

Floor Committee 18: Church Extension Fund

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We praise the Lord for the work of the Church Extension Fund (CEF) and for the investments of more than \$78 million from more than 3,727 investors. These gifts have provided substantial funds to congregations through loans, grants, and special grants.

Local congregations will work through their district mission board to learn more and to make application for loans or grants. We are thankful that the CEF has expanded their marketing efforts. We encourage the Board for Home Missions to work more closely with the CEF to explore mission expansion opportunities.

We encourage delegates to help build awareness of the work of the CEF in their local congregations by viewing the newly produced CEF video online at <http://wels.net/giving/wels-church-extension-fund> or by viewing the CD which has been distributed to every congregation in the synod.

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