



Western Wisconsin District Mission Board

"Go and make disciples of all nations"

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Board for Home Missions Updates:

1. *Spring Board for Home Missions Meeting:* The Board for Home Missions (BHM) meets at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry on April 18 & 19. In advance of this meeting, the 14 District Mission Boards (DMB) have been busy. The Executive Committee is reviewing 16 requests for new mission starts, 2 requests for mission restarts, 2 unsubsidized mission requests, and 13 enhancement requests. Our Western Wisconsin District Mission Board will bring a request for a new mission start in urban Madison. As a reminder: as a church body we are about to begin year #2 of the WELS "100 in 10" initiative of starting 100 new missions as well as 75 enhancements by 2033.
2. *Leadership Update:* Pastor Mark Gabb was installed as the administrator for Home Missions on January 31. Pastor Matt Brown (Abiding Word in Houston, TX) was appointed last fall to serve as the chairman for the Board for Home Missions. We are blessed to have these men and to be at "full strength" after the long administrator vacancy.

Western Wisconsin District Mission Board Updates:

1. *WW DMB News:* Pastor Joe Fricke (Immanuel, Farmington, WI) was recently appointed by President Jensen to fill a pastoral vacancy on our DMB. We are blessed!
2. *Our Missions:* There are currently nine missions in our district. Our subsidized missions are: Good News in Mount Horeb, WI; Bethlehem in Richland Center, WI; Our Savior's in Burlington, IA; and a new mission start in Kronenwetter, WI. Our unsubsidized missions are: Good Shepherd in Beloit, WI; Hope in Deerfield, WI; St John's in Horicon, WI; Our Redeemer in Ladysmith, WI; and Zion in Lodi, WI.
4. *Future New Missions:* All 14 District Mission Boards, ours included, have pipelines of places for potential new missions, mission restarts, and enhancements. At this time we are planning to bring a new start request for Altoona (near Eau Claire) to the Executive Committee of the BHM in the spring of 2025. We may also bring a request for subsidized mission status for Hope in Deerfield.