

BOARD BULLETINS

JUNE 2016 BOD MEETING

The English District Board of Directors met June 13–14, 2016, at Hales Corners Lutheran Church - Hales Corners, WI. This meeting coincided with the J2e3 Missions Summit and the English District Professional Church Worker Conference that were also held at Hales Corners. Board members were able to attend sessions of those two events.

At the Board meeting, members were informed of the results of the annual District Financial Audit conducted in April. Of chief note was the statement from the auditors' report: *"In our opinion, as internal auditors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the English District as of January 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."*

Board members received updates on several matters:

- Progress on the transfer of the Bethany - Chicago, IL property to the District and the provision of pastoral services to the congregational members.
- Proposed partnership between the LCMS Office of National Mission and the English District for domestic mission opportunities.
- Challenges being faced by District pastors who hold positions within auxiliary service ministries (e.g. *chaplains in the United States and Canadian armed forces*).
- Date and location for the 2017 Professional Church Worker Conference: May 16–18 at Grace - Redford, MI.

Actions taken by the Board included:

- Approving revised constitution and bylaws for St. John's - Hannibal, MO; Messiah - Danville, CA; Risen Christ - Plymouth, MI.
- Adopting changes to the Board of Directors Policies concerning the Board's job description, conduct of Board meetings, and the relationship between the Board and the District President. *(Several changes were necessary to bring the policies in line with Synod requirements.)*
- Conferring Doctor of Divinity awards to Rev. Jerome Groth and Rev. R. Wayne Morton.

The next meeting of the Board will be August 8–9, 2016 at Our Savior - Hartland, MI.