

**Report of the Development Council
Lutheran Men in Mission
Triennial Assembly and Bold Gathering
July 20-23, 2017**

Actions and Accomplishments:

The Development Council provides an active and productive leadership role for the funding of all activities and programs for Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM). The Council annually develops and adopts goals and objectives for increasing our annual donations to grow our men's ministry so that each man can become a bold, daring follower of Jesus Christ. Individuals on the Council and certain LMM Board members have accepted responsibilities to accomplish these goals and objectives with specific timeframes identified to meet the goals. Since its inception in 2006, the Council played a major role in increasing the funding donations to LMM in each fiscal year from \$143,000 in 2007 to over \$292,000 for 2017. Our goal for 2018 is \$300,000 with a stretch goal of \$350,000. With the support and prayers of all in attendance at our Bold Gathering in Minneapolis, this stretch goal can be accomplished.

The full Council meets twice each year in person and we conduct numerous conference calls between these semi-annual meetings. In addition to the increase in donation funding noted above, the Council's other major accomplishment since our previous Gathering was the 2016 hiring of a new Director of Development, Dale T. Nettin of Lakeland, FL. Dale brings a strong background in development work from his previous career as Vice President for Advancement at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and a lifetime of development and major gifts administration. We also continue to process and obtain grant funding for our LMM ministries.

Activities:

Led by our Director of Development, the major activity of the Council has been personal visits to individual donors located across the entire country. Members of the Council and the LMM Board have been closely involved in setting up most of these meetings and many of you have been part of this process. Your participation and support is a material reason that we are able to advance our ministry.

Thanks and Recognition:

The Council has been blessed with the service from committed and devoted men over the past 3 years. The current Council is led by Chairman Hal Derrick and active Council members are Steven Cauley, Brain Gige, Tom Green, and Jeff Kuchenbecker. All of the current and former members of the Council are recognized and appreciated for their service to LMM.

Respectively Submitted,

Hal Derrick, Chairman, LMM Development Council