

# **Lutheran Men in Mission**

## **Men's Ministry Specialist Certification**

### **Mission**

Help every man to become a bold and daring follower of Jesus Christ by serving them in congregations and communities.

### **Men's Ministry Specialist (MMS)**

is a growing disciple of Jesus Christ, who is a servant leader that is faithful, trustworthy, credible, and provides support to men.

- 1) Personal affinity for one-on-one authentic relationships with individual men
- 2) Develop a relationship with existing men's ministries in their geographic area
- 3) Catalyst for the launch of new and innovative men's ministries in their region
- 4) Develop a contact network with men's ministries in their area

### **Requirements**

- 1) Sense a calling to be a Leader in men's ministry
- 2) Actively engaged in a regular, personal discipling process with other men
- 3) Must be nominated by a Regional Representative of Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM)
- 4) Must have a letter from the following people blessing the nomination:
  - a) Pastor or bishop
  - b) Congregational President
  - c) A significant person in your life
- 5) Participate in the following:
  - a) Engages in on-line and in-person training with the LMM coordinator or facilitators
  - b) Attend a One Year to Live experience
  - c) Read "No Man Left Behind" and attend a Building Men for Christ workshop
  - d) Also read "Coming of Age", "Relationships Unfiltered", "Lead Like Jesus", "Bond of Brothers", and any other material suggested
  - e) Completely willing to lead with a servant's heart

### **Responsibilities**

#### Communicates

- 1) Bridge the lines of communication between the national and local levels
- 2) Communicate effectively with lay and clergy leaders
- 3) Listen and assess the needs of congregations
- 4) Meet and correspond with an assigned LMM coordinator and other MMS for current materials and information
- 5) Provides their synod and congregations with updates to men's ministry from LMM

#### Equips & Motivates

- 1) Offer training, resources, or further contacts to help congregations fulfill their mission
- 2) Develop a mentoring plan for men in their area
- 3) Plans and develops men's ministry training for leaders and men of all ages
- 4) Identify and train other men to assist and perhaps become a MMS

- 5) Prepares a plan with yearly objectives for men's ministry in their area
- 6) Continuously thinks out of the box to interact with men and build relationships
- 7) Be a catalyst for launching new ministries

Men's Ministry Certification Process This process should be able to be completed in no more than one year. During that time the candidate must complete or show proof of successfully completing a One Year to Live Retreat. The candidate must read the material and understand the content. Most times, discussions will happen via phone, webinar, or blog postings. A major hurdle is applying the material learned. In some facet, the candidate must find ways to use and implement ideas and resources. Communication will be crucial. Phone calls must be made, online discussions when appropriate, and face-to-face conversations need to be constant. Active listening on the local level and understanding the needs will show the appropriate response. A conduit from that location to regional representatives will be a role of candidate as well. Travel may be necessary to attend the retreat and any other events. It will be up to the MMS Panel if the candidate has successfully completed all the requirements. Every year a MMS must submit a report of annual activities to the MMS Coordinator.

Let's find out where your skills and passions lie, and help you step forward as a leader to help others by serving them.