



## **Lutheran Men in Mission Board Meeting July 20-22 1917**

### **Report from Region 7**

It has been a privilege to serve on the board for the last three years. LMM does not have a large or active presence in the region. In order to get more visibility, new activities have been undertaken in the region to make LMM more recognizable and to support to Mission of LMM.

Some of the activities have been:

- We arranged to have a Building Men for Christ event scheduled in Somerville, New Jersey for 11/21/15. It was a great success. Not only did we have a number of men from New Jersey, but we also attracted men from Metro New York. The Metropolitan NY LMM group attended the event and requested an event in NY for the Fall of 2016
- The first effort to coordinate with a work day at the Synod's Crossroads camp to encourage men to participate in a service project was held 2015. Free meals for attendees were provided by the camp. The response to the event was good but the number of participants attributed to local men's groups was less than 10.
- In 2017 NJ congregations are still supporting Crossroads Camp at their annual work day.
- Attended Synod assemblies with a display board of LMM resources. At one event we managed to get over 30 people to submit their contact information so they could get more information via email.
- Copies of the Spanish version of the New Testament were distributed to a few congregations and the Spanish gospel of John was used for jail ministry in Somerville by Good Shepherd's LMM group members.
- I attend Metropolitan NY LMM annual meeting and met with a great group of men in an active ministry.

Communication is critical and we now have contacts in each synod to help disseminate information. News releases are sent periodically to share in their newsletters including announcements for the annual gathering. LMM looks forward to continued participation with Region 7.

May God continue to bless LMM's mission,

Dave Wirth