



BOARD BULLETINS

November 2018



The English District Board of Directors met November 8–9, 2018. Meetings were held at the Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King in West Bloomfield, MI, and the English District Office in Farmington, MI.

The Board welcomed DCE Rod Lane from Redeemer - Lincoln, NE as a Board member. He had been appointed at the August 2018 meeting to fulfill the vacant Commissioned Minister position.

President Hardy's report to the Board included several new developments within the District:

- Appointment of Rev. Dr. Michael Morehouse as Circuit Visitor for Circuit #20 (Arizona-South), replacing Rev. Dr. Vernon Schindler who resigned from that position.
- News about a potential new mission congregation in Clarksburg, WV.
- Information on congregations and pastors from outside The LCMS seeking membership.

He also reported about the four regional pastoral conferences held this fall and the increased level of participation at those conferences. Board members also received updates concerning properties in Chicago being ceded to the District by congregations nearing the end of their life cycles.

As is usual for November sessions, the Board meeting primarily focused on fiscal matters:

- Adopting the Ministry Plan (Budget) for the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 2020.
- Ratifying a \$10,000 grant from the District Endowment Fund to Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries to support the Holy Cross Lutheran Mission Church plant in the Hazelwood neighborhood of Pittsburgh.
- Using Endowment Fund earnings as budgeted amounts for various ministries during the current fiscal year: Redeemer Crisis Center - \$5,000; Scholarships - \$17,500; Campus Ministries - \$16,400; Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission Partnership - \$2,000.
- Designating congregational assessments not used in 2018 towards future conferences and conventions.

The other major business item conducted by the Board was adoption of eight End Statements that express the Board's priorities to guide President Hardy's work besides his mandated duties:

1. The English District will be a model for the Synod in funding new missions and missionaries by our congregations participating in the Dollar for Missions (1-1-1) funding model.
2. The English District helps its congregations become and remain healthy.
3. Our congregations raise up church workers.
4. Christian education is integrated into serving people of all ages.
5. Our church workers and their families benefit from wellness resources.
6. Our congregations exercise Christian care of college and university students.
7. Our youth and young adults are engaged in the ministries of our congregations, District, and Synod.
8. Our congregations collaborate on new missions and ministries.

Board members also met with representatives from congregations of the Detroit-North, Detroit-South, and Western Michigan Circuits during the evening of November 8.

The next meeting of the Board will be February 19–20, 2019, at Catalina Lutheran Church - Tucson, AZ.