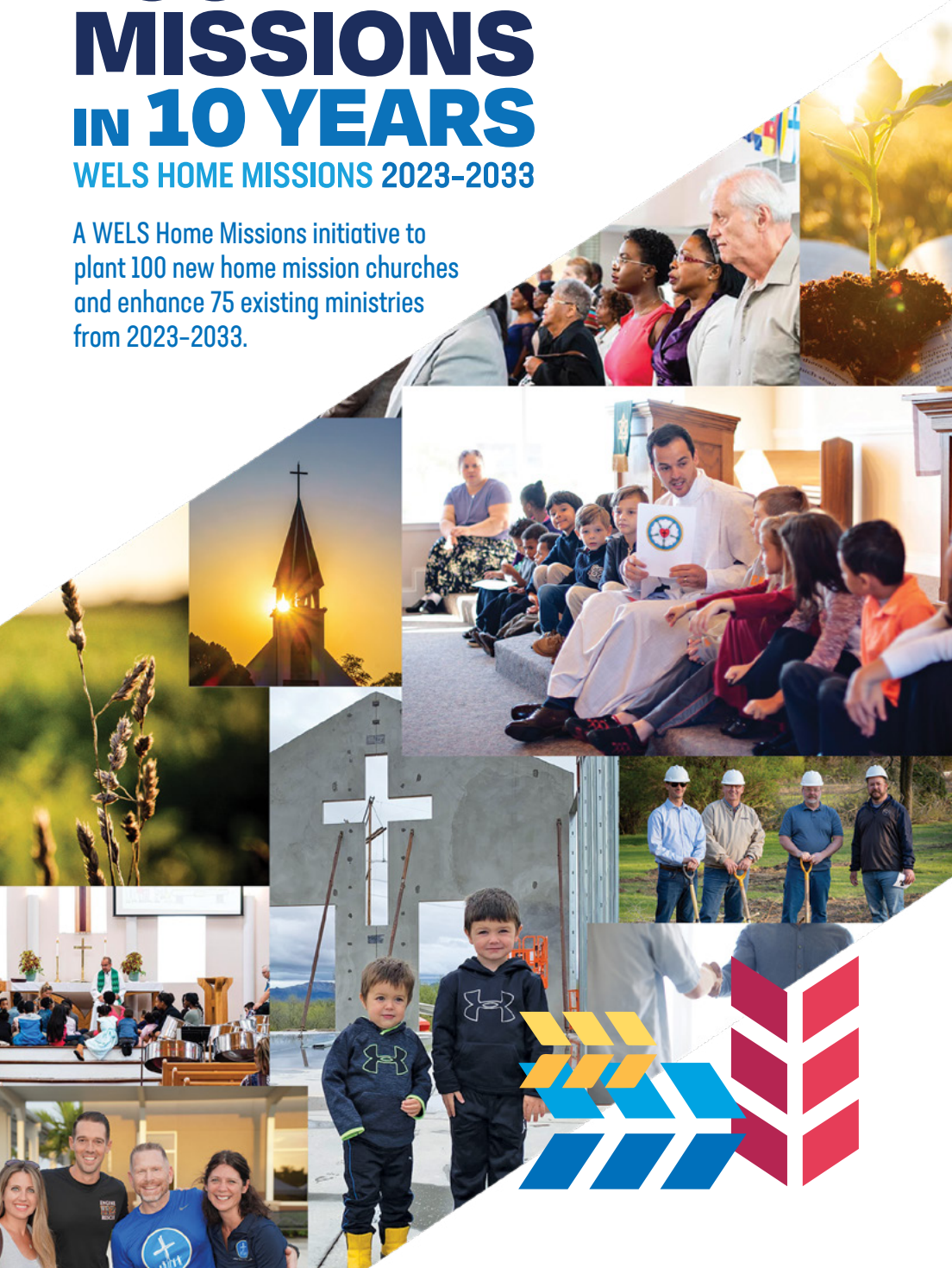


100 MISSIONS IN 10 YEARS

WELS HOME MISSIONS 2023-2033

A WELS Home Missions initiative to plant 100 new home mission churches and enhance 75 existing ministries from 2023-2033.



Start 100 new home mission churches in 10 years. During the same time, we want to support 75 enhancement grants to help existing congregations reach more souls, often in other cultures. 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?

We trust that God will bless our efforts. This initiative isn't as much about planting more churches but about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. **It's about aggressively reaching lost souls.** You know Christ's mission to his church: "Go and make disciples of all nations." But consider the words that Jesus spoke right before that: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Look at the one who commissioned us. He is the one who said to the wind and waves, "Quiet, be still," and to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take up your mat and walk," and to Lazarus, "Come out." He is the one who died, rose from the dead, and descended into hell proving and proclaiming his victory. Death was put to death. The devil defeated. The powers of sin destroyed.

This is the Jesus who has commissioned us. This is the Jesus who rules over his church on earth. This is the Jesus who has equipped us! This initiative is about aggressively and confidently doing the work that he has called all of us to do.

There are still many out there waiting to be found and reached. They just don't know it yet. So let's support this. Let's do our part to get after it, trusting that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

Together, hand-in-hand with our brothers and sisters across the synod, we can accomplish things that humanly speaking would be impossible. **But this is how God does his impossible work: through human beings. Through Christians working together.**



LIFE OF A HOME MISSION CHURCH

No community is the same. No core group is the same. No soul is the same. But we know that all people have the same need for a savior from sin. Those differences mean that no home mission church starts the same way or follows the same path to maturity. However, we pray that all WELS home mission churches contribute in their own unique way to the ultimate outcome: pointing souls to Jesus through the proclamation of the gospel.



“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 . . .”
Ephesians 3:20

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Learn more about the **LIFE OF A HOME MISSION CHURCH** in our interactive timeline at wels100in10.net.

START

1



Pre-approval

A core group begins Bible study and initial outreach with support from their district mission board and mission counselor.



4



Years 4-5: Looking forward

Expanding church membership begins exploration to buy land or purchase an existing facility for a permanent church home.



5



Years 6-7: Putting down roots

A permanent facility is purchased and remodeled or built from scratch. Personal evangelism efforts continue, and the home mission is a solid community presence.



6



Years 8-10: Church maturity

A growing membership and spiritual maturity and stewardship lead to higher local support for the church, freeing up Home Missions resources to plant other missions.

8

GOAL!

Thriving WELS churches support new growth

Recent home mission churches support the planting of additional home missions through daughtering new churches, starting a second site, enhancing their ministry to reach a new demographic in their community, and/or supporting WELS home and world mission efforts through Congregation Mission Offerings and special gifts.



7

Years 10+: WELS churches reach more souls

Healthy WELS churches with an outreach mindset grow Christ's kingdom and reach more souls locally and through expanded synod mission efforts at home and abroad.



1 Pre-approval

START

Years 1-2: Church planter coaching program

3 Years 2-3: Worship begins

4 Years 4-5: Looking forward

Years 4-6: WELS Church Extension Fund support

6 Years 8-10: Church maturity

Pre-approval-Year 10: District mission board and mission counselor support

GOAL

8

7 Years 10+: WELS churches reach more souls

5 Years 6-7: Putting down roots

2 Year 1: Home mission approved

➔ **PRAY!** Lord, you know that countless souls are still searching for the peace that transcends all understanding. You have commissioned us to find the lost and have equipped us with your Word and Sacraments and your faithful promises. You assure us that you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Confident of these truths, we humbly and boldly ask for your rich blessing upon the 100 missions in 10 years initiative. Bless our current missionaries and the fields that they serve. Provide ample manpower, money, and ministry resources. Grant wisdom, strength, perseverance, and joy to all involved in this effort.

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

➔ **GET INVOLVED!** Talk with your district mission board to see what you or your congregation might do to get involved in this synodwide church planting effort. Encourage young men and women in your church to consider full-time ministry. Ask your pastor to keep our synod's work in your congregational prayers and provide updates on a regular basis. Learn more at wels100in10.net/getinvolved.

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