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CALENDARS**

<p>December 21 Las Posadas, Emmaus 11:30 a.m</p>
<p>January 22 LMM Annual Meeting, St. Paul, 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Feb. 20-Mar. 1 Honduran Mission, Mount Olive</p>
<p>March 1-7 New Orleans Mission Trip, Holy Cross</p>



Lutheran Multicultural Mission

A Missouri Synod Outreach Ministry of Central Indiana

THE VISION AND PLAN



Indian/Tamil Missions with Rev. Raji

When Jesus sent out His disciples two by two, He instructed them to “be as shrewd as snakes.” (Matt. 10:16) While I don’t fully grasp the meaning of these words, it does suggest due diligence when it comes to ministry. In this context the LMM Board of Directors is developing a statement of our *Vision*

and Plan for Multicultural Mission, which will be presented at the annual meeting on January 22, 2009, at St. Paul Lutheran Church. We trust the Holy Spirit to continually lead us in our mission and to the collective wisdom of us all so that God’s work might be accomplished.

Meanwhile, we praise God that:

- Pastor Ruiz is reaching thousands of Latinos by radio every week utilizing LUTHERAN HOUR resources.

- The CENTER FOR HISPANIC STUDIES is training faithful students who are multiplying the ministry (note article on Silvia Chalguh).

- A cell group of Latino believers is emerging on the northwest side of Indianapolis with a potential connection to First Timothy Lutheran.

In Christ,
Don Van Pelt
LMM President/Executive Director

LMM ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Lutheran Multicultural Mission on January 22, 2009, 6 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church will be historic – the first since ratification of the new Constitution by our congregations. A key agenda item is the presentation of a written statement that describes our Vision and

Plan for ministry. It will also feature Pastor Appreciation Night and we’re hopeful many of them can join us along with their wives for some special recognition. Business items will include election of officers and the fiscal budget for next year. The Board of Directors is recommending modest sup-

port for Rev. Udhay Raji and his India/Tamil Mission to help cover unreimbursed ministry expenses. Up to three voting delegates can attend per member congregation, but anyone can attend as a guest. The gathering will begin with fellowship over a light complimentary meal.

SILVIA CHALGUB

Silvia Chalgub is one of the faithful students under training through the Center for Hispanic Studies. She was born in Ceiba, Honduras, where in early childhood she met Jesus as her Savior. She married Jorge Chalgub, a Catholic at the time and a Cuban American who came from Cuba at the age of five. They moved from Florida to Indiana around eight years ago.

They attended an evangelical church for awhile, but when Silvia and her husband met Humberto Castro and his wife, Milagros, they were encouraged to come to their Lutheran church. For three years they have been faithful members of the Jesus of Galilee Ministry and enjoy it very much.

Silvia has become more aware of the need to grow the church. Over the last four months she has been helping Pastor Ruiz to identify Hispanic families on the northwest side of the city. Home Bible studies have been led by Rev. Ruiz near 38th St. and Lafayette Road and these have been attended by Silvia and her daughters. Pike Township has people representing seventy four languages and the Hispanic population has grown tremendously in that area.

Silvia is filled with joy over the amount of knowledge she receives from the theology classes and is quoted as saying, "I have been learning more now than in my past years in the church." She often says in class how wonderful it is to learn more about the Bible and the history of the church so that with added wisdom she can help bring souls from the kingdom of Satan to Christ Jesus our only Savior.



Silvia Chalgub, zeal to share the gospel

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Praise & Prayer

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

"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.

PRAISE GOD

1. For the expansion of Latino Ministry through developing cell Groups
2. For the sharing of LMM's Vision and Plan at the annual meeting
3. For generous financial support by the Lutheran community

PRAYER

1. For good annual meeting attendance by pastors, delegates, and guests
2. For leadership wisdom on behalf of our missionaries and elected LMM officers
3. For further development of multicultural ministry tools such as music, soccer, etc.

SPRING SOCCER LEAGUE

We are excited about recent developments to initiate a men's or adult soccer league in the spring to assist local outreach efforts of Hispanic Missionary Samuel Ruiz. Games will be played on the property of Advent Lutheran Church where two full size

fields will be maintained. Each team must have a church sponsor and that church can determine how the entry fee will be paid (e.g. budget, individual sponsor(s), or players). Preliminary estimates suggest a minimum entry fee of \$500 to cover the

cost of uniforms, equipment, and game officials, but an upward adjustment may be necessary. Watch for further information and direct any questions to Don Van Pelt at 317-862-5184 or donvanpelt@sbcglobal.net.

2008 MISSION FESTIVAL GREAT SUCCESS

With thanks to all the planners and participants, LMM's third annual mission festival was a great success. Exhibitors ranged from mission trips for women to Southeast Asia to making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and study abroad program students from Lutheran High School. Rev. Geoffrey Robinson of the Indiana District presented fascinating information about the vision of the district for local missions and also the opportunity for local congregations to support

missions abroad. One of the missions that the Indiana District has been asked to help support is outreach to Latvian immigrants in Dublin, Ireland. It was great to find out that multicultural mission happens everywhere in the world! And to truly see the vision of multicultural mission one only had to look at the little children from our local Hispanic mission work, some dressed in more traditional attire, running around the room with green paper hats in the style of "William Tell" and waving German flags. God is truly great and good!

MULTICULTURAL MISSION HISTORY

LUTHERAN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Founded in 1883 by a Bible society of St. Paul and Trinity Lutheran churches, Lutheran Child and Family Services, Inc. (LCFS) was originally "an asylum for orphans and aged people." The first orphanage, incorporated under the name of Evangelische Lutherische Waisenhaus Gesellschaft, was a nine-room residence on East Washington Street, housing three orphan children, foster parents, and staff. In June, 1893, the board of directors dedicated a new building that would be its care center for the next 63 years. After World War I

the agency became the Evangelical Lutheran Orphans' Home Association of Indianapolis, Indiana and in July, 1945, the Lutheran Child Welfare Association of Indiana.

Lutherwood, a multi-building complex and 16-acre site at East 16th Street and Ritter Avenue, was dedicated on May 20, 1956. In January, 1981, the official name became Lutheran Child and Family Services of Indiana and Kentucky. LCFS operates offices in Louisville, Kentucky and in Carmel, Evansville, Kokomo, Noblesville, Richmond, Seymour, and Zionsville, Indiana. Financial

support for its annual budget comes primarily from Lutheran congregations, organizations, and individuals, and from government, United Way, and private foundations.

LCFS programs include residential care and treatment for emotionally disturbed children, individual and family counseling, adoption and foster care services, parenting education, and elder care. In addition, its "Sharing Places" provide food and clothing (free or discounted) to disadvantaged persons. Annually LCFS assists approximately 12,000 persons.

INDIANAPOLIS FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE

Mayor Gregory A. Ballard, during his 2007 run for office, pledged to restore the Front Porch Alliance, a faith-based initiative, created in 1997 by then-Mayor Stephen Goldsmith. The newly restored initiative will act as a powerful vehicle for bringing city agencies together with churches and other faith-based organizations to improve Indianapolis' neighborhoods.

The Mission of the Front Porch

Alliance is to encourage the full energy of the City of Indianapolis to enhance the community building work of neighborhood associations, community groups and faith based organizations.

These organizations are uniquely designed to support families, provide activities for children and strengthen community renewal while improving the quality of life in our city.

This will be accomplished by educating Faith Based Community Organizations (FBCOs) on how to effectively work with community, municipal, and private organizations and local businesses. For more information on the Front Porch Alliance, please contact: Douglas Hairston, Director of the Front Porch Alliance, by phone at 317-327-4336 or e-mail dhairsto@indygov.org.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

LMM continually seeks Lutherans with a heart for mission outreach. Officers for the Board of Directors will be elected to the following positions at the annual meeting: President, Executive Director, Vice-President for Multicultural Ministry, Vice-President for Finance, Vice-President for Communication, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations can be submitted by member congregations or through the nominating committee by contacting Roger Vandrey at 317-876-7526 or rogervandrey@comcast.net. Individuals are also needed for the ministry teams: multicultural ministry, communications, and finance. Questions can be directed to Don Van Pelt at 317-862-5184 or

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Rev. Geoffrey Robinson, Indiana District Executive for Outreach, speaking to the group

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FALL HIGHLIGHTS

The past few months have been a busy time for Lutheran Multicultural Mission. The third annual **Mission Festival** was held on Sunday, October 5, at Calvary Lutheran Church. Guest speaker Rev. Geoffrey Robinson, Indiana District Executive for Outreach, spoke about mission from the perspective of our district, and as many as fifteen to twenty tables around the room represented local mission activity and a celebration of culture. Included were a couple that will be traveling to Cameroon, Africa to be LBT missionaries, ladies from St. Paul who make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and foreign language students from Lutheran High School. Calvary was outstanding as a host congregation, particularly in its organization of the pot luck meal.

An opportunity to gather together in joint worship through the annual



Pauline Geer and Carol Ketler from St. Paul and a future quilter

Reformation Service is always a highlight. We thank Holy Cross Lutheran Church for hosting this special event on Sunday, October 26, and for contributions from their Brass Ensemble and Adult Choir. The evangelical message from guest speaker Rev. Larry Merino from Harvest Mission International was also well received. May we be zealous to carry out his mandate of witnessing to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The offering of the Reformation Service was designated to support Hispanic Ministry and was under a supplemental grant from the South Marion and Johnson County Chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Along with church door offerings from some of our local congregations and individual gifts received, nearly \$9500 was realized in total to benefit local mission. We are extremely grateful for this showing of generous support by God's people!