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Statement of Purpose

The vision of Lutheran Men in Mission is for every man to have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through an effective ministry with men in every congregation. The governing description of this ministry appears in continuing resolution 16.12.A11.b. available in Section XII of the *Pre-Assembly Report* and e-binder.

Report of Work for 2011–2013

Having incorporated and becoming financially independent in 2009, Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) continues to grow into a separate 501(c)3 ministry with a relationship to the ELCA.

Growth

LMM continued to experience steady financial growth as the ministry grew and the LMM development strategy was executed. Fiscal year 2012 saw more than a 35 percent increase in the annual contributions.

LMM added program staff for the first time in our history. The primary role of the Program Manager is to develop and train a network of local men's ministry leaders. This is a key part of our plan to grow.

LMM continued to improve communication with men throughout the church, expanding ministry and upgrading the website to provide men with information on activities, ministries, events, and resources.

Events

LMM continued to sponsor *One Year to Live* retreats in an expanding number of synods. In the safest of atmospheres, these are life-changing experiences where men are able to examine how they got to where they are in their lives and what God wants to do with and through them the rest of their lives.

LMM also continued to develop, deploy, and lead *Building Men for Christ* workshops across the country. This training is about what attracts and engages men of all ages in congregational ministry and is geared toward rostered and lay leaders.

Targeting men in the west, LMM produced *High, Wide and Deep: A Youth Event for Men of All Ages*. This event, which will include outdoor physical activities as well as music and seminars, will take place in North Lake Tahoe, Calif., August 23–25.

Planning has been underway for the triennial Lutheran Men in Mission Assembly and Lutheran Men's Gathering: *Guys, Guts and God's Glory*. The Assembly will take place July 17–18, 2014, at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. The Gathering will follow, July 18–20, 2014, at the same location.

Resources

LMM continued to assess and recommend men's ministry resources for use by ELCA congregations and their men.

LMM produced 5,000 more copies of the *Master Builders Bible for Men*, bringing the total to 57,000 in print. This volume contains 20,000 study questions for small groups and a 32-page section for men's ministry leaders.

LMM is always seeking to find holes in men's ministry and fill them. One example of this is *ManTalk Cards*. These are playing cards with five levels of questions on each card. Men not only use these to start discussions while playing card games, they are used as ice breakers and discussion starters at everything from breakfasts to retreats.

Major Directions for 2013–2016

Having received a major grant for capacity building from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, LMM will continue to develop and carry out its three-year plan to increase the donor base and become an even more robust ministry.

LMM will expand *One Year to Live* into ten additional synods.

Building Men for Christ will be produced in ten additional synods.

We expect the 2014 Lutheran Men in Mission Assembly and Lutheran Men's Gathering to bring renewed strength and vigor to this ministry.

LMM will develop a position for men's ministry leaders—*Men's Ministry Specialist*—to be used in congregations, synods, and other entities. LMM will develop and coordinate the training required for this position.

LMM will develop an electronic version of the studies in the *Master Builders Bible for Men*.

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