

Floor Committee #6: Finance and Ministry Financial Plan

Subject: Blessings and Thanks

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What would you do if you had \$90 million? In the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), we send workers into mission fields ripe for a harvest of souls not only in the United States, but throughout the world. In the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, we train and nurture future called workers in order to maintain a steady stream of men and women who are equipped and enthused to be sent out as servants in the public ministry. In the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, we provide services that facilitate and support ministry excellence in congregations and their schools and administration.

Thank you, members of the WELS, for your nearly \$90 million of financial resources annually (including approximately \$21 million in Congregational Mission Offerings) to carry out this privileged and crucial work! Thank you, areas of ministry leaders, for your collaborative, kingdom-minded approach, as you engage in healthy dialogue about synod-wide opportunities and priorities! Thank you, synodical leaders, for your faithfulness, diligence, and transparency over the past 20 months in developing a financial plan that will serve us for the next two years. Finally, thanks and praise to our gracious Lord and Savior for these many human and financial resources and for the honor of carrying out this privileged work.

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