



**100
MISSIONS
IN 10 YEARS**
WELS HOME MISSIONS 2023-2033

Congregational Guidelines for 100 Missions in 10 Years

Theme

The Scripture focus for 100 Missions in 10 Years is Ephesians 3:20: “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. . .”

Start 100 missions in 10 years. It’s an aggressive plan. To some, it might seem unachievable. Can our synod do this? Do we have the manpower, money, and ministry resources?

Our Bible verse reminds us who’s really in control. It’s less about reaching our goal, and more about following Christ’s command to “Go and make disciples.” We have a message that gives us peace, joy, comfort, and hope no matter what’s going on in this world. So let’s support this. Let’s do our part to get after it, trusting that God is able to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine.

Materials

Materials to promote 100 Missions in 10 Years were mailed to every congregation in August 2022. Churches that collect and submit offerings on behalf of one or more partner congregations received both their own materials as well as the materials for their partner congregations. Brochure count was based on average weekly attendance from the 2021 WELS Statistical Report. Churches were also mailed instructions, a 100 Missions in 10 Years promotional poster, Home and World Missions maps, and five other general Missions posters. You can access all digital resources and request additional free copies of the 100 Missions in 10 Years brochure at wels100in10.net/resources.

Pray

This is no small thing. Please consider using this prayer with your congregation, share on your church’s social media channels, and encourage your members to use it in their personal prayer life:

Jesus Christ, to you be all glory, power, and praise! Yours is the only Name under heaven that saves. By your grace we know the peace of God that transcends all understanding. We thank and praise you for the hope and joy your peace gives.

Lord Jesus, you know better than we that countless souls are lost, still searching for this peace. You have commissioned us to go out and find the lost and have powerfully equipped us with your Word and Sacraments and your faithful promises. You assure us that you are able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.

Confident of these truths, our synod set a goal of starting 100 new missions and enhancing 75 existing ministries over the next decade. We recognize this goal can be reached only by your grace. We humbly and boldly ask for your rich blessing upon this initiative. Bless the recruitment and training of our future missionaries and bless our missionaries and the fields where they serve. Through your people provide us with ample financial resources. Thwart the efforts of those that hinder our work. Grant wisdom, strength, perseverance, and joy to our synod’s leaders, our pastors, and our congregations as we face challenges in our work.

In all we do, move all of us to see and do our part in spreading the gospel so that more may know your saving peace. May all we do and accomplish be to the glory of your Name, Amen.

Get Involved

Talk to your district mission board/mission counselor: If you see nearby mission opportunities to daughter a church, start a second site, or enhance a ministry at your congregation, talk with your district mission board to see what your congregation might do to get involved in this synod church planting effort. Get connected at wels100in10.net/getinvolved.

Host a 100 Missions in 10 Years mission festival: Invite a district mission board member or request a Home Missions speaker to present at a mission festival at your church using our request form at wels.net/speaker-request. Promote it using the materials in this mailing and those found online at wels.net/100in10.

Promote this initiative at your church: Show the “100 Missions in 10 Years: Lauren’s Story” and September *WELS Connection* before, during, or after a church service that month. A new video will be released every month during the fall to show to your congregation and share on your church’s social media accounts and in e-mail newsletters. Utilize the social media graphics, bulletin inserts, posters, bulletin board kits, etc., to emphasize Christ’s calling for us to “Go and preach the gospel.”

Get your school involved: Consider designating “100 Missions in 10 Years” for an upcoming quarter’s mission offerings. A promotional flier and text are available online for communicating the offering to students and parents. Send gifts to WELS through your congregation or by mailing them to: WELS – Attn. Gift Processing, N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI, 53188-1108.

Experience mission work firsthand: WELS Mission Journeys provides an opportunity for all WELS members to walk together in the Great Commission through a short-term mission trip. Use this experience to help spark a lifelong journey of service and outreach in your members. Learn how your church, campus ministry, or other small group can get involved, either by sending or hosting a team, at wels.net/missionjourneys.

Give

Each brochure has a response coupon that individuals can tear off and use to submit a gift. The brochures also include a shortened URL (wels.net/100in10gift) and QR code to give online, and a phone number to receive help with gifts of appreciated assets or to give via the phone.

You can also gather a special offering by instructing members to give through your congregation. Members could include “100 Missions in 10 Years” as the designation and the congregation would then send the offering to WELS using the “Other Gift” coupon. WELS-Canada congregations should mail any offerings to WELS-Canada c/o St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 208 Wilbrod, Ottawa, ON K1N 6L5.

Help

Please contact the WELS Missions Office for any assistance by calling 414-256-3237 or e-mailing missionspromotions@wels.net.