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## **Is Your Church Insurance Up-to-Date?**

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Dear clergy and lay leaders,

Last week fire engulfed the oldest Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, a devastating loss for the congregation of Trinity Evangelical Missouri Synod. As you may know, we in the Wisconsin Conference have suffered several major church fires just in the past few decades, most recently the total loss of the Plymouth UCC church in Eau Claire. Fortunately, no one was injured AND the congregation was insured by the United Church of Christ Insurance Board. The coverage was comprehensive, and Keuler Insurance (our agent for the Wisconsin Conference) responded immediately and provided excellent service.

In the case of Plymouth UCC the insurance covered full replacement value, additional costs for code upgrades, \$50,000 toward green energy efforts, and adequate coverage for lost revenue and relocation expenses. Despite the stress of this experience, the Rev. David Huber reports great relief and immense appreciation for the UCC Insurance plan. Plymouth UCC will move into their new sanctuary in late summer!

Friends, I want to encourage you to make sure your church property and liability insurance is up-to-date and that your coverage is sufficient. If you are interested in exploring a competitive bid through the Insurance Board (which provides coverage to UCC congregations as well as three other denominations) please [review this flyer](#) for more information, and contact Kandy Keuler ([kkeuler@keulerinsurance.com](mailto:kkeuler@keulerinsurance.com) or 608-987-2832). She will also staff a booth in the exhibit area at our Annual Meeting in June, and you are invited to bring a copy of your current insurance for comparison. Under the leadership of CEO Tim Harris, the Insurance Board continues to grow and provide exceptional coverage for our congregations.

The Insurance Board also provides many related services at reduced costs, including background checks, safe conduct guidelines, boiler inspections, etc. Here is a link to their website: [www.insuranceboard.org](http://www.insuranceboard.org).

Blessings,

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