



Merger Straw Poll Results

Thank you so much to all who participated in the recent open forums and straw poll regarding participation in a potential church merger of the West Allis area WELS churches. The purpose of the poll survey was to gauge the initial response to the *Better Together* ministry proposal developed by the joint Merging for Mission team (M4M). The results indicate strong support at Jordan and Woodlawn. Results at Divine Peace and Good Shepherd's were divided. Comments indicated much of the reluctance to support the merger at this time was related to a desire for more information and detail on how the plan would be implemented.

The M4M team met this past week with our synod consultant to discuss the results and options moving forward. We are currently pursuing opportunities to continue the conversations and evaluating the timeline required to develop more specifics related to the questions and concerns that were shared. Thank you for your input that has given us guidance in these next steps. Please pray that God would lead us in determining the best way we can continue to proclaim the gospel message in our community in the years ahead.

Support Our Congregation Merging?

Divine Peace

Yes		34.0%	18
No	✓	47.2%	25
Undecided		18.9%	10
TOTAL VOTES			53

Good Shepherd's

Yes	✓	40.2%	78
No		34.0%	66
Undecided		25.8%	50
TOTAL VOTES			194

Woodlawn

Yes	✓	69.5%	98
No		14.2%	20
Undecided		16.3%	23
TOTAL VOTES			141

Jordan

Yes	✓	72.9%	43
No		5.1%	3
Undecided		22.0%	13
TOTAL VOTES			59