

Floor Committee #6: Synodical Council

Subject: Synodical Council overview

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 51-57

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Giving all praise and thanks to our gracious God who has blessed the gospel ministry among our Wisconsin Synod, we recognize these special blessings over the past years:

- The long-range plan, “Our Great Heritage,” adopted in 2017, which serves as a guideline and roadmap for ministry through 2025;
- The financial blessings that were realized even through COVID times coming from increased Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO), cost savings from reduced expenses, and the \$2.78 million Small Business Administration PPP loan, as well as financial savings realized through the health reimbursement account savings plan;
- That we have received an unmodified opinion (the best opinion possible) from Baker Tilly US, LLP, an independent accounting firm that completes its annual audit of WELS financial statements;
- That the Synodical Council (SC) has been able to fill the position of a full-time director for WELS Christian Aid and Relief (Pastor Daniel Sims) who is working to promote this ministry.

We express our thanks to God for the faithful service of the following six SC members who have completed their time of service: Teacher James Moeller, Pastor Wayne Uhlhorn, Mr. Tim Snyder, Mr. Dale Pohlman, Rev. Jonathan Schroeder, and Mr. Art Tessmann.

We express our thanks to God for the dedicated work of Mr. Todd Poppe who has served as our synod’s chief financial officer since 2004. Through his labors our synod has been tremendously blessed, helping to streamline operations, establish the Financial Stabilization Fund, and modify the process used to develop the synod’s ministry financial plan.

Pastor Steven Hillmer, chairman
Teacher Daryl Weber, secretary