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February 1, 2022

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On Monday and Tuesday of this week, the planning for the project began in earnest. To start the planning process a meeting was held to bring together representatives from the synod Board for Home Missions, district mission boards from all 12 districts, mission counselors, and Home Missions administrators.

The group discussed a wide range of issues such as funding and manpower,

the process for identifying and prioritizing locations for new missions, and the important responsibilities of the district mission boards to do the work necessary to carry out the project.

It's an ambitious goal, but we've established that goal with trust in God's promises, asking for the Lord's blessings on our efforts. God uses us to plant and water, but he alone makes his church grow.

Learn more about WELS mission work at wels.net/missions.

Serving with you in Christ,
WELS President Mark Schroeder 


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Luther writes the following regarding Paul's letter to the church in Galatia:

Without any merit or work on our own, we must first be justified by Christian righteousness . . . but this righteousness is heavenly and passive. We do not have it of ourselves; we receive it from heaven. We do not perform it; we accept it by faith. . . In this epistle therefore, Paul is concerned to instruct, comfort, and sustain us diligently in a perfect knowledge of this most excellent and Christian righteousness. (*Luther's Works*, Vol. 26:8,9)

This month's daily readings are short but powerful—a fuel for our day-to-day lives. "It is a comfort to know that I am justified by what Jesus did for me. It's important to renew that truth because there are still so many distortions that lead us to think that we can earn God's love," says John Braun, FIC's executive editor. "Because he has given me this gift I find courage to live as God wants me to live. His grace changes me so that I can live as a child of God. That's important every day."

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