



Special Constituency Report

Delegates reaffirm strong support of Wisconsin Academy

Whether or not to continue a special subsidy to Wisconsin Academy was the main agenda item at the special constituency Nov. 7 at WA. By an overwhelming majority, delegates voted to reaffirm their strong support of the school.

The need for a special subsidy stems from projected low enrollment over the next few years. Currently enrollment stands at 105, down from last year's 114.

"This nation is an aging nation," Conference President **Arnold Swanson** noted. "We are probably not going to reach a 200 enrollment [WA's goal] in the near future."

The academy expects to remain at around 100 students for some time. To break even, an estimated enrollment of 155 is needed.

Wisconsin Conference has provided WA with a special subsidy of roughly \$100,000 a year since 1990. Funds not raised in the Wisconsin Budget Offering must come from other areas, thus depleting conference resources.

Report on academy

WA principal **Steve Brown** reported on recent student outreach activities. Twice monthly the entire student body is involved in community service as part of Bible classes, with

Voted, by a quorum

of 155 church delegates and 52 delegates at large, the following points concerning Wisconsin Academy:

- That Wisconsin Conference continue to give special financial assistance to Wisconsin Academy for the 1994-95 school year.
- That delegates, local elders and stewardship secretaries who are not delegates be encouraged to be active in supporting and promoting the Wisconsin Budget Offering of 2% of income, along with promoting a total program of stewardship.
- That a special constituency meeting be called again on Nov. 6, 1994, to review this matter and to transact other business as may properly come before the delegates.
- That the Lake Union be requested to survey the academy situation and make recommendations.

highly favorable community response.

Students may also participate in four mission trips this year; seniors have voted to make their class trip a

mission project.

Brown also described extensive recruitment efforts. Out of 270 potential students contacted, he noted, 104 students chose to attend public schools.

Delegates respond

Several delegates expressed their personal support of Wisconsin Academy. "We want very much to support [WA]," said a Janesville member.

"I think we have something here that we can say 'Praise the Lord' for!" Pastor **Wendell Springer**, Portage district, said. Delegates applauded.

Elder **Fred Stephan**, Lake Union education director and former WA principal, gave a historical perspective.

"Those were crucial days," he said of earlier times of financial stress at the school, "and we worked through them."

"These kids are looking for something good," Stephan continued. "They want to serve the Lord. Most of our schools are doing far more witnessing than most of our churches."

After a brief discussion period, delegates voted on several points concerning Wisconsin Academy (see inset.) Fox Lake delegate **Ed Sajdak** reminded the group of their priorities:

"When the Lord comes," Sajdak said, "He's not going to want to know the financials. He's going to be interested in the souls."

Evangelism is working, notes president



“Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hand be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that . . .” Eccl.

11:6. These verses were fulfilled once again, **Elder Swanson** noted, in the recent major evangelistic thrust held in the Milwaukee area.

“We tried many different things, and each community responded differently,” the president said. Eight evangelists conducted eight crusades during the past summer and fall

months. Members from the ten area churches strongly supported the meetings, and new members or new interests are now found in every church. Before the year ends, nearly 150 new members will have joined these churches.

Baptisms and professions of faith (250 in 1991, 206 in 1992) equal the average of recent years. Missing and apostatized members during this time, however, have been more than double the average in recent years (209 in 1991, 288 in 1992).

In spite of the drop in membership (5,878 in Dec. 1992 from 6,017 in Dec. 1990), Swanson noted, the conference does show a tithe gain (see Treasurer's report, below).

Treasurer reports tithe gain



Conference Treasurer **Ken Wright** commended delegates for the 4.1% tithe gain through Sept., 1993.

“This is the highest gain of any Lake Union conference,” he noted.

Giving to Wisconsin Budget as a percentage of income is higher here than in the other Lake Union conferences, he said. Wisconsin members gave 57 cents to Wisconsin Budget for every \$100 of income last year, an average of \$36.42 per member.

Currently 85% of Wisconsin Budget goes to Wisconsin Academy. Because of the crucial need for additional support of WA, Wright chal-

lenged delegates to “give just a quarter a day” to Wisconsin Budget. This would increase average per member giving to \$91.00 per year. Better yet, he said, “Join me and my wife in giving 2% of income to Wisconsin Budget.”

As of Sept. 30, 1993, the conference Operating Fund balance was considerably more than the budgeted figure for the same period. Also encouraging is the fact that the major conference expense—pastor/Bible worker salaries and allowances—is under budget as of Sept. 30.

Year-end financial reports for 1991 and 1992 showed operating gains; we anticipate an operating gain for 1993 as well, Wright said.

Nine Steps Taken to Reduce Operating Costs in Wisconsin Conference

1. Pastoral staff has been gradually reduced. (35 pastors 15 years ago compared to 20 full-time equivalents today).
2. A ministerial director and an associate who took calls out of Wisconsin were not replaced.
3. Two department directors pastor churches on a part-time basis.
4. An extremely heavy load has been placed on the Church Ministries Director, including Adult Ministries, Children's Ministries, Earliteen and Youth Ministries, Family Life Ministries, Community Services, Prison Ministries, Health/Temperance, and ASI.
5. No seminary interns are currently sponsored.
6. While a larger Executive Committee has added costs, the committee now meets only every other month.
7. The gift of a partial salary from an out-of-state member was accepted in order to place a pastor at the LaCrosse and Hylandale churches without incorporating these churches into a five- or six-church district.
8. Chippewa Valley Hospital provides a portion of the area pastor's salary, as he works as part-time pastor and part-time hospital chaplain.
9. Ministerial councils and teachers' meetings are held at the conference office rather than elsewhere.

Milwaukee Hispanic churches hold baptism

One didn't have to speak Spanish to understand the significance of the baptism held Oct. 30 in Milwaukee's indoor Pulaski Pool. Eighteen people were baptized following crusades held this summer and fall by the four Milwaukee area Hispanic churches.

A poolside concert opened the evening, with songs by **Thony Escotto**, also known as "Tio Daniel" on the Spanish Story Hour radio broadcast; young **Kelly Lauren Razzouk**; and **Saily Guerra**, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Orlando Vazquez.

Performing the baptisms were Elder **Luis E. Leonor**, Lake Union vice president; **Pastor Vazquez**; Conference Trust Services Director **Richard**

Habenicht; Evangelist **Miguel Aldonia**, president of the Nicaragua Mission; and pastors **Elias Correa** and **Winston Simpson**, also from Nicaragua. The three Nicaraguan guests led the Milwaukee crusades.

More baptisms are expected as a result of these crusades, said Pastor Vazquez.

When asked why he had chosen to be baptized, nine-year-old **Isaac**



Mercado, Racine Spanish, stated simply: "Because I know Jesus."

Women's retreat draws non-SDAs

Over 250 women attended the 5th Annual Wisconsin Women's Retreat Oct. 15-17 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Several participants were non-SDA, according to **Aileen Patton**, one of the retreat planners.

"We had many interesting comments afterward," Patton said. One wary guest, for example, had gently told her SDA hosts not to be offended if she left during the meetings.

However, Patton continued, this same woman was so drawn by the speakers that it was *she* who made sure her roommates showed up for every meeting on time!

Retreat guest speaker was **Barbara Nelson**, who is active in women's ministries in Portland, OR.

Members leave for two mission trips

About 20 Wisconsin members have volunteered for two mission trips to the Dominican Republic. Both are part of Operation Amigo, the Lake Union's church- and school- building project in its sister union.

Lake Union ASI members (six from Wisconsin) left Nov. 18 for San Francisco de Macoris. With **Fred Miller**, Madison East, as construction superintendent, the group started work on a new school.

Youth Director **Dale Ziegele** takes a Lake Union youth group of 20 to the same building site Dec. 8-22. Thirteen volunteers are from Wisconsin; five are students at Wisconsin Academy. **Don Evans**, Clearwater Lake, will supervise the construction crew.

"This is one of the most positive, life-changing experiences a young person can have," said Elder Ziegele.

As of October, Wisconsin members had raised \$14,094.97 for

Operation Amigo--nearly enough to build three of the five churches planned in the North Dominican, Wisconsin's sister conference.

Recently grades 1-3 at **Petersen Elementary School** in Columbus raised \$457.27 for Operation Amigo by baking and selling cookies.

Please note: A special Operation Amigo offering will be taken Dec. 11. Unless otherwise marked, all funds collected will go toward the LUC school-building project.



WISCONSIN BUDGET OFFERING

PERCENTAGES BY CHURCHES

CHURCH	GOAL FOR 1993	CHURCH GOAL THRU SEPTEMBER	AMOUNT REC THRU SEPTEMBER	Percent of Goal
Fish Creek	1,071	803	1,219	151.77%
Oxford	5,717	4,287	5,186	120.97%
Wisconsin Conference	17,759	13,320	16,031	120.35%
Frederic	5,295	3,971	4,772	120.17%
Reedsburg	2,757	2,067	2,452	118.58%
Eau Claire	5,114	3,835	4,209	109.74%
Sturgeon Bay	2,907	2,180	2,331	106.91%
Chippewa Falls	2,142	1,606	1,640	102.09%
Superior	3,202	2,402	2,427	101.07%
Watertown	3,092	2,319	2,309	99.55%
Rhineland	6,226	4,669	4,360	93.39%
Almond	5,431	4,074	3,674	90.20%
Crandon	517	388	349	89.96%
Beaver Dam	2,947	2,210	1,843	83.38%
Baraboo	2,713	2,034	1,578	77.55%
Stevens Point	5,546	4,159	3,138	75.44%
Janesville	3,195	2,396	1,789	74.67%
Evansville	2,119	1,589	1,172	73.72%
Marshfield	8,109	6,082	4,331	71.21%
Rice Lake	8,567	6,425	4,441	69.12%
Wisconsin Acad.	18,741	14,056	9,375	66.70%
Delavan	5,830	4,373	2,600	59.45%
Neenah-Fox Valley	13,153	9,865	5,772	58.52%
Spooner	853	640	365	57.11%
Sparta	801	601	335	55.80%
Antigo	2,489	1,867	1,037	55.53%
Milton	12,022	9,017	4,860	53.89%
Durand	2,680	2,010	1,052	52.35%
LaCrosse	4,858	3,644	1,830	50.22%
Madison	31,816	23,862	11,974	50.18%
Oakland	3,490	2,617	1,293	49.38%
Green Bay	25,472	19,104	9,076	47.51%
Merrill	1,544	1,158	532	45.97%
New London	3,496	2,622	1,196	45.60%
Waukesha	10,203	7,652	3,348	43.76%
Tomah	2,130	1,598	691	43.28%
Poy Sippi	1,970	1,477	632	42.77%
Galesville/Etrick	367	275	116	42.18%
Beloit	2,784	2,088	861	41.22%
Sheboygan	5,335	4,001	1,597	39.92%
Lena	8,055	6,042	2,405	39.80%
Oconto	2,182	1,637	639	39.03%
Menomonie	1,964	1,473	567	38.51%
Milwaukee Central	23,450	17,588	6,751	38.38%
Portage	4,958	3,719	1,303	35.04%

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CHURCH	GOAL FOR 1993	CHURCH GOAL THRU SEPTEMBER	AMOUNT REC THRU SEPTEMBER	Percent of Goal
Ashland	2,104	1,578	541	34.27%
Racine	3,919	2,939	982	33.40%
Moon	1,470	1,103	356	32.26%
Bethel	13,936	10,452	3,357	32.12%
Adams – Friendship	2,645	1,984	619	31.19%
Lakeland	3,108	2,331	691	29.62%
Pound	2,898	2,173	636	29.25%
Hylandale	2,581	1,936	555	28.66%
Wausau	6,226	4,670	1,338	28.64%
Prentice	236	177	50	28.22%
Raymond	6,894	5,170	1,445	27.94%
Hayward	2,186	1,639	457	27.89%
Madison Community	8,622	6,467	1,701	26.30%
Prairie du Chien	2,265	1,698	377	22.19%
Milw. S.E. Spanish	3,114	2,336	495	21.19%
Clearwater Lake	4,993	3,745	792	21.15%
Wisconsin Rapids	5,387	4,040	845	20.93%
Lancaster	2,230	1,673	325	19.43%
Gillett	3,124	2,343	455	19.41%
Shawano	2,972	2,229	417	18.70%
Milwaukee N.W.	12,286	9,215	1,686	18.29%
Richland Center	5,140	3,855	571	14.81%
Lake Country Co.	2,033	1,525	195	12.77%
Clear Lake	7,921	5,941	720	12.13%
Milw. N. Spanish	3,445	2,584	271	10.47%
Milwaukee C. Spanish	5,468	4,101	408	9.95%
Racine Spanish	4,122	3,091	250	8.07%
Kenosha	3,848	2,886	204	7.08%
Wautoma	527	395	22	5.57%
Alma Center	454	341	0	0.10%
Franklin	536	402	0	0.00%
Ladysmith	188	141	0	0.00%
Wittenberg Co.	508	381	0	0.00%

Youth Educational Scholarship Pilot Program

Last year, 33 Youth Educational Scholarships (Y.E.S.) were awarded to students who otherwise would not have been able to attend Wisconsin Academy. In order to receive a Y.E.S. scholarship, a student must meet the criteria below:

1. Maintain passing grades.
2. Cooperate fully with work/study program (students over 16 work in industry).
3. Uphold school standards and rules.

In addition, the recipient's parents must show a definite financial need and make regular monthly payments on their financial commitment.

It takes \$50-\$60,000 to cover one year's Y.E.S. funds. To do this, the 1993-94 pilot program asks families and individuals to consider donating \$100 or more per year to the annual Y.E.S. fund. Several members of the Y.E.S. Committee, K-12 Board, and Finance Committee have launched the fund with \$100 each.

This annual fund will be used for Y.E.S. scholarships only; it does **not** replace the need for sponsors. Individual sponsors will still be needed for some individual students.

If you would like to help--in any amount--please fill out the form below. Send your pledge form and contribution to your local church in a tithe envelope marked "Annual Y.E.S. Fund." The sooner donations are made, the sooner we'll know how many Y.E.S. scholarships can be awarded. Thank you!

Annual Y.E.S. Pledge Form

I/we, the undersigned, pledge \$_____ to be used in the Annual Youth Educational Scholarship Fund for the purpose of giving financial assistance to deserving students who wish to attend Wisconsin Academy. I/we plan to send this money:

- in a lump sum each year, to be paid on or before June 30.
- in ___ monthly payments of \$_____ each year.
- as a one-time gift of \$_____ this year only.

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Church membership: _____

Church Treasurer: Please send funds to Wisconsin Conference. Send **pledge forms only** to: Louise Legreid, Chair, Y.E.S. Committee, 726 N. Garfield Ave., Janesville, WI 53545.



ABC Bookmobile wraps up fall schedule

Sales are up! reports ABC Manager **Roy Hunt**. Support from pastors and church members has been fantastic, he adds.

Oct. 9-Nov. 28, Hunt and his wife **Earlenne** (pictured above) hauled the bookmobile around the state, making a total of 27 stops to local churches.

Hunt says one popular addition to the bookmobile was the food demonstration corner, where Earlenne offered samples and recipe suggestions for **Worthington** products.

Thankfully, says Hunt, the vehicle's only flat tire this season occurred in the conference office parking lot.

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Academy student LE program launched

"The student literature evangelism program at Wisconsin Academy is going well," reports leader **Bryan Gallant**. Seven students have visited over 6,000 homes, leaving Bible study cards at each door. The students earn an average of \$6-8 per hour toward their school bills.

Some items such as books, two-way radios (for safety) and help with traveling expenses are needed. If you can help, please call **Bryan Gallant** or **Steve Brown** at WA, 414/623-3300.

New format for budget report

The Wisconsin Budget Report in this month's LAMPLETTER has a new format. Rather than being listed by district, the churches are listed by rank.

The church at the top, **Fish Creek**, has raised 151% of its goal through September. Eight churches are presently on target toward this yearly goal.

"We hope each church will take seriously its responsibility to raise its portion of the amount required to meet our academy and evangelism needs," says Trust Services Director **Richard Habenicht**.

Announcements

• **SDA public school teachers:** Interested in a weekend retreat in which to share ideas and gain support for this special ministry?

Send your name and teaching grade level to **Kathy Beyreis**, Rt 2, Box 88, Birchwood, WI 54817.

• **SDA Singles Winter Retreat**, Dec. 10-12 at Camp Go Seek. Contact **Tonna Rosa**, (414) 484-3041.

• **Y.E.S. Chair Louise Legreid** wishes to thank the 61 people who have turned in Y.E.S. scholarship pledges! A pledge form is enclosed if you would like to participate.

• **Public high school students** interested in joining a mission trip, April 19-24, to the mountains of North Carolina should contact Pastor **Gaylan Herr** at WA, 414/623-4438.

Calendar

LUC Youth Project Amigo Trip Dec. 8-22

WA "Feast of Lights" Christmas Concert Dec. 10, 8 pm

Office, ABC closed Dec. 24, 31
Happy holidays!

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