

Floor Committee 13: Board for Ministerial Education

**Subject: Blessings of Ministerial Education**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 131-166

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We give thanks to our most gracious Lord of the Church for:

the governing boards' comprehensive picture of ministerial education expenses including total cost of upkeep of buildings and grounds and factoring those items into the financial budgeting process;

the brotherly spirit in which Ministry of Christian Giving, Board for Ministerial Education, Board for Home Missions, and Board for World Missions are conducting ministry planning, budgeting, and implementation;

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) appointing a faculty committee to explore the wisdom of seeking accreditation for seminary programs of study;

recognizing that to study for the ministry, particularly by young teenagers, is a special decision especially in light of our current cultural climate; therefore we need to keep them in our prayers;

the efforts of Martin Luther College (MLC) and WLS to nurture pastoral candidates immediately when they set foot on MLC campus - particularly since attrition is greatest in the first year of their college studies for pastoral ministry;

our current called workers who encourage young men and women to consider entering the preaching and teaching ministry.

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