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## Appendix B: Lutheran Men in Mission

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### Statement of Purpose

The vision of Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) is for every man to have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through an effective ministry with men in every congregation. The mission of LMM is, by God's grace, to build men's faith, relationships, and ministry through organizing events, publishing resources, and developing leaders. The Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission (EO) unit relates to LMM as described in continuing resolution 16.12.A05.k., printed in Section X of this volume.

### Events Triennial Men's Gathering

More than 600 men of all ages gathered in 2008 for the triennial Lutheran Men's Gathering in Omaha, Neb., to celebrate "Coming of Age." The theme of the gathering pointed to LMM's "coming of age" as well as to the ministry that the organization has with young adult men. Plans are underway for the 2011 event.

### Road Trips

Lutheran Men in Mission continues to offer events called "Road Trips" that are geared toward young men. Sponsored and developed by LMM's Young Men's Council and staff members, these events take place in outdoor settings and have a Christ-centered message.

### "One Year to Live" Retreats

In association with author and small-group specialist Mr. Lyman Coleman, LMM has developed a challenging retreat model for men. The design of this retreat and follow-up allows attendees to replicate the experience with men in other congregations in their area.

### Resources

The *Master Builders Bible for Men* continues to be the most popular resource LMM has produced. In partnership with Serendipity House Publishers, publishers of the *Serendipity Bible for Small Groups*, LMM added a 32-page, step-by-step guide to establishing an effective men's ministry in congregations. More than 45,000 copies have been sold or given away.

*Coming of Age*, published by Augsburg Fortress, Publishers, documents the study that Lutheran Men in Mission conducted with young adult men throughout the United States. The book is an effective tool for lay and rostered leaders who are struggling to understand and attract the most unchurched segment of the population: young men. The appendix includes helpful strategies for effective ministry with this group.

### Leadership

Lutheran Men in Mission has designed a position description for men who are called to be leaders of men in congregations and synods. The "Men's Ministry Specialist," with the blessing of his pastor or bishop, is someone who has completed leadership training specifically aimed at ministry with men. LMM is providing such training and is committed to those leaders also receiving formal training in the seminaries of this church. In some synods, LMM is able to provide scholarships for seminarians. The churchwide expression also has a commitment to education on male spirituality for those who have already attended seminary.

### Words of Thanks

A 20-year dream was realized on August 1, 2008, as the Lutheran Men in Mission Assembly and Lutheran Men's Gathering celebrated the long-awaited incorporation of Lutheran Men in Mission and the successfully attained goal of adding \$1.5 million in cash, deferred gifts, and pledges to the Lutheran Men in Mission Endowment Fund.

As Lutheran Men in Mission moves to fully embrace being a separately incorporated unit of this church, it maintains a strong relationship with the Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission unit and with the other units of the churchwide organization. LMM is especially grateful to Secretary David D. Swartling and the Office of the Secretary and to Treasurer Christina Jackson-Skelton and the Office of the Treasurer for their support and assistance in working through this process.

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