

**\* SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT \***

Called Worker Call Activity & Complete Assignment Listings:  
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Pastors

Summary: 4 Calls out in our District.

Teachers

Summary: 10 Calls out in our District.

Congregation mission offering update 2006

- Sent in by our District (5 months) - \$1,133,203 (97%).
- Sent in from the 12 Districts - \$7,560,368 (105%).

*“Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves,  
so that when it is gone,  
you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings”  
Luke 16:9.*

Walking Together Update

As of June 14, \$213,976 has been sent in to the WELS from both individual donors and congregations as a whole. **Praise be to God for these and future gifts toward the work done in His name!**



*We are the WELS...Proclaiming Peace Through Jesus  
For Every Soul Is A Treasure!*

Check out: [WhatAboutJesus.com](http://WhatAboutJesus.com)

*And,*

*If members of your family will be heading off to college,  
register them also at [www.wels.net/cm](http://www.wels.net/cm)  
so we can keep in contact with them as well.*

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***EVERY SOUL IS A TREASURE***

SCHOOLS' "CALL DAYS" BROADCAST OVER WEB

This past May, people from the United States and 17 other countries were able to watch graduation and assignment services from Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., and vicar assignment and pastor assignment services from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., live over the Internet at <http://streams.wels.net>.

The live video coverage was broadcast on Streams, WELS' biblically-based, interactive, Internet media network. This was the inaugural program for Streams as well as the first time these services have been shown online. The services were popular. One hundred forty-five viewed the graduation service and 300 the assignment service at the college. Two hundred sixty watched live streaming of the vicar assignment service and 490 the pastor assignment service at the seminary.

This fall will mark the official debut of the Streams network, which has been in the planning stages for a couple of years and was supported by the 2005 synod convention. Streams will include live and downloadable programming meant to educate, inform, and inspire. This programming may include workshops, training initiatives, news updates, Bible studies, and other live broadcasts of synod events. The Streams site also hosts "Radio WELS," a sampling of music from Christian singers and choirs.

"In a world of instant communication, we have to be prepared to utilize the God-given tools, and one of these is the Internet . . .," says Steve Zambo, WELS media director. "[Web broadcasting] can be a way for us to create a first line of communication with ourselves—to make sure that we encourage and strengthen each other—but also a first line of communication to those seeking their Savior both here in the United States and around the world."

### **MULTI-LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS CELEBRATES 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

This summer marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WELS Multi-Language Publications. The program and its committee were established by the Board for World Missions to provide a comprehensive listing and to assist in the production of confessional Christian literature or other mass-media in the languages of countries where WELS is working and in other areas or language groups where we may never work. The goal is to use the printed word to reach out way beyond available manpower to bring many more people to faith in Jesus. Since 1996, the total print count has been more than one million copies in 40 different languages.

Multi-Language Publications has involved the work of many people in cross-cultural missions in the United States and other countries. These people have aided the development of books, pamphlets, CDs, and videos that have been distributed around the globe, many times by mission agencies of other church bodies. They have also conducted workshops and seminars on translation, English as a Second Language, Sunday school, writing, and Bible storying (verbally telling Bible stories).

Multi-Language Publications plans to move forward with a focus on materials for the 60 percent of the world's population considered illiterate. Also, whereas past materials were meant for evangelism and instruction, next they would like to release doctrinally-focused literature to serve as a foundation for future generations.

*Learn more about the ministry of Multi-Language Publications in the August issue of Forward in Christ.*

### **ENDOWMENT FUND EMPHASIS INTRODUCED AT CONVENTIONS**

As directed by the 2005 Synod Convention, WELS Ministry of Christian Giving in partnership with WELS Foundation has begun emphasizing giving towards two \$150 million endowment funds. The emphasis was rolled out in June at the district conventions by Christian giving counselors. They will follow up with training at the local level to help members understand the benefits of synodical endowment funds as well as endowments for churches.

There are two main funds, WELS Ministerial Education

Endowment and WELS Missions Endowment. The Ministerial Education Endowment has a sub-fund for each of WELS' four ministerial education schools. The Missions Endowment Fund has two sub-funds—one each for home and world missions.

WELS' endowment funds should provide financial stability, during fluctuations in the economy and inflation, to ministry programs depending on continuous and predictable financial support.

*To learn more, visit [www.wels.net/foundation](http://www.wels.net/foundation) and click on "Gift Planning Tools for You."*

### **WELS.NET OFFERS VARIETY OF E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

WELS.net offers free e-mail subscriptions to a variety of devotions, prayers, news items, regularly published newsletters, and e-mail discussion groups. See a listing online at [www.wels.net/jump/subscribe](http://www.wels.net/jump/subscribe). Select a topic, then visit the page and use the "Subscribe" box in the upper right of the Web page to enter your e-mail address. These pages also contain archives of past content. Here are some highlights of what's available:

- **Devotions:** A general daily devotion or one designed for teens is sent Monday through Friday. A weekly e-mail is available for college students.
- **Prayers:** Receive an e-mail with a daily prayer and a short list of requests Monday through Friday. Or subscribe to a monthly printable calendar page of daily prayer requests submitted by WELS called workers around the world.
- **Evangelism Tips:** *Proclaim!* is released bi-weekly with Bible-based, practical tips for sharing your faith.
- **News:** Communication Services puts out timely WELS News Releases on a regular basis. Learn what's happening in our home and world mission fields through the electronic version of the quarterly *Mission Connection* publication.
- **Other:** Worship helps, education opportunities, monthly interest rates from Church Extension Funds . . . take a look to see what interests you.

Holy spirit, move us to be on fire  
With the gospel. Amen.