

Committee #4: Publications, Parish Education, and Youth

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Publications and Parish Education

We thank the Lord for the following:

*The diligent work of the office staff (Marian Christopherson, Diane Brubakken, and Scott Olson) especially in light of the Covid pandemic

*Board members: Dennis Norby, Ryan Patenaude, Maren Sletten, Suzanne Tietjen, and Leeanna Lunn

*Volunteers who are working on projects such as *The Ten Commandments* Sunday School materials; Bible studies for youth (character studies) and adults (I and II Peter by Gary Jorgenson, Unity of the Testaments by Phil Haugen, and Means of Grace by Francis Monseth); music videos; and *One Thing I Seek: Selected Writings of Francis W. Monseth*; and the history of the AFLC written by Robert Lee

*Continued cooperation with the Schools in the Book Nook in Heritage Hall and collaboration on *Luther for the Busy Man*

*Individuals, WMF groups, and congregations who support the ministry of Parish Education through prayers and gifts

Resolutions:

1. WHEREAS Ambassador Publications develops Biblically-based content,
BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage congregations to use these resources.

2. WHEREAS Ministry Training Events are available to equip congregations with tangible tools to engage the culture by providing education and encouragement for ministry leaders,
BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage congregations and districts to consider hosting such events.

3. WHEREAS Parish Education operates on a small budget,
AND WHEREAS there is a need for an updated online presence,
BE IT RESOLVED that congregations make known the need for technologically-skilled individuals to volunteer in this ministry.

4. WHEREAS Publications and Parish Education have requested a subsidy of \$163,000,
AND WHEREAS the Budget Analysis Committee considers a 2% increase over 2019 or 2020 actual subsidy receipts reasonable,
AND WHEREAS \$163,000 is a 1% increase over the 2020 actual receipts,
BE IT RESOLVED that we approve this subsidy request.

Prayer Requests:

*God's wisdom and guidance to be good stewards of the time, talents, and financial resources He provides

*That AFLC Publications and Parish Education might be able to publish and distribute materials that present Jesus Christ clearly

*That all AFLC congregations would make use of the materials

*Financial needs of AFLC Publications and Parish Education

*Volunteers skilled the development of electronic resources and communications

*That God would raise up supporters to make regular gifts to this department

*For the on-going projects of AFLC Publications and Parish Education

Youth

We thank the Lord for the following:

*Youth ministry staff: Chris Rasmussen (Administrative Coordinator), Daniel Keinanen (FLY Convention Coordinator), Jordan Langness (Training Coordinator), Dan Hurner (Networking Coordinator), Jason Holt (National Youth Director), and Liz McCarlson (Administrative Assistant)

*Board members: Nathan Olson, Sharon Rykhus, Michele Smith, Adam McCarlson, and Eric Rasmussen

*FLY committee and advisors for serving well in a challenging season

*Planning team and event volunteers for FLY Beyond, Youth Workers Weekends, Side X Side, and the Apprenticeship Program

*The partnership with AFLC Schools in training FLBC and FLS students

Resolutions:

4. WHEREAS AFLC Youth Ministries exists to win, build, equip, and multiply disciples,
BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage prayerful support of and participation at AFLC youth ministry events.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congregations are encouraged to make use of the recommended tools available from AFLC Youth Ministries to engage teens and youth leaders.

5. WHEREAS we recognize that today's youth are the future of the AFLC,
BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage every congregation to make youth ministry a priority.

6. WHEREAS AFLC Youth Ministries has requested a subsidy of \$140,400,
AND WHEREAS the Budget Analysis Committee considers a 2% increase over 2019 or 2020 actual subsidy receipts reasonable,
AND WHEREAS \$140,400 is a 1% decrease over the 2020 actual receipts,
BE IT RESOLVED that we approve this subsidy request.

Prayer Requests:

*Financial needs of AFLC Youth Ministries

*FLY One-Night and other events scheduled in light of FLY 2021 postponement

*AFLC Youth Board that oversees three main events: The FLY Convention, FLY Beyond, and Youth Worker Weekends

*Apprenticeship program

*Opportunities to present the Gospel of Jesus with an invitation for teens to respond by God's grace