

## KANSAS DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

### Topeka, Kansas

Highlights of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Kansas District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod held in Topeka, Kansas on October 29, 2005.

#### Treasurer's Report

The financial summary for the quarter ended October 15, 2005 was reviewed.

##### Income-

District Congregational Receipts collections are 68.7% of the budget projections. The fiscal year to date receipts is \$6,412 more than the previous year.

Congregational receipts are short of pledges by approximately 0.6% or \$6,516.

Congregation	#	\$ Pledge	\$ Receipt	Variance
Pledge & Receipt	130	\$1,173,026	\$ 1,091,870	\$ -81,156
No Pledge & Receipt	19	-	\$ 76,290	\$ 76,290
Pledge & No Receipt	2	\$ 1,650	-	\$ - 1,650

The remaining Income items are 77.2% of budget projections.

##### Expense

The Synodical pledge is 42% of congregational receipts. The remaining expense is 69.1% of budget projections. Staff Salaries are at 73.0% of budget projections. Travel expense is 56.5% of budget projections.

#### Board of Missions

Adopted a resolution to begin the process of calling a Campus Missionary to serve western Kansas educational institutions.

Agreed to temporarily fund an interim campus ministry program at KSU, Manhattan.

Adopted a resolution with respect to support for urban ministries.

Adopted a resolution that the Kansas District Board of Directors commit itself to support an Hispanic Missionary for Kansas in 2006.

#### Board of Parish Education

Reviewed a draft of *District Youth Protection Policy and Guidelines* (on District sponsored youth events) – The BOE affirmed the Youth Committee's work and will re-examine the policy and guidelines before the January 27, 2006 Board meeting.

Media Library – Heard a report on the review of the Media Library.

Al Gunderman Memorial Grant Program – One application has been received to date. January 27, 2006 is the deadline for receiving additional applications.

#### Board of Administration

Adopted a resolution to acknowledge gifts received and designated to the following: Guinea Partnership, Guinea Theological Educator, Kansas District Missions, Scholarship Endowment, Hurricane Katrina – TDR, Lay Leadership, Dr. Kristin Schmaltz Medical Fund, Education Loan Repayment Grants, The Lutheran Hour, Laborers for Christ, Lutheran Braille Workers.

Adopted a resolution to establish the housing allowances for 2006.

Adopted a resolution to request distribution of the cash surrender value of a life insurance contract with proceeds to be designated in accordance with the donor's intent.

Adopted a resolution to authorize the District President of the Kansas District to execute documents required to sell the property located in Garden City, Kansas (La Santa Cruz).

Adopted a resolution authorizing the account signers for all District checking and investment accounts.

Adopted a resolution to use funds from the 2004 Synodical Convention refund for the 2006 Circuit Counselors conference rather than assessing congregations for the cost.

District Retreat Center – Results of survey from the Professional Church Workers (PCW) are being tabulated.

The dedication of the Wetzel cabin as planned during the PCW conference did not occur. The cabin is not yet ready for public display.

### **LCEF Board of Managers Report**

Past and pending loans were reviewed:

Trinity, Leavenworth; Bethany, Overland Park; Grace, Kansas City; Messiah, Hays; Holy Cross, Dodge City; Immanuel, Herington; First, Paola; Risen Savior, Wichita; First, Phillipsburg; Zion, Latimer (elevator); Immanuel, Wichita; St. Paul, Haven.

LCEF Interest Rates- increased on majority of investments. LCEF is offering a special 18 month note to generate new investments to meet anticipated loan demand.

Cost of Funds for November increased to 4.125%. This means that the borrowing rate for congregations on a monthly, quarterly or annual adjustable loan is 5.625%.

Delinquent Loans: Overall, the loan portfolio is in good shape.

LCEF “Futures” Committee is looking at the future vision and structure of LCEF. Home Equity Committee is looking at how we can better serve our Rostered Church Workers with loan products and services.

### **Board of Caring Ministry**

Adopted a resolution to renew the call to Rev. Rocky Mease as Executive Chaplain of the Kansas District for another three year term.

The Board presented four Overtures to be submitted to the 2006 District Convention.

Mr. Mark Brewer was introduced as the Targeted District Response Volunteer Coordinator. Reviewed a presentation on the ongoing disaster response in the Slidell, LA. The Kansas District is coordinating relief activities with the Oklahoma District.

### **Salary Review Committee**

Reviewed the 2006 District staff salary proposal that includes the figures relating to the adoption of “The Church’s Plan” offered by Concordia Plan Services.

Adopted a resolution to adopt the 2006 District Salary proposal as presented in the 2006 Budget.

Adopted a resolution to encourage the Executive Staff to review and affirm the personnel manual which has officially been approved by the District in Convention.

The committee also discussed the Kansas District salary guidelines. Further review is necessary.

### **Executive Council**

Adopted resolutions for the approval of constitution revisions submitted by the congregations of Zion, Chanute; Grace, Iola; Faith, Topeka; Faith, Emporia and Trinity, Salina.

### **Board of Stewardship**

Adopted a resolution to designate the 2006 Ash Wednesday Offering for both the Educational Loan Repayment Fund and Student Financial Aid.

Adopted a resolution to alter the 2005 Budget to reallocate approved line items to other departments.

Adopted a resolution to accept the proposed Budget for 2006 with several modifications to the Budget as originally proposed.

**President's Report-**

The work of the Bylaw and Handbook Task Force is proceeding. A recommendation should be ready for the 2006 District Convention.

Discussed the status of Camp Tomah Shinga.

UPCOMING EVENTS - 2006

January 9 - 11	Theological Convocation - Wichita
June 8 - 10	KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION - Topeka
October 12 - 14	ABLAZE Conference – Wichita