

Floor Committee 10: Board for World Missions and Joint Mission Council

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As we celebrate 500 years of God's grace since the Reformation, we are excited about the work our World Missions Board and Joint Mission Council are doing.

We celebrate that WELS is helping to serve 80,000 people in 23 mission fields, and another 60,000 across the globe via online correspondence. The national churches with whom we share fellowship have called 400 national workers to serve in more than 700 places. There are 160 additional national leaders in pastoral training through World Missions programs. We also note the seven administrative committees who facilitate mission work in a variety of nations and places. These are reasons to rejoice!

We urge missionaries to utilize digital media in order to keep our WELS members informed about the opportunities to help with our outreach, offerings, and prayers.

The Pastoral Studies Institute has expanded and is doing great work at training workers in the ministry across cultures. Extensive mission work was done in order to establish fellowship with three new sister churches. The Joint Mission Council has also helped to coordinate work between Home and World Missions. Multi-Language Publications has been used to help spread the Gospel in a variety of tongues. God's Word is being spread in its truth and purity, in keeping with the Reformation. Thanks be to God!

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