

# DISTRICT WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

## Who we are

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## What we do

In connection with the WELS Commission on Worship, the Western Wisconsin District Worship Committee exists to help parishes in their central activity of worship that glorifies God and strengthens his people. To that end, we serve as a conduit for information and resources from the Commission on Worship. We also assist the District Praesidium in designing and leading services at district conventions and conferences. The committee will be meeting in late summer to consider other ways we might carry out our purpose and serve our district as well.

## Resources

There are so many resources available that remembering where they are at or that they are there seems to be a bigger challenge. Here are some to remember:

New hymnal–available products: <https://online.nph.net/christian-worship-hymnal-suite.html>

The Foundation resources: <https://welscongregationalservices.net/the-foundation/>

Among other resources available at

<https://www.welscongregationalservices.net/hymnal-introduction-resources> is “Hymnal Highlights.” These provide commentary and recordings of new hymns that congregations may share by email or social media. The goal is to boost familiarity with and appreciation of the new hymns. Helpful videos on using Service Builder are available under “Christian Worship: Service Builder.”

The commission on worship's older website: <https://worship.welsrc.net/>

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## Updates

As of the end of March 2022, more than half of WELS congregations had begun using new hymnal resources, and more than 400 congregations had subscribed to the Service Builder program. For a variety of reasons, adoption of the new hymnal is not expected to be as rapid as adoption of the 1993 hymnal. But thus far adoption of both the hymnal and Service Builder are well above projections.

A soft launch of Musician's Resource is planned for spring of 2022. This initial release focuses on public domain materials, providing a wide variety of musical scores.

Our committee welcomes any input or questions you might have.

Grace and peace in Christ,  
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