

The following summarizes items of general interest from the semi-annual LMM Board meeting just held at the Lutheran Center in Chicago.

1. Mission Statement

- + Updated the LMM mission statement to focus more on discipleship:
 - Our Vision: For every man to be a bold and daring follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Our Mission: By God's Grace, to intentionally disciple men by personally modeling the character of Jesus by living and leading a lifestyle intended to help transform them from having an inward focus to a culture of naturally loving and serving our neighbors
- + Heard that LMM also represents Leading Men to Maturity in Christ

2. Board Structure

- + Adopted a new Board structure which will be reflected in Bylaw changes currently being written to be presented to delegates at the 2017 Assembly in Minneapolis
- + Consists of an Executive Committee of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Development Council Chair, and Executive Director (*ex officio*)
- + Includes four Ministry Team leaders as Board members as well: Discipleship, A Team, Events, and Connections
- + Defined areas of focus for each Ministry Team

3. 2017 Assembly and Gathering (July 20-23 at Marriott City Center, Minneapolis)

- + Heard that as of March 31 signups are:
 - Assembly + Gathering: 72
 - Gathering Only 76
 - Spouses 35
- + Learned that there will be 3 sets of workshops on Saturday each with 7-8 concurrent offerings including ones led by each of the 3 key note speakers
- + Learned that there will be an opportunity for 35 guys to be involved in delivering food to the homeless with Breakthrough Ministries
- + Were thrilled to hear that Peter Mayer, Joe Davis, and Taylor Wilson will be providing music
- + Detailed schedule, information about the speakers, and registration is at www.boldgathering.com

4. 2017 Roadmap Update

- + Heard an update from staff on progress on the 2017 roadmap
- + Sending the daily Lenten devotional to 5300 email addresses with an average of 1500 reads and 20-30 shares per day
- + Receiving a substantial number of very positive comments about the content and quality of the devotions
- + Have 3 web sites up and running (LMM, ProjectTwelve, BoldGathering) with content being added at least weekly
- + Working with United Methodist Men and Men of Saint Andrew on the Project Twelve initiative
- + Conducted a One Year to Live retreat in St. Croix, VI in February for 5 attendees
- + Planning 9 One Year to Live retreats for 1H2017 and another 5 or 6 more for the Fall with several new areas interested and being considered (Phoenix, Tulsa, Knoxville, New Jersey, Utah)

5. Financial Update

- + Discussed preliminary financial statements for FY2017 which will be sent to CPA for review and preparation of a formal financial report
- + Discussed and adopted a FY2018-FY2020 Operating Plan
- + Reviewed a proposed new Gift Acceptance Policy and required Bylaw changes

6. Development Council Activities

- + Learned that the Council now has a full complement of 7 members who met in Chicago in February
- + Heard that 52 churches have been contacted so far to participate in Celebrate 500 for LMM which is an effort to raise \$50,000 for LMM (\$500 from each of 100 churches) in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation

7. Board Activities

- + Received verbal reports from each of the Regional Directors
- + Made Thank You calls to 2016 donors
- + Received FY2018 pledges from Board members and recognized FY2017 giving by Board members
- + Received an offering during worship of \$495 for Lutheran Disaster Response
- + Distributed and received envelopes for offerings for WELCA
- + Took time to pray for concerns of Board members and engaged in the Word through the weekend

8. Upcoming 2017 One Year to Live Retreats (further details at www.lutheranmen.org)

- + April 7-9 Felicina Retreat Center, Norwood, LA
- + April 21-23 Camp Santa Maria, Grant, CO
- + May 19-21 Lutheridge, Asheville, NC
- + May 19-21 Camp Huston, Gold Bar, WA

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