

BOARD BULLETINS: MAY 2017

The English District Board of Directors met May 15–16, 2017. Meeting sessions were held at Ascension of Christ - Beverly Hills, MI and Grace - Redford, MI.

Every year, the May session of the Board includes receiving a report of the annual audit of the District's financial records conducted by auditors from the Synod. Treasurer Sally Naglich presented the results of that audit to the Board. During her discussion of the audit report, Treasurer Naglich informed Board members of how some internal control processes were being adjusted and changes to financial statement categories are being made to bring the District in line with newly adopted not-for-profit corporation rules. The audit report was accepted by the Board.

The May session also includes a longer manpower report of congregations within the District due to the annual Spring Placement of candidates from the Synod seminaries. Bishop Hardy informed the Board of the candidates being sent to the District and the congregations that they will serve.

Bishop Hardy also informed the Board of three Circuit Visitor appointments that were made during the past quarter:

- Circuit #3 (Florida): Rev. William Douthwaite, replacing Rev. Jeffrey Webb.
- Circuit #9 (Cleveland- Akron): Rev. James Gau, replacing Rev. Ryan Beffrey.
- Circuit #19 (Arizona-North): Rev. Nick Wirtz, replacing Rev. Steve DeSanto.

Among the various actions taken by the Board were:

- Disbursing an additional \$10,000 from the District Endowment Fund to help reduce church worker indebtedness.
- Approving several proposed bylaw changes to be submitted to the 2018 District Convention for adoption.
- Granting limited loan approval authority to the LCEF District Vice-President.
- Allocating \$2,000 of grant money from the District Endowment Fund earnings to issue \$40 rebates to the first 50 District congregations that purchase the "Every One His Witness" program material from Concordia Publishing House.
- Allocating \$2,000 of grant money from the District Endowment Fund earnings to the campus ministry at Arizona State University that is being conducted in collaboration with Family of Christ - Phoenix, AZ.
- Approving an agreement between the District and the LCMS Foundation to hire a planned giving counselor who will work with District congregations and their members.

The Board will hold its next meeting August 11–12, 2017 at Chapel of the Cross - St. Louis, MO. That session will include receiving visitation from the Synod President and other representatives from the Synod.