

## Appendix B: Report of Lutheran Men in Mission



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### Leadership Staff

Mr. Douglas Haugen, *director*

### Statement of Purpose

The vision of Lutheran Men in Mission is for every man to have a deeper 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.A10.b. printed in Section X of this volume.

### Report of Work for 2009–2011

Having incorporated in 2008 and being financially independent since 2009, Lutheran Men in Mission continues to grow into a separate 501(c)3 ministry with a relationship to the ELCA.

In the past biennium, Lutheran Men in Mission:

- Sponsored “One Year to Live” retreats in seven areas around the United States. 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.
- Developed, deployed, and led “Building Men for Christ” men’s leadership sessions around the country. This training is geared toward rostered and congregational lay leaders. This is the first of several leadership sessions that Lutheran Men in Mission plans to deploy.
- Continued to assess and recommend men’s ministry resources for use by ELCA congregations and their men.
- Planned and led events around the country, including the Lutheran Men in Mission Assembly, July 21-22, 2011, and Lutheran Men’s Gathering, July 22-24, 2011, in Denver, Colorado.
- Improved communication with men throughout the church by developing and implementing a website, which provides men around the ELCA with information on Lutheran Men in Mission activities, ministries, events, and resources.
- Continued to engage men in Bible study, especially through the *Master Builders Bible for Men*. Fifty thousand copies of the *Master Builders Bible for Men* are now in circulation.
- Experienced steady financial growth, as Lutheran Men in Mission’s ministry grew, and the development strategy was executed.

## Major Directions for 2011–2013

Lutheran Men in Mission will:

- Sponsor “One Year to Live” retreats in every synod.
- Sponsor “Building Men for Christ” training in every synod.
- Produce the 2011 Lutheran Men in Mission Assembly and Lutheran Men’s Gathering and begin work on the 2014 Assembly and Gathering.
- Develop a position for men’s ministry leaders (Men’s Ministry Specialist) to be used in congregations, synods, and other entities. Lutheran Men in Mission will develop and coordinate the training required for this position.
- Update the *Master Builders Bible for Men*.
- Produce new Bible studies specifically designed for men.
- Continue to execute the development strategy and the three-year plan to become an even more robust ministry.

Mr. Norman Smith, *president*

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