

Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) Regional Board Member Job Description

LMMs Vision: *For Every man to have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through an effective men's ministry in every congregation.*

Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) Regional Board Member commitments:

- Board members will prayerfully commit to seek God's guidance in enhancing men's ministry in all ELCA congregations.
- Board members will commit to financially support LMM.
- Board members will commit to participate in the leadership training provided by LMM.
- Board members will commit to attending the two regularly scheduled board meetings each year of approximately 2 ½ days in length, normally scheduled in March and October, and special meetings and conference calls as needed.
- Board members will establish a regional identity. The Board member role is to represent the synods in their region to the board, and report board action to the synods. If geography does not allow for regular meetings in your region, rely on alternatives, especially one-on-one telephone calls, conference calls and email. Face-to-face meetings are the best method of communication when possible.
- Regional Board members elected commitment is for a three year term with a maximum number of two three year terms.

LMM Regional Board Member responsibilities include:

1. Determine a lay or ordained contact person in each synod, or area of responsibility, that will be reliable in the exchange of information.
2. Network with all synods or organizations within your responsibility. (This will require a substantial commitment in time and effort.)
 - a. Regularly use multiple means of communicating with the synods within your region, including email, phone calls, letters, and-in person visits. (No one form of communication will work for all men in your region.)
 - b. Encourage the leadership of each synod, including Men's Ministry Specialists, within your region. Identify synods that need help in establishing men's ministry within their synod and utilize a Men's Ministry Specialist in that geographical area if available.
 - c. Encourage the synod leaders to meet the synod staff person in each synod with responsibility for Men's Ministry.
 - d. Report to your synod contacts after each board meeting with one communication by conference call if possible for interactive feedback on Board plans and action. Be specific!
 - e. Encourage synod leaders to look for opportunities to make presentations on men's ministry to synod assemblies, leadership meetings and conference meetings.
 - f. Request information from each synod for presentation at each board meeting. Stress the importance of this information for you and the board members.
3. Establish a strong "chain of command" in your region - synods to conferences, conferences to congregations (or alternate chains depending on the synod). Encourage synod leaders to call on individual churches, individual pastors, and/or men's ministry groups.
4. Assess the value of having an annual area or regional event. Determine and solicit sponsoring and supporting organizations to provide support for the event: you cannot do all of the work by yourself. (If your region is geographically large, look at having an event in different locations in different years.)

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5. Establish a prayer team that will support your work for men's ministry.
6. Encourage synod groups to select delegates to the church-wide LMM assemblies. Find ways to finance the cost of sending delegates when that is a problem.
7. Utilize Men's Ministry Specialists within your region to promote men's ministry and to arrange events.

(Each LMM Board member position requires differing amounts of time and travel, but the normal minimum amount of time that should be planned is 15 hours per month.)

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