

Floor Committee 10: Congregational Services A (Congregational Counseling, Discipleship, Evangelism)

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

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 33-40

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We are thankful for WELS Congregational Services (CS) that exists to encourage and equip congregations for faithful and fruitful gospel ministry. The CS consists of six commissions which give focused attention to specific areas of congregational life. The three commissions assigned to our committee were Commission on Congregational Counseling, Commission on Discipleship, and Commission on Evangelism.

As we live in an increasingly pagan society and our synod is facing a variety of challenges and threats, we commend these commissions for (1) recognizing that the strength of our congregations is the backbone of our synod, and (2) working hard at producing resources, offering guidance, and providing encouragement, all aimed at strengthening these congregations in sharing the gospel.

The CS offers a wealth of FREE resources at <https://welscongregationalservices.net/> and we encourage our congregations to make use of these excellent materials and subscribe to the frequent updates that are made available.

We encourage Pastor Donn Dobberstein, Pastor Jonathan Hein, and Pastor Eric Roecker to continue with their faithful work and would advise them to promote their resources through as many platforms as possible.

Memorials 2019-17, 2019-18 and 2019-19:

All three of these memorials were taken into consideration and it was decided, after consulting with the three leaders of these commissions, that the objectives of these memorials are already included in the future plans of these commissions and no additional action is needed at this time.

We ask for the Lord's blessings on the work of these commissions as we continue to share the gospel as a treasure for the generations to come.

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