



Purpose of the District Ministry of Christian Giving

The purpose of the District Ministry of Christian Giving is
to promote Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) in the Arizona-California District
to report on WELS Ministry of Christian Giving at conventions and conferences
to assist and encourage congregations in setting and submitting CMO commitments
to assist and encourage congregations in submitting their annual statistical reports.

Arizona-California District Facts and Figures

In calendar year 2013, the congregations of the Arizona-California District gave \$1,437,085.00 in Congregation Mission Offerings.

For calendar year 2014, the congregations of our district have committed \$1,397,969.00, as submitted by the first Friday in February, 2014. This is a decrease of \$39,116.00 from last year's offerings.

Seven congregations found themselves in a position where they could not make any CMO commitment for 2014. Three of these congregations are on the Apache mission field. I mention this because, as part of the indigenizing of the Apache mission field, the Apache congregations were exempted from the Congregation Mission Offering program. Therefore we understand why some Apache congregations do not participate in CMO. We are also happy that a majority of the Apache congregations have kept CMO in their budgets.

There are 112 congregational giving units (multisite parishes count as one giving unit) in our district. As of March 31, the end of the first quarter, 34 of these congregations had not remitted any Congregation Mission Offerings in 2014. We encourage all of our congregations to keep mindful of the blessings we receive as members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the joy of being able to support our synod and its work through our offerings.

WELS CMO Facts and Figures

January, 2014–March, 2014 CMO given: \$ 4,009,995 which is a 0.5% decrease from 2013
January, 2013–March, 2013 CMO given: \$ 4,030,238 which is a 7.2% decrease from 2012

Of the 1,229 congregations in the WELS, 311 had remitted no CMO through March, 2014.

2014 CMO Revisited

Looking at the facts and figures for 2014, one can appreciate the request for congregations to reconsider their 2014 Congregation Mission Offering subscriptions. This work is being carried out by the Conference of Presidents with the assistance of the Circuit Pastors. We entrust this endeavor and its success into the hands of the Lord of the Church.

Statistical Report

97 congregations in the district reported their annual statistics for the WELS Statistical Report.
15 congregations did not report their statistics.

Thank You

I would like to thank you for receiving my work of gathering CMO subscriptions and statistics so kindly, understandingly and evangelically.

Respectfully Submitted,

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