



for the **Generations** *to come*

Pacific Northwest District Special Ministries Report October 2018

My apologies for not attending the Fall Conference! A lot of work has been happening “behind the scenes.” Our District Commission’s working theme for 2018-19 is: **Communicate Christ’s Compassion ... for the generations to come!** The goal is to have meaningful contact and information-sharing take place in as many congregations, schools, and with as many individuals throughout PNW as possible.

An initial, conceptual idea is to develop a set of video-based messages that our District congregations and schools will be able to utilize via a download. The hopeful objective is to have representatives of each committee provide a brief informational and inspirational message that can be used to personalize Special Ministries opportunities to our district.

I have a request for every pastor, teacher, and staff minister: look at your home congregation and/or school and consider how the Commission on Special Ministries might partner with you to help communicate Christ’s compassion to the next generation!

Some examples are as follows:

- ✓ Is there a group home in your area that might benefit from a Jesus Cares ministry?
- ✓ do you have a loop device in your church to help those who have a hard time hearing during worship?
- ✓ Do you have a veteran or parent of an active duty WELS member in the military who might appreciate a “Thank You” card this Veteran’s Day?
- ✓ Is there a family who has a child with a developmental disability?
- ✓ Do you know someone who is struggling with depression?

These are just a few of the ways that the Commission on Special Ministries can partner with a church or classroom to reach out to share the love of Jesus with the people in our communities. Our District Commission is passionate about partnering with you in communicating Christ’s compassion.

This Christmas season will be a great way to consider how that can be done. WELS Congregational Services is partnering with WELS Commission on Special Ministries to offer ideas and resources as to how we might share the love of Jesus Christ. See wels.net/c18 to for more details. And just so you know, here is a list of the people serving our PNW district. Keep them in your prayers as we strive to work together to communicate Christ’s compassion ... for the generations to come!

Pacific Northwest District Committee members are:

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Rev. Robb Robbert: Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, AK -- Andy Liebig: Military Services, AK
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Respectfully submitted,

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