



## COMMUNIQUÉ

SEPTEMBER 2020

### Meet Your Directors

Ken is a member at Divine Word Lutheran Church in Barrhaven, Ontario (Ottawa). He calls himself a 'Lutheran Lifer'. Ken was born and raised in Ottawa and attended St. Paul in Ottawa as a child.

Ken's working career started as a high school teacher with the Ottawa Board of Education. He left teaching after eight years to go into the private sector working with a computer consulting firm. From there he went into the federal public service where he worked for the rest of his career as a project manager and systems analyst with CSIS. He is adamant in claiming that his work was mundane and was nowhere near as exciting as 007's.

In his church life, Ken has filled a wide variety of roles on various boards. Given his love of planning and organization, he is currently enjoying working as an Administrative Assistant to Pastor Mike Sullivan at Divine Word, in addition to serving in his current capacity as the Eastern Director at Large for WELS Canada.

His current duties with WELS-Canada include managing the WELS Canada Scholarship Fund as well as maintaining the WELS Canada website. In past years, he worked with Mr. James Petrie (former WELS Canada Treasurer) developing a 'Made in Canada' compensation and benefits package for Canadian called workers.



KEN WINGES – WELS-CANADA  
DIRECTOR AT LARGE – EASTERN  
CANADA

### Bequest received

The final payout from the estate of the late Charles LaSalle, former member at St. Paul Ottawa, has been received by WELS-Canada. The amount of \$21,873.72 has been placed in our general operating fund for the time being until further determination by the Board of Directors designates its use on your behalf. The initial bequest of \$137,648 was pooled with Board for Home Missions and Joint Ministry Council subsidies to support our mission start-up in Coquitlam, BC under the guidance of missionary Pastor Qiang Wang. This mission has funding for three years.

### Canadian CMO Setting

As we do each year, we wanted to share with you the CMO setting resources developed by WELS Ministry of Christian Giving so that you can use them as needed to make your pledges to WELS-Canada.

Similar to last year, these materials include an instructions letter and an insert, now titled "Doing More Together." A sample of the letter and insert are posted here at [wels.net](https://wels.net): <https://mcg.welsrc.net/download-mcg/cmo-materials/>. Also posted online is a certificate that churches can download, fill out, and post as a reminder to members about their offerings pledge to the synod.

This year there aren't district-specific videos to share, but subscribing congregations are encouraged to review the September WELS Connection, which highlights the synod convention and our synodical work.

Please remember that all Canadian Mission Offerings (CMO's) are kept within Canada to further our Canadian gospel ministry.

### WELS-Canada donation to CCCC

The WELS-Canada Board of Directors approved a \$1,000 donation to the Canadian Council of Christian Charities (of which we are a member) defence fund. The monies collected will be used to challenge a case that would allow the courts to intervene in theological decisions of local congregations. You can read all about the case here: [https://www.cccc.org/news\\_blogs/barry/2020/06/18/supreme-court-to-hear-church-case/](https://www.cccc.org/news_blogs/barry/2020/06/18/supreme-court-to-hear-church-case/)

### Outreach Grants

A reminder that Outreach Grant requests are due by September 30. WELS-Canada will match your new endeavour outreach expenses up to \$3,000. Due to COVID, this would include any tech infrastructure upgrades necessary for online worship. For details contact Mr. James Malmberg: [jamesmalmberg@telus.net](mailto:jamesmalmberg@telus.net).