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CALENDARS**

# Lutheran Multicultural Mission

A Missouri Synod Outreach Ministry of Central Indiana

## ONE MISSION - VARIATIONS OF MINISTRY



Members of the Latino group join Emmaus Lutheran Church

Mission has only one mission, and that is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This will never change. How we go about this purpose and the people groups upon whom we focus attention is what brings about different forms of ministry and that is an ever changing process. A key for our future success will be retention of the one mission focus while seeking a variety of ways to accomplish ministry.

Many of you already know that LMM supports Hispanic Ministry through Rev. Samuel Ruiz and India Missions through Rev. Udhay

Raji, and we are always open to additional ministry groups. The prospect of receiving grant dollars from Lutheran World Relief for human care purposes in 2010 is an exciting development – one that should enable ministry expansion. Pray for that and for current efforts to assist some of our congregations in cross-cultural ministry through consultant Rev. Alan Scott and others.

In the Christ of Christmas,

Don Van Pelt  
LMM President/  
Executive Director

<p><b>January</b> Expectant approval &amp; receipt of LWR Grant Meeting</p>
<p><b>January 28</b> 7 P.M. LMM Annual Meeting at Calvary</p>
<p><b>February 18–27</b> Guatemala Mission Trip (Carmel Lutheran)</p>

“LMM will endeavor to unite central Indiana LC-MS members in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His peace to all people, but especially to recent immigrants to the United States.” (LMM mission statement in Bylaw 2)

An important reminder for all of us is that Lutheran Multicultural

## LMM ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Lutheran Multicultural Mission is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2010, 7 p.m., at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis, 46227. Attendees are encouraged to come early for fellowship and light refreshment. Delegates will learn about the Human Care Grant from Lutheran World Relief. LMM is

expecting to receive \$20,000 to expand outreach to immigrants through a combined preaching and human care ministry. It strongly seeks hands-on involvement by our churches. The group will also be introduced to Rev. Alan Scott, who holds a Doctorate in Missiology and who possesses a wealth of experience with cross-cultural ministry.

Rev. Scott will be serving as a consultant to local congregations.

The business side of this gathering will include various reports, a budget proposal, election of officers, and a By-Law amendment. A motion will be brought before the group to add the Vice President of Human Care position to the Board of Directors.



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# CENSUS 2010, BE COUNTED

The National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC), an organization serving 16 million Hispanic Christians in the United States and Puerto Rico, has urged all Latinos and immigrants to participate in the 2010 Census. The NHCLC also opposes the efforts of a small group of organizations calling for a boycott of the enumeration as a strategy to achieve comprehensive immigration reform.

"A full count of the Latino population will help Latinos build a better future for their families," said Dr. Jesse Miranda, CEO of the NHCLC. "A full count is critical for the continued economic and political progress of the Latino community. An undercount of the Latino community will do serious damage to our families and our neighborhoods. By diminishing the representation of newcomers in our democracy, an undercount will also undermine efforts to achieve comprehensive immigration reform. Encouraging anyone not to participate in the Census is simply wrong."

The United States Constitution requires all

residents of the United States, including immigrants, to participate in the decennial Census. Census statistics determine reapportionment and political representation, and are also used for allocating federal funding for many social and economic programs that benefit the Hispanic community, along with other residents. Additionally, Census data are used for the enforcement of civil rights and anti-discrimination laws, including the Voting Rights Act.

"Pastors have a moral responsibility to educate our parishioners and flocks in actions that benefit our communities on so many levels," said Dr. Gilbert Velez, NHCLC Chairman. "Accordingly, as America's largest Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, we call upon all Latinos and immigrants, including people of faith, to participate in the 2010 Census. The information provided to the Census is confidential and federal law and policies strictly protect the privacy of Census responses. A full count will help our communities move forward on the path of political empowerment, prosperity, and transformation."

## Praise & Prayer

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.

*"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 blessings derived from the Reformation Service at Advent Lutheran
2. For sufficient gifts received to maximize the supplemental grant from TFL
3. For prospects to expand our mission in 2010 through human care ministry

### PRAYER

1. For approval & receipt of the domestic development grant in January
2. For wisdom in planning and hosting the LMM annual meeting at Calvary
3. For developing mission partnerships to expand ministry in 2010

# MINISTRY IN THE NEWS

## St. Peter's

For many years St. Peter's Lutheran Church has leased their school facility to the Headstart Program. In an outreach effort to the 150 students and their families a Christmas party was sponsored in early December. Financial donations came in to help provide each student a wrapped present. The response was overwhelming as the church was filled with people, including some Latino families. Volunteers from Carmel Lutheran and St. John



Pastor Raji receiving a check from LMM to support India Missions

assisted St. Peter members in hosting the party. Pray this will begin a special opportunity for ministry.

## Indian Mission

On December 27th, LMM passed along a check to Pastor Raji to publicly demonstrate its support for India Missions. Pastor's wife, Kalai, also serves an integral role with this ministry. She serves as an officer in a local LWML group and was given an opportunity to testify about India Missions.