

Floor Committee #2: Conference of Presidents

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Our committee commends the Conference of Presidents for its faithful labors for our Savior and synod.

After reading and discussing the report of the Conference of Presidents (COP), our committee shares the following encouragements:

- We applaud all efforts to formulate the synod's ministry plan, fund it, and execute it. We are especially grateful to our WELS congregations and members who continued to support our synod's mission and ministry through generous Congregation Mission Offerings. We urge congregations to continue their Congregation Mission Offerings and, where able by the grace of God, to increase them so that our synod may expand its mission and ministry.
- We applaud all efforts to strengthen recruitment for full-time public ministry. We specifically pray the Lord will provide needed principal, pastor, and early childhood ministry candidates.
- We echo the gratitude of the COP for the new hymnal and pray that it will enhance the worship and devotional life of our WELS members.
- We give thanks to the Lord for the Translation Liaison Committee and its ongoing efforts to monitor the busy world of Bible translation.
- We applaud the work of the Continuing Education for Called Workers Committee. We are especially grateful for their steady coordination of substantive spiritual and professional growth programs for pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. We give thanks to the Lord of the Church for generous donors who support these various growth programs.

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