



- WHEREAS 1) God continues to bless the work of the synodical prep schools; and
- WHEREAS 2) Luther Prep School has a single mission: To encourage and prepare young people for a lifetime of service in the public ministry of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod; and
- WHEREAS 3) historically 55 percent of all Luther Prep graduates have enrolled at Martin Luther College since LPS was formed in 1995; and
- WHEREAS 4) In the 2013/14 school year, LPS graduates make up 20 percent of the MLC student body and 35 percent of MLC's pastor track students. LPS graduates comprise almost one-third of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary student body; and
- WHEREAS 5) In 2015 LPS will be celebrating 150 years of ministerial education taking place on the synod's Watertown campus. The Ministry of Christian Giving will be assisting LPS in gathering offerings for this celebration of God's grace for one year beginning in July, 2014. LPS plans to designate these offerings to refurbish its 60-year old chapel, and for long-term financial aid for students. Any additional funds will go toward programmed maintenance; and
- WHEREAS 6) the current music auditorium is 102 years old. The bones of the structure are good... but it is still 102 years old. The music program is central to their purpose of preparing called workers. More than 90% of all students take piano lessons. Approximately half of LPS students learn to play another musical instrument. More than 90% voluntarily participate in chorus. Several students in every class take organ lessons. The Prep Singer group travels around the country singing our Savior's praises and serving as ambassadors of WELS Ministerial Education, all the while being encouraged for full-time public ministry; and
- WHEREAS 7) the current auditorium was built to be a gymnasium. It is dark. The stage is small. The seating is limited. It is not able to seat everybody who wants to come for musicals. The seating needs to be removed and set up numerous times throughout the year. The sound is not clear (it's a gym). It would be beneficial if concerts could be held in a true auditorium rather than a gymnasium. Scheduling conflicts abound; and
- WHEREAS 8) almost every high school now has two gymnasiums, including many of our area Lutheran High Schools. The old auditorium could be converted to its original use. Freshmen/JV basketball and volleyball teams could practice and play in it (rather than using the YMCA or a local grade school, as they do now). Also, the intramural program could be greatly increased, which would be a benefit to numerous (more than one hundred) students during the winter months; and
- WHEREAS 9) the Martin Luther College campus has been blessed with a new chapel and early childhood learning center in the last several years through gifts gathered by the Ministry of Christian Giving. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is not in need of any new facilities. The

Michigan Lutheran Seminary campus is also complete. The new synod office building situation has finally been settled. It seems that the next major capital building project in the synod would be a music auditorium on the LPS campus; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Ministerial Education, the Synodical Council and the Conference of Presidents be informed of this need and begin to plan for the building of a new music auditorium and the refurbishment of the 102 year old building back into gym use. It may take years for this to come to fruition, but the work begins now.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Resolution was Adopted.