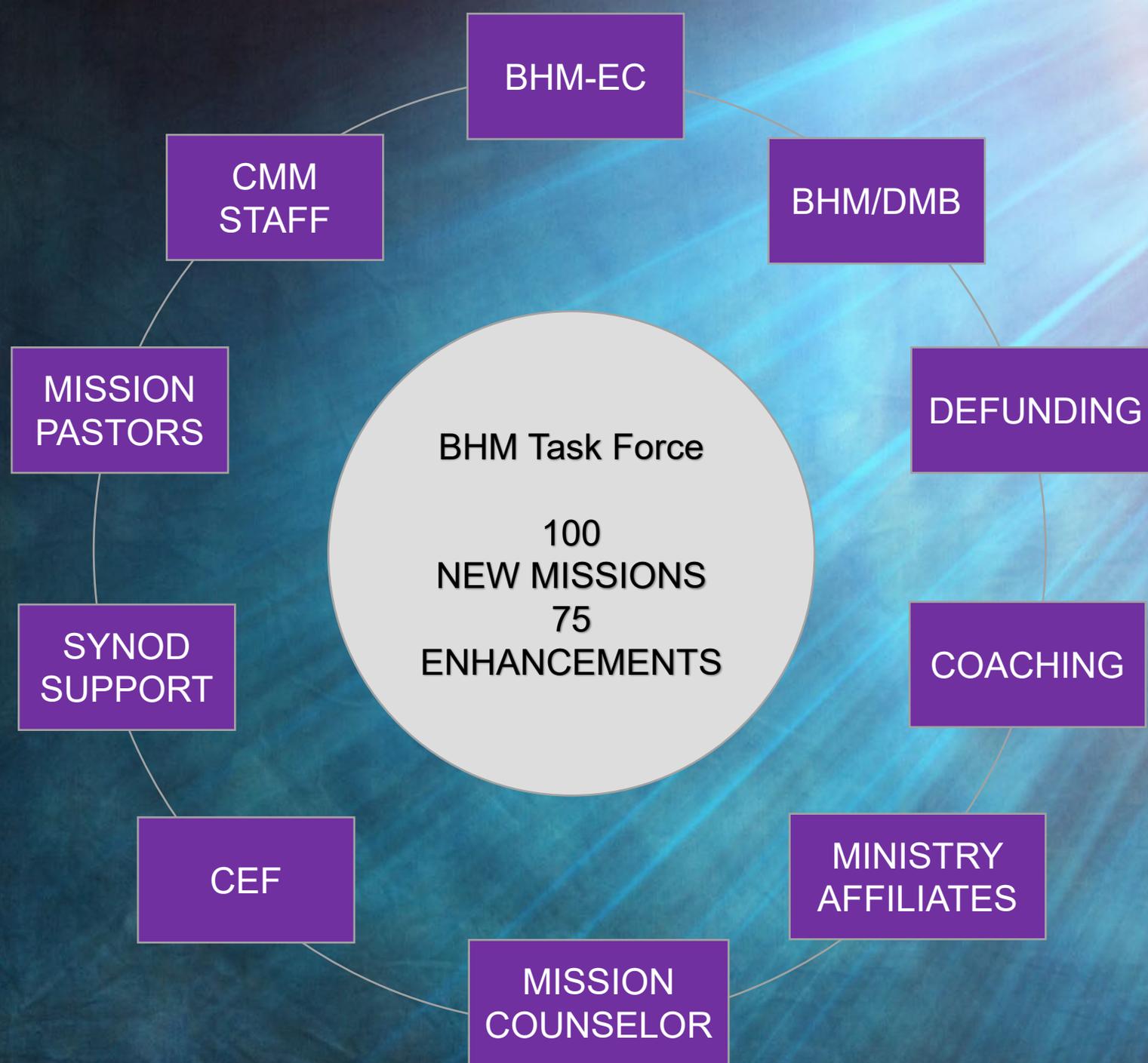
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Major questions and concerns

1. Manpower
2. Money
3. Ministry Resources





Then Jesus came to them and said, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20



What can you do?



Bottom Line: Reaching More Souls

Now to him who is able to do **immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us.

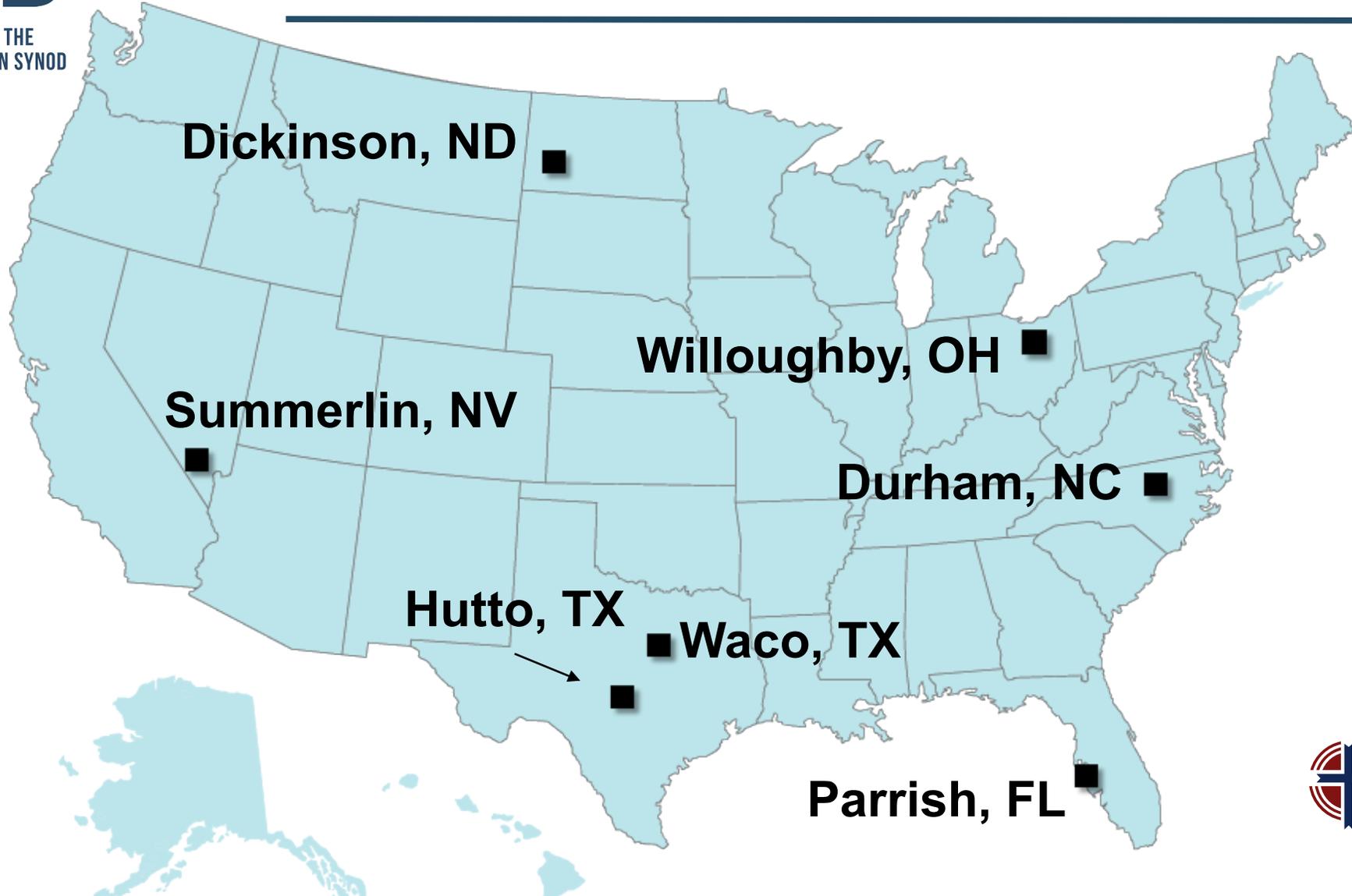
Ephesians 3:20



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New Starts and Enhancements Spring 2021





Heart of Texas Mission
Waco, Texas

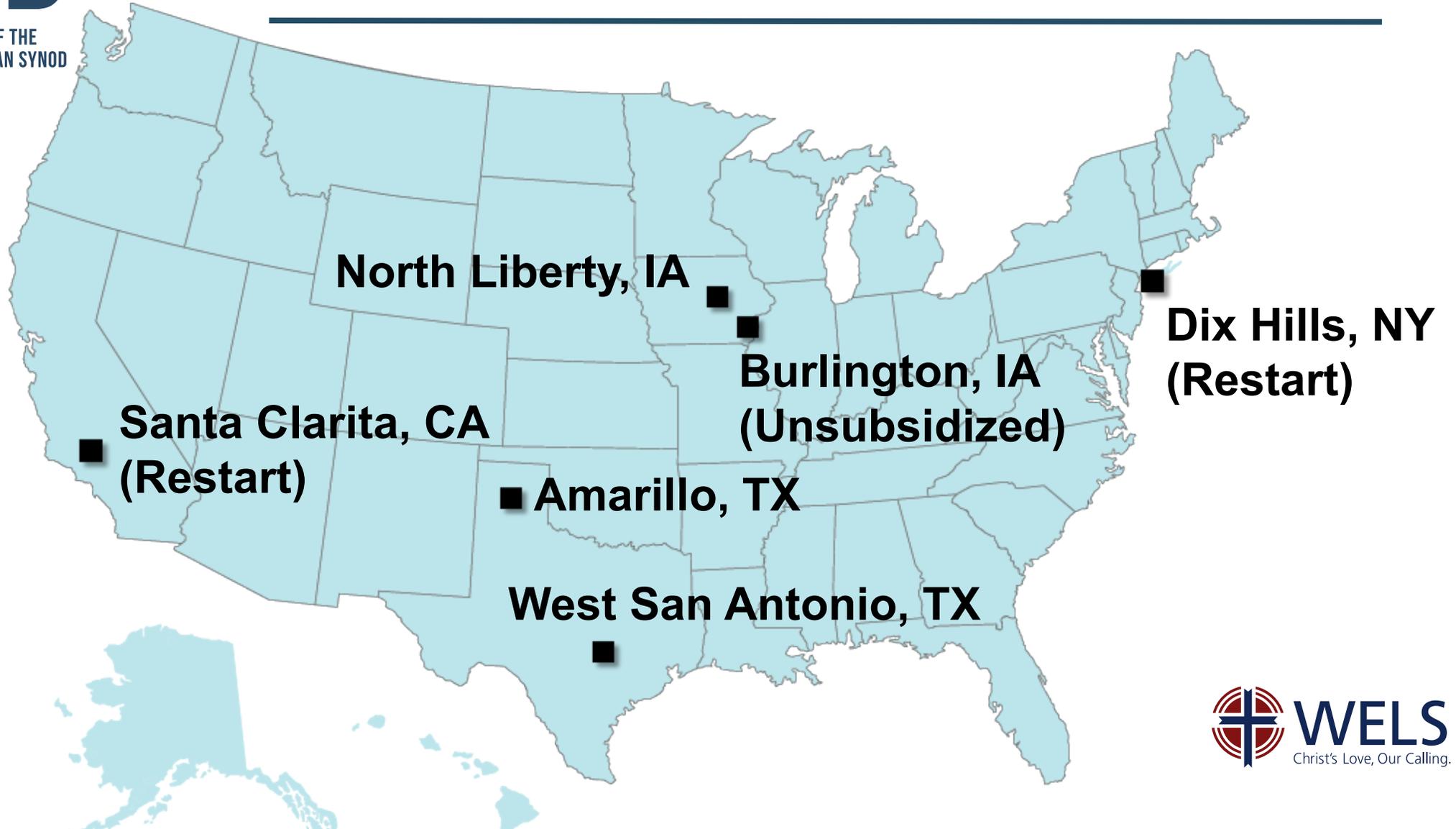


**Core group
New mission in Dickinson, N.D.**

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New Starts and Restarts Fall 2020





Planting a new church in West San Antonio, Texas



Multi-site ministry in North Liberty, Iowa





Foundation—Folsom, Calif.
August 2020 outdoor worship launch



Sure Foundation—Brandon, S.D.
Worship launch on September 20, 2020

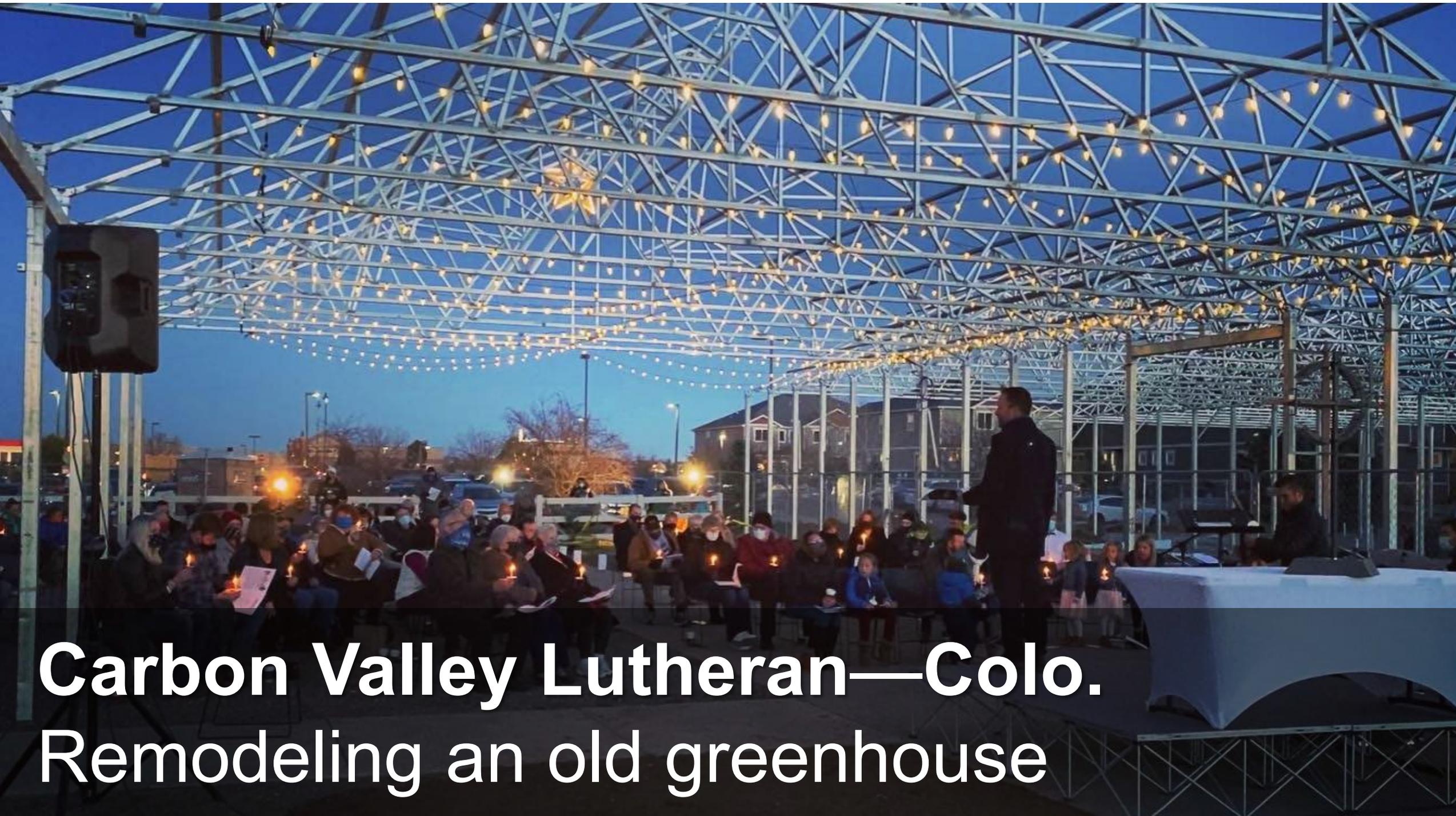


**The Vine—Joplin, Mo.
Worship launch on December 13, 2020**

WELS Church Extension Fund (CEF)

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**Carbon Valley Lutheran—Colo.
Remodeling an old greenhouse**



**Groundbreaking at Beautiful Savior
Fayetteville, N.C.—January 2020**

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Annual Convention
Rochester, N.Y.—June 23-26, 2022





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CAMPUS MINISTRY



WELS Campus Ministry, a ministry of WELS Home Missions, provides resources, support, and encouragement to WELS congregations that serve college students around the United States and Canada.



wels.net/campusministry

Campus Ministry Mission Counselor

Rev. Dan Lindner



WELS Mission Journeys



Campus Ministry to Garland, Texas



Zion—Columbus, Wis. to Bonney Lake, Wash.

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Isaiah 12:4-6

In that day you will say: “Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

