

## Ministry of Christian Giving

WELS Ministry of Christian Giving serves on behalf of the Conference of Presidents to encourage every WELS member to excel in the grace of giving through Christ. It is our privilege to help God's people offer gifts to Jesus for his work in their congregations, synod, and WELS-affiliated ministries. The MCG manages funding from two main areas: Congregational Mission Offerings (CMO) and direct gifts to WELS.

Over the past biennium, the MCG...

- Contracted a consulting firm, Bentz Whaley Flessner (BWF), to review the MCG.
- Oversaw CMO and encouraged 98% of WELS churches to participate. In 2021, congregations set new records with their offerings for the honor and glory of Jesus.
- Encouraged funding initiatives across the synod through programs such as "Equipping Christian Witnesses" and local giving.

Over the next biennium, the MCG...

- Will work with the Board for Home Missions to fund 100 new missions in 10 years.
- Will work to connect more pastors, congregations and individuals to the resources that are produced by the MCG.

We thank the leaders of the MCG and all of our WELS congregations who have worked faithfully throughout the past years to be generous givers and good stewards of the resources the Lord of the Church has entrusted to our care.

## Communication Services

Communication Services works together with the Conference of Presidents to communicate the mission of the WELS to the members of our congregations through various media.

Over the past biennium, Communication Services...

- Produce printed and digital resources such *Forward in Christ*, WELS Connection, "Together" and the MCG's annual report.

Over the next biennium, Communication Services...

- Will provide resources and opportunities for upcoming WELS events.
- Will publish media that informs and promotes the WELS Church Extension Fund, WELS Foundation, WELS Investment Funds and Congregational Mission Offerings.

We thank Communication Services for developing content and communicating the many ministries of our synod to the congregations and members within the WELS. In your prayers, remember all those who serve behind the scenes so that the good news of the gospel can be communicated clearly and effectively.

## Congregational Services Summary

WELS Congregational Services exists to encourage and equip congregations for faithful and fruitful gospel ministry. Six commissions—Congregational Counseling, Discipleship, Evangelism, Lutheran Schools, Special Ministries, and Worship—serve by identifying needs in our churches and schools and providing resources, training and personnel to meet those needs.

Over the past biennium, Congregational Services...

- Provided onsite opportunities for churches and schools to evaluate their ministries and plan for the future.
- Produced online resources to help churches share the gospel.
- Offered ministry training to called workers and lay people.
- Assisted congregations by providing guidance for special ministry needs
- Facilitated conferences and gatherings for WELS members.

Over the next biennium, Congregational Services...

- Will produce and provide resources for upcoming training seminars for our churches and schools.
- Encourages you and your congregation to reach out with your needs.

Thank Congregational Services for their tireless efforts to build healthy churches and schools and improve our existing ministries. Ask our gracious God to give wisdom and understanding, insight and foresight to these leaders and our congregations in our service to Christ and his Church.