

Lampletter

News for our Wisconsin church family

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

OCTOBER, 1990

Members of the Conference Lay Advisory came together for a special meeting on September 9 at Camp Go-Seek.

It was reported to the group that numerous outreach seminars had been conducted throughout the State this past spring by pastors and lay members alike. As a result of these and other outreach activities, **75 persons united with the Wisconsin Conference family by baptism and profession of faith** during this time. We thank the Lord for each of these new members and welcome them to the family. Several series of meetings are under way again this Fall. The most recent to open is the **Prophecy Seminar** being conducted by Elder Calvin Johnson at **Appleton**. About 60 non-members have been in attendance during the first week. Remember our evangelistic outreach meetings in your daily prayers.



A major concern addressed by the Advisory is the decline in enrollment at Wisconsin Academy during the past two years. Boarding academy enrollment has been declining in North America, and, along with sister institutions, Wisconsin Academy faces the challenge of operating in a large facility with only 100-120 students.

The Advisory agreed that the Wisconsin constituency would have to raise extra funds to cover the budgetary losses due to the decrease in enrollment for the 1989-1991 school years, but that a major budgetary adjustment would have to be made for the 1991-92 school year, unless the constituency should choose to raise and give special appropriations for the operation of the school.

Good news regarding education is that our K-10 enrollment shows a slight increase this year. 450 young people are enrolled in our church schools this school year compared to 431 last year, a **gain of 19**.

World conditions are ominous. Let's continue to stay close to our Lord and Saviour day by day, and let's be a part of the mission to which He has called us, for "the night cometh when no man can work."

We will be looking forward to seeing many of you at the **Town Hall meetings** scheduled during the next two months.

.....Arnold Swanson.....

The Chairman of the Farm Management Team reported on the Meeting of August 20.

VOTED to accept their partial recommendations as follows:

1. VOTED to recommend to the Conference Committee that a call be extended from Great Lakes Academy for Leroy Weinke and express appreciation for his two years of service.
2. VOTED to recommend to Conference Committee to invite Gary Davis from Rogersville, Missouri, to be Farm Manager at 150% salary rate.
3. VOTED to recommend to Conference Committee that Earl Witzel be acting farm manager on an interim basis. He will receive 10% additional salary during this time and when a farm manager is here, he will continue on as assistant farm manager at 140% salary rate.

VOTED to pass on a call to Terry Rusk from the Pacific Union Conference and express appreciation for his two years of service at Wisconsin Conference. The Pacific Union will be billed for 50% of his moving expense amortization.

VOTED to pass on a call to Eugene Taylor from Ireland and to express appreciation for his pastoral service to Wisconsin.

The president reported that the following pastorates are open: Richland Center, Clear Lake and the Moon church needs a pastor.

August 21, 1990, Corporation Board

Members Absent: Berton Crary, Emma Santiago

VOTED to approve the recommendation of the Trust Management Committee for the Milwaukee Spanish Southeast Church to attempt to get the seller to pay for the removal of the asbestos in the building they plan to purchase for a church. The Spanish Churches voted in business session to proceed with the purchase of this building after having reviewed a document presented them describing the various conditions of the building as well as the asbestos which would need to be removed or sealed.

VOTED to approve the listing and sale of the Baraboo Church for \$49,900. This was voted by the Baraboo Church in business meeting on August 16, 1990. Their letter is on file. If they were to sell the church, they would remodel the church school and worship in it. If the church school (which is up for sale) should sell first, they would then remodel their present church and use it for their worship services.

VOTED to approve the request of the Withee Church to sell their church building for \$6-7,000. This approval is subject to receiving a letter from the church in business session.

VOTED to deny the requests of the Conservative Baptist Church to lease Camp Wahdoon for a long-term period. They had requested a 10-year lease. They would have paid approximately \$7,500 per year, maintained the buildings and paid the insurance, taxes and other upkeep costs. It was felt that this amount was not enough to justify our facility being tied up for a long-term period.

HIGHLIGHTS OF WISCONSIN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

June 10, 1990, Held after the Lay Advisory Meeting

Members Absent: Berton Crary, Ron Gladden, Jeff Helsius, Donald Mann, Gene McClintock, Bonnie Wiedemann

VOTED to approve the concept of converting the boiler at WA from gas to wood chips subject to all details concerning feasibility and rebates to be worked out. A full report will be given to the Conference Committee concerning cost and funding at a later meeting.

June 26, 1990 Executive Committee

Absent: Gene McClintock, Bonnie Wiedemann

VOTED to review the security at campmeeting and to endeavor to get volunteer help to give adequate coverage.

VOTED to accept the verbal Farm Management Team Report as submitted by the FMT Chairman. He indicated that at the end of May they were milking 143 cows out of a total herd of 179. Their average production was 51.5 pound with a total rolling herd average of 15,359 pounds. The somatic cell count has climbed back up to 436,000. The rolling ME is 17,078. He has reported that they will be using some additional funds from Line of Credit possibly in the next month and a half. As of the date of the FMT meeting on June 25, they had \$1,510.64 in the bank and they had outstanding accounts payable that are current of \$6,456.18. They do have property taxes of approximately \$10,000 due but they will be receiving approximately \$10,000 for their pea harvest. The TMR (Total Mix Ration) is in process and it is felt that production will go up and hopefully, feed costs will go down. As of the end of May, the farm is showing an operating loss for the 11 months of \$8,149.95. There is a potential \$30-40,000 adjustment for crops in field as of June 30 that could make a variance. They are making their principle and interest payments to the Lake Union Revolving Fund and paying interest on their Line of Credit to the bank.

VOTED to approve the following Evangelism requests:

Janesville--\$2,897.40 (Revelation Seminar)
Marshfield--\$50.00 (Cooking School)
Marshfield--\$95.00 (How to Make Christ Real)
Clearwater Lake--\$352.00 (videos)
Oakland--\$950.00 (Kenneth Cox Crusade)
Madison Community--\$952.12 (Budget overrun for effort)
Waukesha--\$550.99 (Stress Seminar)
Milwaukee NW--\$1,250.00 (Seminar)

The above action has now clarified that there will be additional funds coming from the Church Planting Fund policy to assist with the purchase of a building for the Milwaukee Southeast Spanish Church. At this point, there will be an additional \$1,500 available from funds to purchase the building which the Wisconsin Corporation Board approved.

VOTED that the Wisconsin Academy Administration should study a plan to reduce expenses in personnel and plant and programs immediately. The personnel and Finance Committee will meet jointly this week to review these recommendations and put them into effect.

VOTED further to call a Lay Advisory Meeting on September 9, 1990, at 11:00 to meet with the K-12 Board and Conference Committee at Camp Go Seek to discuss this critical matter of approximately \$160,000 overrun for the 1991 budget due to expectations of only 130 students while the budget was planned on 160.

VOTED to change the date of the Constituency meeting previously voted to November 18, 1990, to accommodate the Lake Union Conference Officers.

The location will be at the Madison Seventh-day Adventist Church. The approved agenda is as follows:

1. Mid-Triennium Report
 - A. Conference Administration
 - B. Director of Departments and Services
 - C. Wisconsin Academy
2. Education Commission Report
3. Wisconsin Budget
 - A. Current Operating Budget
 - B. Plans for the Future
4. Sale of Properties
 - A. Dakota Bake-N-Serv
 - B. Wahdoon
5. Authorization for granting of land for construction of new Academy/Columbus Church
6. Proposed Revisions in Constitution and Bylaws

The president reported that the at the present time Dakota Bake-N-Serv is being purchased by the Farnsworths from Utah. Details are being worked out with the Bake-N-Serv owners. Final approval will be taken by our Corporation Board when plans are finalized concerning transfer of lease to them.

VOTED to place a hold on the W.A. Energy Study and fuel conversion due to the factors of enrollment and what the future holds for the Academy.

VOTED to request the Chairman to respond to a letter that Dr. Knepel, as a Lay Advisory member, sent to the Committee. The Committee has expressed that they felt they have followed through with the commitment to reduce personnel as vacancies occur in the

K-10 EDUCATION

Thank you to the anonymous donor of \$1,000 to Christian education in Wisconsin. We wish we knew who you were to thank you directly. May the Lord continue to bless you!

1990 K-10 Enrollment. We praise the Lord and thank the parents and students for the strong support of elementary education. Our K-10 enrollment is up 19 students over last year. Current enrollment for K-10 in Wisconsin is 450 students.

We welcome the following new teachers:

Richard Bauer	Bethel
Kelly FitzGerald	Green Bay
Gary Way	Madison
Cherie Burkhalter	Maranatha
Laurie Carlson	Raymond
Tonya Hurt	Sheboygan
Jeannie Pedersen-Smith	Waukesha
Charlyn Marsh	Wausau
Murray Robinson	Woodland
Hillary Robinson	Woodland

Joyce Gillen, who taught in the Pound School last year, is the teacher at Frederic this year. And, Selah McWatters, teacher at Frederic last year, has transferred to Lancaster.

Herb Wrate
Superintendent
of Education



Elder Ron Gladden, Associate Ministerial Director reports that the following churches/pastors are conducting evangelistic reaping seminars this Fall.

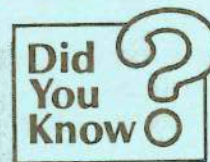
Alma Center	John Johansen
Appleton	Cal Johnson
Green Bay	Marvin Clark
Janesville	Mike Weakley
Lakeland Co.	Jess Nephew
Marshfield	Wendell Springer
Milwaukee Spanish	Miled Modad
Oakland	Glenn Lewis
Portage	George Shaver
Reedsburg	Willis Graves
Sturgeon Bay	David Koeffler

COMING EVENTS

Oct	03	Town Hall - Richland Ctr.
	07	ABC Ope. - 10 to 4
	07	Fed Mtg - Milw N/W
	08	Fed Mtg - Lancaster
	09	Fed Mtg - Rice Lake
	10	Fed Mtg - Pound
	11	Fed Mtg - Wausau
	13	Town Hall - Milw N/W (Hispanic Members)
	13	Town Hall - Rhinelander
	19	LUC Ldr Conv (thru 21st)
	20	Town Hall - Madison
	20	Town Hall - LaCrosse
	24	Town Hall - Woodland Schl
	25	WA Home Leave (thru 28th)
	27	Town Hall - Green Bay
	27	Town Hall - Rice Lake
	30	Conf Exec Comm and K-12 Board - 9:30 a.m. - WA
Nov	02	Women' Retreat (thru 4th)
	03	Town Hall - Eau Claire
	04	ABC Open - 10:00 - 4:00
	10	Town Hall - Milw Jr Acad
	18	WI Conf Constituency Mtg (Madison Church)
	19	K-12 Board - Conf Office
	20	WA Home Leave (thru 25th)
	22	Holiday - Office Closed
	23	Holiday - Office Closed

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE will be meeting Sunday, September 23 to finalize on the proposed constitution and bylaws that will be presented at the constituency meeting for consideration. If you would like to review the document, please request a copy from the Conference Office.

Art Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer



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WISCONSIN ACADEMY NEWS

Forty-one Wisconsin Academy students and 5 staff members participated in the tornado clean-up in the small rural town of Nelson, WI. On Thursday, September 13, the group boarded a bus at 5 a.m. to begin the 3 1/2 hour drive to Nelson. Once there, the group worked with the Red Cross disaster relief coordinators and town leaders. Clean up projects included picking up debris throughout the town of businesses that were leveled during the storm. The students raked and cleaned up the town cemetery where approximately 50 trees had been uprooted. Some helped to put a roof on a school and others assisted local farmers who had destruction to their property.

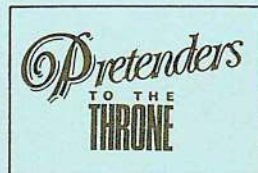
A tired, but very happy group arrived back to the Academy campus at 8:30 p.m.

Elder Dan Serns, Youth Director and Church Ministries Director of the Texas Conference, was the Academy Week of Prayer Speaker September 10 - 15. During daily chapels, evening meetings and in all the Bible classes, Elder Serns challenged the students to be involved in their church. With stories and practical applications, he encouraged the students to re-assess their values. On Sabbath, all Bible classes were involved in the Sabbath services. The freshman students led out in the primary Sabbath School. Seniors assisted with a Senior Adult Sabbath Class and the Sophomores and Juniors taught the lesson for the Academy-age students. Elder Serns said, "These are really neat kids. This week has been a beautiful spiritual experience."

On Thursday, September 13, a fire broke out at the former Harris Pine building located on the Academy campus which is owned by the Wisconsin Conference. Extensive damage was done to the office area of the building. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

A total of 135 students are attending the Academy this year with 20 freshman, 35 sophomores, 37 juniors and 43 seniors.

Missionary Book for 1991, by Elder Roland Hegstad, Editor, LIBERTY magazine.



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