

Floor Committee #4: Ministry of Christian Giving

Subject: Overview

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We commend the Ministry of Christian Giving for striving to be faithful in its work by switching from rotating institutional campaigns to intentionally nurturing donors according to their ministry interests. We pray that God would bless its efforts.

We commend the Ministry of Christian Giving for its continued efforts in communicating Congregation Mission Offering updates and ministry impacts through WELS media, and for its diligence in presenting “Equipping Christian Witnesses” (ECW). We encourage congregations and individuals to participate in this special four-year support of Martin Luther College’s mission and ministry.

We commend the Ministry of Christian Giving for its development training not only to giving counselors but also to Ministerial Education advancement staff, Missions administrators, and anyone serving in a WELS/ELS affiliated ministry in development, in order “to encourage a consistent approach to God’s people that’s Christ-centered” (BORAM, p. 23).

We commend the faithful work of the Christian giving counselors, especially during a time when face-to-face calls were unable to be made. We especially thank God for the faithful work of Rev. John Kenyon, who died on March 22, 2021, after a prolonged struggle with lymphatic cancer. We thank our Savior for keeping John faithful to the point of death and giving him the crown of life, and we’re grateful for his years of pastoral ministry, including the last fifteen years with the Ministry of Christian Giving. We ask our caring Lord to comfort and strengthen John’s family and friends. We also thank God for the faithful work of Rev. John Graf, who retired at the end of June 2021 after serving as a giving counselor for 31 years, and for the faithful work of Rev. Rich Kogler who will retire on December 31, 2021, after serving 10 years.

Finally, in a time of global pandemic we praise our gracious God for the support of the gospel ministry beyond what anyone might have imagined. We thank God for moving his people to give above and beyond what was committed for the mission, ministry, and worker training of WELS.

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