

Floor Committee #15: Subsidiaries and Benefit Plans

Subject: WELS Historical Institute

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 157-159

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As noted in BORAM, “the year 2021 marks the fortieth anniversary of WELS Historical Institute.” The committee wishes to thank all those past and present who have been involved in the preservation of our WELS history through the work of the WELS Historical Institute. Since WELS Historical Institute is self-funded through “membership dues, gifts, and memorials provided by our constituency and friends” and, at present, numbers only around 200 members, the committee would encourage the membership of the WELS to consider the wide variety of ways they can support WELS Historical Institute, including, but not limited to, membership in the institute, monetary gifts, donation of items for the WELS archives, tours of the WELS museum at Salem Lutheran Landmark Church, and making use of its online presence at its website and on Facebook.

Together with those currently involved with WELS Historical Institute, the committee notes these three items:

- The 500th anniversary of both Luther’s stand before the Diet of Worms and the beginning of Luther’s translation of the Bible into the German language.
- The conclusion, with thanks, of service as long-time secretary of WELS Historical Institute by Ms. Naomi Plocher.
- The goal of WELS Historical Institute to “completely restore to its 1863 appearance” Salem Lutheran Landmark Church in time for the 500th anniversary of the birth of the Lutheran Church on June 25, 2030.

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