



Here We Stand

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hair, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

Psalm 71:17-18

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Here We Stand ... Why it has my Support! by Dennis Sohn

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” Matthew 28: 19-20 (ESV).

These are familiar words for many of us. During my grade school years at St. Matthew, Walled Lake, I am certain this was an assigned memory work passage in religion class. It is one of those passages that once you memorize it you don't forget it, just like John 3:16. These are the final words that Jesus gave to His Disciples. These are words that we Christians should try to strive for and accomplish every day ... making disciples! So how do we go about making disciples in today's ever-changing world?

Supporting the **Here We Stand** Campaign, that is currently in progress here in the Michigan District, is an excellent way for us Christians to help make disciples. The four different campaign initiatives; Professional Church Worker Scholarships, Innovative Missional Ministry, International Ministries, and the Michigan District Endowment, all have the components and means of making disciples. Training future professional church workers, finding new ways to reach the lost with cutting edge ministries, and supporting both local (Michigan) and international ministries can help the church leave a legacy of helping to make disciples.

Over the years the Lord has given me many opportunities to serve Him. I have been a lay leader in several congregations. Currently, I serve as the Director of Operations at St. Luke, Haslett after a 35-year career as a regis-

tered pharmacist. I was elected as a lay member to the Michigan District Board of Directors from the West region in

June of 2018. Supporting the mission work that a local congregation does and the greater church at large has always been something that I have embraced. I personally made a commitment to the campaign when I became a Board member. I'm thankful that my home congregations, Our Savior, Lansing, and St. Luke, Haslett, have also made commitments to this campaign. My prayer is that more congregations and individuals will support this campaign before it comes to an end in 2021.

The making of disciples is important to strive for and accomplish. With your prayers and financial support of the **Here We Stand** Campaign we can continue His command to do so. By passing the torch to the next generation of disciples, we will ensure that His name will continue to be hallowed, and that the Gospel will be proclaimed for generations to come!

Dennis Sohn is a Michigan District Board of Director and member of St. Luke, Haslett.

Campaign Progress

Over \$7.06 million in gifts, pledges, and congregational goals to date.

Congregation Highlights

We would like to thank Grace, Baldwin; St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth; St. John, Cheboygan; St. John, Rochester; Hope, St. Ignace; St. Matthew, Westland for their most recent gifts to the campaign.



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