

Floor Committee 09: Christian Aid and Relief

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Matthew's gospel tells us that Jesus was the One who filled to the full "what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.'" (Matthew 8:17) Until the end of time, through his body, the Head continues to show his compassionate love for people in their desperate needs. One such demonstration of his healing work is that which is being done through WELS Christian Aid and Relief. When contacted by persons serving in the front lines of world missions, home missions, or local congregations and apprised of a local disaster, a profound need of an individual, or of humanitarian need in a community, Christian Aid and Relief is there to channel the gifts of loving people to meet the needs of which they have been made aware.

Christian Aid and Relief is poised to act quickly to apply help to the hurt. The relief is provided with careful stewardship. Eighty seven percent of the gifts are applied directly to the need with the remaining portion covering the administrative cost. This is well under the twenty percent administrative cost that is considered standard among reputable charitable organizations.

Christian Aid and Relief expands the possibilities for each of us to show the love of Christ beyond our home and neighborhood and our local congregation to reach people across the country and around the world with the love of Christ that shares their suffering and alleviates their need.

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