See? **WOW!** News and Encouragement for CID **C**ircuit **W**itness & **O**utreach **W**orkers

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For the End of the Church Year

Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word:
Everywhere His creatures call
To His heavenly banquet hall.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.

LSB 830, st. 1 & 3 (public domain)

AGENDA FOR 2026 C-WOW MEETING

via Zoom, Wednesday, November 18, 1:00-3:00

1:00 Opening Devotion
1:05 Briefly noted:
- E1HW, Witnessing Helps (see next column)
- "Soft" canvass (as at Effingham, Oct. 11)
- *re:Vitality* tools (*See*? **WOW**! 80, Sept. 2026)

1:20 Discussion: Evangelism Resolutions from 2026 Synod Convention (see page 2 of this issue)
2:00 Short break
2:05 Discussion: What might our Circuits do with the seven questions from *What Gen Z Really Wants to Know about God?* reported in *See*? **WOW**! 81, Oct. 2026
2:15 Circuit Reports – Please take your turn and tell the rest of us in roughly 5 minutes about accomplishments in telling the Good News about Jesus, or challenges in this work. *Ask Circuit brethren for details about this at your November Winkels*!
2:45 Reminders: Demographic Studies, SCS
2:50 General discussion . . . end by 3:00

Every One His Witness . . .

. . . prepares people to tell the Good News about Jesus to people within their circle of family, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances. E1HW comes in two phases: a core module, and several context modules.

The E1HW "core" module introduces the LASSIE approach: Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage. You can get this module from CPH.

Online "context" modules apply the LASSIE in specialized settings to nonchurched people from particular backgrounds. While designed for individuals, these modules could be used with a class or a discussion group. Presently available are all-video modules on witnessing to –

- De-churched Adult Children
- Nones
- People Influenced by Critical Theory
- People influenced by Scientism
- People after an Abortion
- People with Depression or Anxiety
- New Veterans
- Grieving People
- LGBTQ People
- Jewish People
- Mormons
- Muslims
- Jehovah's Witnesses

Find these at https://www.everyonehiswitness.org/

CID's Witnessing Helps help to fill the rather large space between the basic E1HW core module and the highly particularized context modules. They are to supplement E1HW, not substitute for it. Find them at https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html

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Circuit Witness and Outreach Workers

Worth considering:

Evangelism Resolutions from Synod, 2026

NOTE: *Please give some pre-meeting thought to how to implement these in Circuit churches*. Thanks!

a. 1-05A To Prioritize Revitalization Work
   (last) *Resolved*, that congregations be encouraged regularly *at the district and circuit levels* to engage in biblically-based [sic], confessionally-faithful [sic] best practices concerning planning for the future, outreach to the community, caring for inactive members and intentionally incorporating current members in the life of the church . . .

b. 1-07A To Increase Church Planting at the Parish Level
   (first) *Resolved*, That the Synod *encourage districts*, circuits, and congregations *to plant churches through preaching stations* supported by existing congregations and their pastors
   (second) *Resolved*, That the Synod direct the ONM to continue to *partner with districts to identify locations* at the parish level and support the planting of Synod congregations
   (fourth) *Resolved*, That the Synod *encourage districts to continue to fund the planting* of new congregations in a way that multiplies the impact of the grant from ONM

c. 1-08A To Educate Young People
   (fourth) *Resolved*, That the ONM *work with districts to identify and provide resources to plant new congregations and schools* in areas that are underserved

d. 1-10 To Confront Increased Idolatry of our Culture with Clear Confession of Love of Christ and Lutheran Resources in Christian Apologetics
   (first) *Resolved*, That ONM survey forms of idolatry common in American landscape and promote resources already available within our fellowship;
   (last) *Resolved,* That the Synod urge its pastors, commissioned ministers, and congregations to pray for the church as it is discerning and confronting these idols, with Christ's Word supplying what we need.

Some Memorable Points from Dr. Adam Koontz at the CID Fall 2026 Pastors' Conference

- *The church is planted through Gospel preaching*
- Christianity assumes the burden of travel to go to people and tell them about the only God in a language they can understand. It does not ask people to "come to us," change language, etc.
- The challenge for the church is not *geographic* but *demographic* – the people it meets when it goes out with the Gospel.
- You cannot think about all of church life in purely measurable, knowable terms. You would miss most of [the book of] Acts.
- When you don't approach the world with the Gospel, you don't approach other Christians.
- St. Paul looked first for those who were invested and wanted to learn.
- Know the categories by which your hearers may misinterpret you.
- Ascertain the frameworks that people have. Ask what drives them.
- We must explain judgment more than Paul did.
- We need to be clear that we are talking about the Christ Who died and is now alive.
- Focus on repentance and faith. Fix objections (e.g., to absolute truth) later.

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