

**KANSAS DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD**  
**Kansas District Office Building**

Highlights of the regular and call meetings of the Board of Directors of The Kansas District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod held in Topeka, Kansas on January 28 and January 29, 2005

A quorum being present at each meeting, the meetings were called to order.

**Executive Director Position**

Having received word of the declination of the call previously extended, the Call Committee met prior to the Board call meeting but did not reach a consensus on any single candidate to be presented to the Board. The remaining candidates all consented to having their names remain for consideration and have strengths in either traditional DCE ministry (Education and Youth) or Parochial Education. After discussion, the Board was led in prayer seeking God's guidance in our considerations. Following a run off ballot, the Board decided that a simple majority of votes would constitute election to the office. Jim Bradshaw received the majority of votes. A motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Bradshaw to serve as the Executive Director for Education and Youth for the Kansas District (**ADOPTED**). The Board joined in singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." A motion was made and seconded to destroy the ballots (**ADOPTED**). We now await Bradshaw's consideration of the call.

**Treasurer's Report**

Congregational Receipts were 95.2% of Budget projections for 2004. Translated to real dollars, the 2004 fiscal year actual receipts were \$102,499 less than the previous year.

One pledging congregation has not remitted anything for 2004; 22 non-pledging congregations did send in contributions; there are 7 non-pledging, non-contributing congregations.

The Synodical Pledge, which represents 30.2% of total expenses, is 95.2% of Budget projections. This pledge stands at 42% of congregational receipts.

Income for 2004 exceeded expenses by \$50,998. However, it should be noted, that we did not have the expense of an Education/Youth Executive Director for 2004.

**Board of Missions**

Rev. Gary Rueter, Executive Director of Missions and Stewardship shared some further thoughts in retrospect of his Sabbatical regarding Kansas City mission activities.

**Board of Parish Education**

The Board heard a number of reports on various Task Force activities and events.

**Board of Administration**

Acknowledged the gifts received the previous quarter with the following designations: Guinea Mission; Rural/Small Town Ministry; Grace, KC; KCK Inner City Missions; Ks. District Endowment; Seminary Scholarships

Adopted a resolution increasing the District reimbursement for use of personal vehicles for authorized District purposes from 32 to 35 cents per mile.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the potential sale of the Arkansas retreat facility. It is anticipated that the proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase or construction of a facility in Kansas.

**LCEF Board of Managers Report**

Ratified loans approved the previous quarter to: Christ the King, Salina.

The Laborers for Christ trailer has been replaced. LCEF and the Kansas District participated equally in the cost of the new trailer.

Larry Crume, LCEF VP provided updates on loan or construction activity with the following schools or congregations: Bethany, Overland Park; Faith, Derby; Grace, KC; Hope, Shawnee.

**Board of Caring Ministry**

It was noted that the Kansas Association of Chaplains recently designated Rocky Mease as "Kansas Chaplain of the Year" for 2004.

No Resolutions were presented for Board action.

### **Executive Council**

Three congregations submitted constitutions for approval.

On recommendation of the Constitution Review Committee the Board:

Adopted a resolution approving the revised constitution of Trinity, Leavenworth.

Adopted a resolution approving the revised constitution of Trinity, Parsons.

Adopted a resolution requesting one constitution be returned for further review and resubmission.

### **Board of Stewardship**

Adopted a resolution authorizing a Kansas Lay Leadership Training Institute Sunday for the purpose of informing congregations about the ministry of the Kansas Lay Leadership Training Institute.

Adopted a resolution authorizing adjustments to the 2005 operating budget approved in October, 2004.

### **Other Business**

Heard remarks by Dr. LeRoy Wilke, Executive Director of District & Congregational Services, LCMS.

President Kohlmeier reported that the Lay Ministry/Deacon training has not only undergone a name change (Kansas Lay Leadership Training Institute), but a shift in focus. Credentialing for Word and Sacrament ministry will be understood as a part of the Institute's mission, but the larger mission will be to offer Lay Leadership training to all who are interested in an in-depth study of Scriptures, Confessions and practical ministry subjects.

Adopted a motion authorizing Pres. Kohlmeier to negotiate an appointment to fill the position of Director of the Lay Leadership Training Institute following Jim Jorns' retirement.