



Lutheran Multicultural Mission

A Missouri Synod Outreach Ministry of Central Indiana

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<p>March 26-April 2 New Orleans Mission Trip (Christ, Brownsburg)</p>
<p>April 24 Easter Sunday</p>
<p>May 5 Cinco de Mayo (Mexico)</p>
<p>June 12 City-Wide Pentecost Service</p>

POSITIVE CHANGE



Rev. Seth Mierow - newly elected Vice-President for Human Care

We are very excited about a number of positive changes and developments at Lutheran Multicultural Mission. Rev. Alan Scott has kicked off an effort to visit as many of our congregations as possible to spread the good word about local multicultural ministry.

God has provided a great representative for this cause and we pray for an expanded role of responsibility by Rev. Scott in the future of LMM. Building up current ministries and seeking the start up of new ones will require additional financial resources. Chuck Harris was recently elected to the Board of Directors as Vice-President for Finance. Chuck brings to LMM a wealth of experience as an attorney, a tax consultant, and, perhaps most importantly, a professional fund raiser. Many of you are aware that a year ago LMM added a position to the board - Vice-President for Human Care. Rev. Seth Mierow, pastor at

St. Peter's Lutheran, was elected to this position. Seeking to proclaim the Gospel through the many avenues of human care is a very challenging task, but LMM will be blessed to ride the shoulders of Rev. Mierow in leading this charge. Finally, we've been talking lately about the need to develop partnerships. Finding new ways to share in ministry will, indeed, be a very good thing! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

In Christ,
Don Van Pelt
LMM President/
Executive Director

CITY-WIDE PENTECOST SERVICE PLANNED

A special city-wide Pentecost service bringing together Indianapolis' Lutheran immigrant cultures is being planned for Sunday afternoon, June 12.

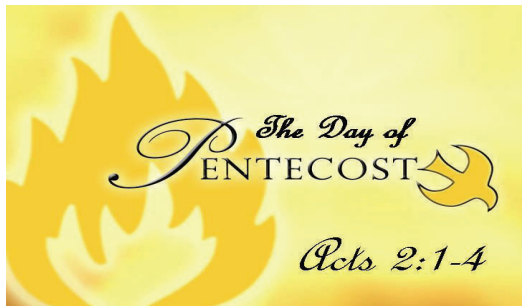
with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound the crowd came

are planning the service. Lutheran Multicultural Mission is hosting the event. Watch your bulletins for time and place of the service, or check

www.lutheranfederationindy.org.

The event will bring together Lutheran groups of Latino, Chinese, Japanese, West African and South Asian Indians - joining those whose families have been in America for many years - to a Pentecost service involving many varieties of music and languages. It will be a mini-Pentecost. As the scriptures read: "All of them were filled

together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language." (Acts 2:4-6)
Rev. Alan Scott and Rev. David Shadday of St. Paul Lutheran



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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LMM 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Thirty-five delegates, officers and guests representing ten Indianapolis area congregations gathered the evening of February 28th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church to consider the direction LMM is going, approve a budget and elect officers for the coming year. President Don Van Pelt reaffirmed the objectives of spreading the face of LMM, transitioning the Executive Director role, creating plans that incorporate Lutheran community partnerships and developing volunteer opportunities for "hands-on" ministry. The Vice-president for Multicultural Missions, Rev. Alan Scott, presented a recommendation for expanding the LMM ministry that focuses on recent African immigrants.

Rev. Sam Ruiz shared with us the growth of the Jesus de Galilea Mission at Em-

maus Lutheran Church. Average attendance has doubled to 60 per Sunday with over 100 on special days like Christmas. The goal of integration with the Emmaus congregation is being achieved. Rev. Ruiz also serves as coordinator for the Indiana District's Hispanic Task Force, a service for which LMM is reimbursed by the Indiana District.

Rev. Udhay Raji was visiting in India at the time of our meeting. His written report that highlighted the growth of the home Bible study groups where attendance has increased from 10 to 15 families. Plans are being made for a Mission Trip to Ambur, India in 2011 lead by Mr. Marvin Hansen.

Officers elected for the coming year include two new faces. Chuck Harris

from St. Paul's Lutheran will serve as the new VP for Finance. He is a semi-retired attorney with experience raising funds for Ivy Tech. Rev. Seth Mierow, pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran, has accepted election as VP for Human Care. Other positions elected include Don Van Pelt as President, Rev. Alan Scott as VP for Multicultural Ministry, Roger Vandrey as VP for Communications, Marilyne Pena as Secretary and Paul Queck as Treasurer. Rev. David Shaddy will continue as Pastoral Representative and Rev. Sam Ruiz as Missionary Representative on the board. Anyone seeking further information about this meeting should contact Don Van Pelt.

REMINDER ABOUT REV. ALAN SCOTT

Rev. Alan Scott, Vice-president for Multicultural Ministry and cross-cultural consultant, is available to visit your congregation to

preach, teach and share information about multicultural missions. LMM would like Rev. Scott to visit as many of our con-

gregations as possible. Contact him directly at 317-503-7876 or email immindy@3ccw.com.

Praise & Prayer

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms...pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Ephesians 6:12, 18.

Lutheran Multicultural Mission needs Lutheran prayer warriors for the sake of our total mission. Pastor Ruiz & Hispanic Ministry, Pastor Raji & India Missions, and all other multicultural ministries currently active in central Indiana.

PRAISE GOD

1. For wonderful fellowship at the LMM annual meeting

2. For the opportunity of Rev. Scott to attend our synod's ALMA Conference

3. For potential development of additional ministries such as to African immigrants

PRAYER

1. For an active schedule of visitation by Rev. Scott into our congregations

2. For effective leadership by newly elected board officers

3. For continued efforts to build Lutheran community partnership

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