

Floor Committee #11: Subsidiaries and Benefits Plans

Subject: WELS Historical Institute

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WELS Historical Institute has been “actively involved” in the promotion and planning of the 175th anniversary celebration of the Wisconsin Synod. Digital and online resources include bulletin inserts, videos, promotional materials, and more. They can be found at **welshistoricalinstitute.org/175th**. A banquet and a bus tour are being planned for the celebration as well, along with multiple presentations on the history of WELS.

Currently, a presentation series entitled “Our Great Heritage” is running. The presentation of Prof. Paul Koelpin on ministerial education in New Ulm, which was presented at this year’s synod convention, is part of this series. President Mark Schroeder will also present on prep schools in Watertown, Wis., at the institute’s annual meeting in October 2025.

The institute has also spent much of its time maintaining the WELS museum as well as restoring Salem Landmark Church. A number of upgrades and repairs have been made to the church recently through grants and donations. Free tours are available by appointment.

Membership in the institute is encouraged in order to promote the unity of our synod as well as to gain valuable insight into our past. You can find out more at **welshistoricalinstitute.org**.

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