

WELS CANADA 2024 AGM

The 2024 WELS Canada Annual General Meeting was held virtually on Saturday, November 16 from 12:00 - 4:30pm EST. 31 pastors, lay delegates, board members and guests logged on. Below you can find a few highlights from our time together:

WELS PRAESIDIUM - North Atlantic District President Seifert

- WELS's 175th anniversary to be celebrated in Fall 2025
- New world missions in Australia & New Zealand
- Pastor & teacher shortages continue; Board for Ministerial Education hiring a professional recruiting team

BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS - Rev. Gabb, Administrator

- 16 new missions approved in the last 2 years
- 10-12 more missions could be approved in Spring 2025
- Emphasis on planting churches where this is no current Confessional Lutheran presence

WELS CANADA PRESIDENT - Rev. Metzger

- 2 colloquy requests received; 1 approved - Rev. Steven Wiebe, Kelowna, BC
- Coordination with WELS One Africa Team to make contact with Christians in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- WELS Canada is financially strong and primed to support local ministry in Canada through a suite of new grants

CANADIAN MISSION BOARD - Rev. Henrich

- 2 missions became self-supporting in July 2024
- 2 subsidized missions remain in Vancouver, BC
- Potential pipeline projects identified in South Edmonton, Toronto, and Halifax

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Wayne Owen, Treasurer

- Investment Committee formed with investments doing well
- Transfer from TD to ScotiaBank
- 2 new grants approved - Outreach & Strategic Planning

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD SINCE 2023 AGM

- 4 Student Aid Grants awarded
- Martin Luther College to partially match WELS Canada Student Aid Grant contributions
- Martin Luther College to accept Canadian RESPs

ELECTIONS

- Board of Directors (*re-elected)
 - Rev. Pete Metzger* - president
 - Rev. Jon Kock*
 - Mr. Wayne Owen
 - Mr. Spencer Beach*

OTHER BUSINESS

- WELS Canada to fully fund Pres. Metzger's '25 vicar request
- New immigration consultant - Kevin Zemp, Calgary, AB
- Long-range planning for WELS Canada to begin in 2025
- 2025 AGM to be held in person, location to be determined

WELS Canada is blessed by God's grace in so many ways. We rejoice to be partners in the Gospel with you!

In Him,
Pete Metzger
President, WELS Canada