

Floor Committee #16: Board for Ministerial Education

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In this anniversary year, it is a joy to read the faithful work that our ministerial education schools have continued to conduct to train called workers, to prepare qualified lay leaders, but above all to raise young Christians in faith in their Savior.

Because the work our ministerial schools do is so vital for our synod and God's kingdom, we encourage WELS members and congregations to stay informed about their activity and promote it locally. Regular updates can be found at **bme.welsrc.net**.

Especially as high vacancy rates persist, it also is encouraging to read of the excellent work that our schools are already doing to recruit young people for ministry, but there is still work that WELS members and congregations can do. Prioritize outreach. If WELS is smaller, it only stands to reason that enrollment at our schools will be smaller too.

Encourage young people for ministry directly. Speak positively about ministry so that it can be seen as the noble task it is. Share the information of confirmation- and college-aged students with our synodical high schools and college so that their admission counselors can speak directly with them too.

Our schools have been a precious heritage for our synod for many years. We pray God continue to bless them for many more.

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