

In regards to the board for ministerial education, the committee members from the Pacific Northwest District commend the appointed task force for their extensive and insightful work which they carried out. In light of the current called worker shortage, much thought was given towards encouraging the next generation. In a very extensive appendix, emphasis was given to our synodical schools, encouraging different avenues for called worker training, finances, and recruitment. Much like how God builds his Church, he provides called workers for his kingdom: one by one. Therefore, we encourage called workers and lay members alike to consider asking: Who do I know that could be a called worker, serving in God's kingdom? In all these things, we place our trust in Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church, who promises to hear our prayers. And so we pray: Loving God and Lord, instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel. Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth. Amen.