

Floor Committee 07: Finance and Ministry Financial Plan

Subject: Support for Ministry Financial Plan

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We recognize that even though “membership has been declining approximately one percent per year since 2008,” (BORAM p. 129), God has moved his people to maintain Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) over the same period. These facts indicate an increase in per communicant giving. We thank God for enabling his people to share their gifts for the work of the kingdom.

We also note that recent gifts to the Financial Stabilization Fund (FSF) since the publication of the BORAM have improved the projected ending balance. The FSF is projected to remain above the Synodical Council's target of \$10 million through the end of Fiscal Year 2019.

Opportunities for ministry abound. The costs of living and serving in our fallen world continue to increase; God's kingdom work must also increase. We encourage all WELS members to assess prayerfully God's blessings to them and to support the Ministry Financial Plan through CMO and other gifts.

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