

March 3, 2010

Dear Friends,

As you may have heard, I was extended the sole nomination to become the Vice President of Finance / Treasurer and CFO of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It was quite an honor to be selected for this important synodical position.

I in no way sought out this position or nomination and in fact did not know it was coming open. After being contacted the first time, I expressed my concern for our Association because of where we were at in the campaign and in the overall process of restoring ourselves to financial stability. After prayer, the call committee selected me as one of the three finalists and asked me to come to St. Louis to meet with the Board of Directors. It was a very difficult decision for me whether to even speak with them. After a lot of counsel from friends, the Strategic Leaders and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Association, I decided to speak with our synodical leaders.

Clearly God was asking me to wrestle with this situation.

But after much wrestle, conversation and prayer - I have received clear affirmation from the Lord that this is the where He wants me. I notified Synod yesterday that I was declining their gracious nomination.

The support and love from the Association Board of Directors, Strategic Leaders and a number of synodical officials has been overwhelming. You have been such an incredible blessing to me and Christine. While the work has been hard, so many people are leaning in to help and restore our great schools.

There is no doubt that the High Schools have gone through substantial challenges. Unfortunately we found ourselves in a significant financial crisis. God has done some amazing things as we achieved a balanced budget by dramatically cutting our spending – all while maintaining our high quality of education. Further, the Lord has given us remarkable success in raising over \$6 million in pledges over a very short time frame in order to achieve a \$3 million match. As one of the Strategic Leaders told me, “Todd, for the first time in 31 years I have hope”. I believe there is still a lot of work to do to reduce our significant debt, restore our neglected schools and begin to prepare leaders for our future challenges.

Our hope has been restored and there is excitement and passion for our future.

Even though my position is radically different from what I expected, I remain “all in”. Thank you for the awesome opportunity to lead our schools, for your support and for your partnership in the Gospel. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us next! Philipians 1:3-6

To Him be the glory, both now and evermore.

Todd J, Moritz  
tmoritz@lhsagm.org – (414) 441-9100 ext. 222