

Floor Committee 12: Congregation and Ministry Support Group - A

Subject: Commission on Congregational Counseling, Commission on Worship, Commission on Evangelism

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Commission on Congregational Counseling

1. We are thankful that we now have a fulltime director for the Commission on Congregational Counseling (CCC). We ask that our Lord richly bless the faithful labor of Pastor Jonathan Hein and his team.
2. We applaud the work of the CCC taking note of their demographic study and statistical analysis.
3. We are thankful that through the CCC our gracious Lord has called us out of our spiritual complacency, re-focusing our attention on our Lutheran heritage—the sharing of the Gospel of Christ.
4. We concur with their conclusion that a "healthy congregation" or "healthy synod" is simply one that is regularly asking itself, "What else can we do to help all people know Jesus?"

Commission on Worship

1. As they retire, we acknowledge with thanksgiving the faithful labors of Teacher Carl Nolte and Dr. Kermit Moldenhauer for their many years of service to the Commission on Worship and to the WELS.
2. We look forward to the completion of the new hymnal project with its projected release in 2021.
3. We recognize and commend the work of the Commission on Worship for this year's National Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts, as it offered congregations throughout WELS an opportunity for continuing education while displaying examples of excellence in worship.

Commission on Evangelism

We give thanks to our Lord for the 15 years of faithful leadership of Pastor Mike Hintz, director of the Commission on Evangelism, and the dedicated work of Mrs. Audrey Bluhm, who has served for 27 years as the Commission's secretary. Both will be retiring at the close of 2017.

Teacher Paul Tess, chairman

Pastor Christopher Kruschel, secretary