

## Floor Committee #1: President's Report

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After 175 years of existence, it might be easy to step back and congratulate ourselves on all that our synod has accomplished not just in this country but around the world. We thank President Schroeder for his reminder that all of the successes, all of the growth, all of the continued faithfulness to doctrinal truth and purity—all of it is because Christ has done it, and it is only by his grace that we are allowed “to be a part of what he does as he works through us.”

While the challenges of this gospel work are great—whether they be demographic or cultural, the blessings far outweigh them. As new missions are planted and the gospel is proclaimed at home and abroad, as the need for more workers to serve the church with their lives is so very evident, as we embark on this next stage of our synod's existence, we join our president in voicing Paul's encouragement to Timothy: “Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” For it is this grace that will sustain us and strengthen us for the work he has set before us.

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