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To: Board for Worker Training  
From: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary  
Re: Chapel Organ Replacement  
Date: Jan. 30, 1989

Subsequent to the approval given by the BWT in its October 1988 meeting, WLS requested a firm bid from the Dobson Organ Company re the proposed new chapel organ. Because that bid was about 42% higher than the previous estimate, WLS declined to sign a contract with the Dobson Company.

Since then our consultant, Dr. E. Meyer, has been in consultation with several other smaller firms who have been identified as established companies with good financial stability and who build quality instruments. Specifically under consideration are the Martin Ott Company of St. Louis, MO and the M.L. Bigelow Company of American Fork, Utah. Preliminary discussion indicates that both firms are willing to build an instrument to our previous specifications at a cost considerably below that of the Dobson bid.

The Seminary Board of Control has authorized the WLS Organ Committee to contact both the Ott and the Bigelow firms and to ask them to submit bids, and they also authorized that the original bidders, Schlicker, Casavant, and Dobson be contacted again.

On the basis of virtually the same "whereases" that obtained at the time of the October BWT meeting (copy attached), WLS at this time seeks the BWT's approval to proceed with the organ project, subject to receipt of a favorable bid and approval by the BOT.

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# Board for Worker Training - WELS

REV. WAYNE M. BORGWARDT, ADMINISTRATOR

WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

October 21, 1988

President Armin Panning  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary  
11831N Seminary Drive 65W  
Mequon, WI 53092

Dear President Panning,

You are aware of the following resolutions regarding capital programs adopted by the Board for Worker Training at its October 10-12 meetings.

## WLS Pipe Organ Replacement

- WHEREAS the BWT approved the replacement of the WLS chapel pipe organ; and  
WHEREAS it appears prudent to keep faith with our Synod's members because of the high visibility accorded this endeavor in connection with the 125th anniversary; and  
WHEREAS the 125th anniversary thankoffering approved by the COP has fallen ca. \$65,000 short of providing necessary funding; and  
WHEREAS further delay in contracting for the organ is resulting in continuing escalating cost; and  
WHEREAS a contract signed at this time will require almost two years before completion of the installation; and  
WHEREAS WLS is confident that it can finance the remainder of the cost through interfund borrowing and repayment through undesignated gifts expected over the next 2-3 years based on past experience; therefore be it  
Resolved, a) That WLS request a firm bid from the Dobson Organ Company on the basis of final organ specifications; and be it further  
Resolved, b) That WLS be authorized to approve a contract for the construction of said instrument, with the proviso that the chapel is in a prepared condition to receive the new organ and that the new bid is in line with committee estimates; and be it finally  
Resolved, c) That this completion plan be adopted by the BWT and be recommended to the BOT.

## Capital Programs Put on Hold

- WHEREAS funding and planning for many capital programs and major maintenance projects at our worker training schools is incomplete; and  
WHEREAS no action on these programs has been requested by the respective schools; therefore be it  
Resolved, That the following projects remain on hold.

Planning Program Committee to BWT

Re: Capital Programs - WLS Pipe Organ Replacement

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WHEREAS it appears prudent to keep faith with our synod's members because of the high visibility accorded this endeavor in connection with the 125th anniversary; and

WHEREAS the 125th anniversary thankoffering approved by the COP has fallen ca. \$65,000 short of providing necessary funding; and

WHEREAS further delay in contracting for the organ is resulting in continuing escalating cost; and

WHEREAS a contract signed at this time will require almost two years before completion of the installation; and

WHEREAS WLS is confident that it can finance the remainder of the cost through interfund borrowing and repayment through donations and undesignated gifts expected over the next 2-3 years based on past experience; therefore be it

Resolved, a) That WLS request firm bids from the Ott and the Bigelow organ firms; and be it further

Resolved, b) That WLS also contact the original bidders, viz. Schlicker, Casavant, and Dobson as a matter of courtesy; and be it further

Resolved, c) That WLS be authorized to approve a contract for the construction of said instrument, with the proviso that the chapel is in a prepared condition to receive the new organ and that the new bid is realistically in line with committee estimates; and be it finally

Resolved, d) That this completion plan be adopted by the BWT and be recommended to the BOT.

*Steph*