

Floor Committee 06: Synodical Council

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Our committee notes with gratitude the faithful work of those who serve on the Synodical Council (SC) and highlights the following items:

The retirement of the capital debt: Praise and thanks be to God for blessing our efforts and enabling us to retire the debt nearly a year and a half ahead of schedule. Indeed, this has happened only by God's grace and by the power of his gospel working in the hearts of his people.

Synod finance and the need to fund the ministry financial plan: We share the SC's concern that the Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) have been relatively flat over the past ten years. We pray that the efforts of the district presidents and circuit pastors would lead congregations to continue joyful, gospel-motivated giving by increasing their CMOs.

2015 WELS Convention Compliance: We rejoice with the SC that the responsible groups have completed or are in the process of implementing all the resolutions of the 2015 Convention.

Thanks for faithful service: Thank you to Pastor Phil Hirsch, Pastor Howard Mohlke, and Pastor David Rutschow for their faithful service on the SC.

Pastor Paul Meier, chairman

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