

Floor Committee #14: Board for Home Missions

Subject: Response to Board for Home Missions' report

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With great joy and excitement for the mission work Christ is accomplishing through us (as a synod and as individual Christians), our committee directs the delegates' attention to the work of the Board for Home Missions (BHM), especially to the efforts related to the 100 Missions in 10 Years initiative that began in 2023. We thank God for the many new mission starts and enhancements that he has graciously blessed. We also thank the BHM for its faithful service to the Lord and his church in making these starts and enhancements realities. We fervently pray that the Lord would continue to bless this "100 in 10" effort and provide opportunities for mission work that are yet to be seen.

Our committee directs the delegates' attention to the many resources the BHM has made available to the synod, including the "100 in 10" website (**wels100in10.net**) and the Mission Journeys website (**wels.net/missionjourneys**), which provide updates and opportunities for support in mission efforts.

Our committee recognizes the considerable and rising costs in financial and human resources associated with mission work. We therefore encourage the BHM to continue to be "aggressively realistic" and "the best and wisest stewards of WELS resources" when considering available finances and personnel for mission work, not forgetting the many opportunities to train laity to support mission work.

Finally, our committee directs the delegates' attention to the blessed partnership of the BHM with the Vicar in a Mission Setting program, the WELS Church Extension Fund, the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, WELS Campus Ministry, the Joint Mission Council, and WELS Mission Journeys.

We thank the Lord for how richly he has blessed us. Not only has he given us the gospel, but he has also given us the privilege of sharing the gospel. May he continue to bless our beloved church body, especially the BHM, with wisdom as he works through us to carry his gospel into the world.

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