

BOARD BULLETINS: AUGUST 2017

The English District Board of Directors met August 11–12, 2017, in St. Louis, MO. Meeting sessions were hosted by Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church. While at the church, Board members were able to see the LERT emergency relief trailer that the congregation has based on its grounds, which is now ready for deployment to areas where natural disasters take place.

Board members spent the first portion of their session by meeting with Synod leaders: President Matthew Harrison, Vice-President Christopher Esget, and Chief Mission Officer Kevin Robson. This was part of the triennial visitations that the Synod leadership has with the Boards of Directors from each of the Synod's Districts. Pres. Harrison presented information from the booklet *District Visitation: 2017–2019* to the Board. Board members were able both to offer observations and ask questions of the Synod guests concerning the Synod's life together.

The Board learned about two youth servant event retreats that took place during the summer at Prince of Peace - Medina, OH, and Redeemer - Lincoln, NE. Nik Locker of 516 Ministries reported on the events and how they may become models for similar activities in other LCMS Districts.

Various actions were taken by the Board during its session:

- Appropriating a \$3,589 refund received from the Synod due to convention savings as an additional gift to the District's pledge to the Synod.
- Approving two grant proposals made by the Endowment Fund Board of Managers, totaling \$3,500.
- Appointing Rev. Brian Westgate and Rev. Michael Brown to fill two vacancies on the District Committee on Nominations.
- Establishing the 2018 salary compensation for President Hardy.
- Approving a sale proposal of the former Bethany - Chicago, IL property.

The Board also conducted some initial work on activities that will be completed at future meetings:

- Analyzing preliminary budget assumptions for the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 2019 and a preliminary budget drafted according to those assumptions.
- Discussing the planned agenda for the 2018 District Convention.
- Aligning visitation and electoral circuits.

The Board of Directors will hold its next meeting on November 3–4, 2017 at Prince of Peace - Medina, OH.