

LCMC Board of Trustees
July 15 & 16, 2004
Minutes

Present: Paul Braflaad, John Chatelain, Larry Lindstrom, Debra Lingen, Lenae Rasmussen, Dennis Sandmann, Bill Sullivan, Dale Wolf

Meeting convened at 8:10. Trustees shared updates on various congregations and mission opportunities.

Bill Sullivan offered devotions on Isaiah 59:13 – 60:5, commenting on the hope that we are given in those passages that teach what God does to preserve truth. He noted that the work of LCMC is a work of the Lord God is out in front of us. The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard in the face of the Enemy.

There were no consent items to act on.

M/S/P To approve the secretary's minutes of April 24 & 25, 2004 as written.

John Chatelain presented the treasurer's report. He stated we have new congregations that may not yet have added LCMC as a line item to their budget. By acclamation the board agreed to send a letter to all members on our mailing lists advising them of our activities and rapid growth, and offering the opportunity to share in financially supporting these outreach efforts.

M/S/P To accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

M/S/P To accept the auditor's report reviewing the LCMC financial statements as of December 31, 2003, and which noted no exceptions to accepted accounting practices, as prepared by AMDG Services

Bill Sullivan presented the National Service Coordinator's report. LCMC has broken the hundred mark, and now consists of 112 congregations, including 3 in Mexico and 12 in Viet Nam! He noted that the Vietnamese congregations are persecuted churches so we are cautious in how the information is displayed on our web site. Several more congregations are scheduled to vote in the near future.

Bill met with the Ministry Board twice since the last trustee's meeting; the final draft of the Ministry Standards document is now ready for a trustee recommendation to the national convention.

Bill further noted that his travel schedule has been light of late, but will increase as congregational activity picks up in the fall. He and Sharon continue to spend significant amounts of their time responding to phone and e-mail inquiries from congregations interested in LCMC. He anticipates this will increase.

The trustees discussed potential approaches to marketing LCMC. Paul Braflaad presented the latest draft of a piece he and Bill are working on that would target ELCA pastors. Lenae Rasmussen will begin work on a PowerPoint piece to introduce LCMC.

M/S/P To accept the proposal from Johnson McCann that LCMC offer the Delta dental insurance plan in place of Met Life.

Bill Sullivan reported on the 2nd Annual LCMC Youth Gathering in Altoona, IA. It was a very successful event, and attendance essentially doubled over last year. Financially the event broke even. Lenae Rasmussen shared the successes of the ALC youth gathering at Burning Bush Ranch in Texas.

Larry Lindstrom and Bill Sullivan updated the trustees on plans for the upcoming national gathering.

M/S/P To approve a \$5000 allotment from the LCMC Mission Fund to Church of the Good Shepherd, Florence, AL, for mission redevelopment.

M/S/P To authorize expenditure of \$1000, to be overseen by Dale Wolf and Bill Sullivan, to promote the broadcast of the program to be presented at the October 2004 convention by The Three Guys from North Dakota.

The trustees recessed at 5:35 PM.

The trustees reconvened at 8:00 AM.

Larry Lindstrom offered devotions on I Peter 2:9-10, "You're nobody 'til somebody loves you."

Pr. Kip Tyler, chairman of the Ministry Board, updated the trustees on the work of the Ministry Board, including the proposed Call Packet for Congregations and Pastoral Candidates to assist in the call process as well as the proposed Ministry Standards and Procedures. The trustees asked questions and made suggestions for clarification or revision to the final draft which will be commended to delegates at the annual convention in Fargo.

M/S/P To post on the LCMC web site, in a separate section, all continuing resolutions as accepted by the body at its annual conventions.

Action items and convention plans were reviewed and discussed.

Next trustees meeting: 3:00PM, Saturday October 4, prior to the annual gathering and convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Adams Lingen
Secretary