

Floor Committee #1: President's Report

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500 years ago, a professor from a fledgling university in a backwater town stood before 16th century superpowers. His choice was clear: relinquish God's Word or face the consequences. We thank President Schroeder for reminding us that Luther didn't stand alone. He stood on the truth by which God gives salvation in Jesus. And God stood with him. We thank God for the eternal blessings he has given us through Luther's stand. We pray that God will continue to bring his salvation to others through our stand on that same life-giving Word.

President Schroeder identifies some of the challenges that surround us, everywhere from the water cooler to the courtroom. We ask him to continue calling our attention to both current and potential threats and encouraging us to say with the apostles, "We can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." We pray that God will strengthen our faith to stand firm against hostilities of every kind and that he will fill us and the next generation with zeal to proclaim the gospel in order to win the hearts of those who attack it. Unbelief rages against its greatest need.

We join our president in thanking God for preserving our church body throughout the pandemic, for the generosity of his people, and for giving us unforeseen opportunities to proclaim the good news of Jesus' forgiveness. We pray that God will bring us out of the pandemic with harmony in our congregations and passion to proclaim to a dying world the God who forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases.

Pastor Michael Seifert, chairman

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