



**Tenth Assembly of Lutheran Men in Mission
Loew's Vanderbilt Hotel - Nashville, TN
July 17-18, 2014**

Rich White opened the assembly with the Opening Liturgy at 2:06 PM.

Doug Haugen announced that Bill Cullver has passed away and Les Robbins offered comments on Bill's commitment to LMM. Bill convened our Constituting Convention in Seguin, Texas in 1988. Doug offered prayer for Bill's family and friends.

Rich introduced the LMM Executive Committee, Regional Board Members, Development Director, YMC Staff and Program Manager.

Credentials Committee; Henry Howe:

**Credentials Committee Report
As of 2:00 PM – July 17, 2014**

• Synods Represented	26 of 65
• Synod Delegates Registered	65
• Synod Delegates Present	57
• LMM Officers Present	5
• LMM Regional Directors Present	8
• LMM At-Large Board Present	2
• Total Voting Delegates Present	72

Heber Rast was appointed Parliamentarian.

LMM Assembly Motion 1-07-14

Moved by Ken Reinoehl, second by Larry Clark to approve the Rules of Procedure, motion passed.

LMM Assembly Motion 2-07-14

Moved by Bill Schleichert, second by Larry Clark to approve the agenda, motion passed.

LMM Assembly Motion 3-07-14

Moved by Fred Bohls, second by Hal Derrick to approve the 2011 LMM Assembly Minutes, motion passed.

Action Item; to place the governing documents for LMM on the web site

Election Committee Report; Henry Howe:

Credentials Committee Report as of 2:00 PM – July 17, 2014

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Reference and Council Report; Norm Smith:

As of 2:40 PM there are no resolutions at this time.

Treasurer Report; Les Robbins:

- See copy of LMM Statements of Financial Position January 31, 2014 & 2013 in your assembly packet.
- Les presented his report and explained the main portions of this statement.
- Rich explained that yes we are separately incorporated the ELCA is our bank and we pay for services provided by the ELCA, such as office space, HR Services, and IT Services.

[LMM Assembly Motion 4-07-14](#)

[Moved to approve the LMM Statements of Financial Position January 31, 2013 & 2014, motion passed.](#)

Report of Elections Committee; Henry Howe:

**Elections Committee Report
LMM President – Ballot One**

- Registered Delegates 72
- Ballots Cast 61
- Valid Ballots 60
- Required to Elect 46
- Nominees 12

Election Committee Report, Nominating Ballot for President; Henry Howe:

Ballot One – President Nominees

- Bernie Bresson 4
- Lon Buss 2
- Tim Crout 6
- Tom Green 3
- Rev. Bob Kuehner 1
- Invalid 1
- Larry Moeller 1
- Jim Monkman 5
- Tom Ness 1
- Jim Rathe 1
- Les Robbins 2
- Norm Smith 1

- Rich White 33

Presidents Report; Rich White: See copy in your assembly book.

Rich highlighted key points of his report.

Report Election Committee; Henry Howe: names to be placed on the second ballot:

**President Candidates
Ballot Two**

- Bernie Bresson
- Tim Crout
- Rev. Bob Kuehner
- Jim Monkman
- Rich White

Executive Director's Report; Doug Haugen: See copy in your assembly book.

Doug lifted up key points of his report, thanked God, his wife Doris, his family and all those who support him and work diligently to make this ministry work and grow.

Report of Elections Committee; Henry Howe: Ballot Two for President:

**Elections Committee Report
LMM President – Ballot Two**

Registered Delegates	72
Ballots Cast	71
Valid Ballots	70
Required to Elect	48

**President Candidates
Ballot Two**

- Bernie Bresson 7
- Tim Crout 9
- Rev. Bob Kuehner 2
- Jim Monkman 4
- Tom Ness 0
- Rich White 48
- Invalid 1

Rich White is Elected President

Men's Ministry Specialist Program; Jim Monkman / Terry Edwards, see Kevin Burke's report in your assembly book.

- Jim Monkman reported for Kevin Burke who is excused do to the fact he is in Africa adopting their new daughter
- Kevin Burke Program Manager, Jim Monkman & Terry Edwards will comprise as a panel to approve nominations for this program.

2014-17 Ministry Plan; Rich White:, See ministry plan in your assembly book.

Rich explained that according to our By-laws we must have a three year ministry plan. He then went on and presented this plan and explained how it will work.

This plan will be approved Friday.

At this time it was reported that Hal Derrick was taken to the ER. Rich then lifted Hal up in prayer.

Meeting Recessed at 5:06 PM.

Rich reconvened the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Election Committee; Henry Howe: Nominating ballot for Vice- president:

**Credentials Committee Report
As of 7:30 PM – July 17, 2014**

- Synods Represented 26 of 65
- Synod Delegates Registered 65
- Synod Delegates Present 61
- LMM Officers Present 5
- LMM Regional Directors Present 8
- LMM At-Large Board Present 2
- Total Voting Delegates Present 76

Development Council Report; Wes Oestrech: see Hal's report in your assembly book.

Wes presented this in Hal's absence due to the fact Hal became ill and went to the ER.

Young Men's Ministry Council; Kyle Pedersen: see Kyle's handout.

Kyle talked about the importance to reach out to all men at every point of their lives.

Presentation of Lutheran Men in Mission Statement of Activities YE January 31, 2014 Actual & YE January 31, 2015, 2016 & 2017 Projected; Les Robbins:

See this plan in your assembly book.

Les walked us through this plan line by line with explanation on some key lines.

Question; Tyler Crabbe stated that there is no line item addressing development of resources or an APP for a daily devotion, research and other things in our ministry plan.

Election Committee Report, Nominating ballot for Vice President; Henry Howe:

**Elections Committee Report
LMM Vice President – Ballot One**

Registered Delegates	76
Ballots Cast	70
Valid Ballots	67
Required to Elect	47
Nominees	10

No Election

Ballot One – Vice President Nominees

Bernie Bresson	9
Preston Brogon	1
Lon Buss	7
Paul Buss	1
Tim Crout	37
Brian Gige	1
Tom Green	2
Jeff Mason	1
Larry Moeller	4
Jim Monkman	4

Rich declared recess at 8:52 PM.

Tim Crout offered the closing prayer.

Friday morning 07-18-14

Rich reconvened the meeting at 9:06 AM.

Opening Prayer: Jeff Mason

Credentials Report - Henry:

Credentials Committee Report As of 9:00 AM – July 18, 2014

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Election Report; Names on second ballot for Vice President; Henry Howe:

Vice President Candidates Ballot Two Names In Alphabetical Order

- Bernie Bresson
- Preston Brogan
- Paul Buss
- Tim Crout

Acting Bishop of the Southeastern Synod ELCA brought greetings from Bishop Gordy who is on sabbatical.

Reference & Council; Norm Smith:

Three resolutions have been received.

One Year to Live Retreats; Steve Brown:

Steve spoke on how the OYTL Retreats have changed many men’s lives. He encourages every man to attend one of these retreats.

Contact Steve Brown or Lon Bus if you are interested in having a retreat in your area.

Building Men for Christ workshops; Lon Buss:

Lon walked us through the BMFC workshop on how we can bring it to your church. Lon stated there are presenters available to lead these workshops. Lon announced the 2014 Leadership Summit Oct. 18, Pearland Texas.

Larry Moeller addressed the Come to the Water event & High Wide & Deep event along with comments from Doug.

Election Committee Report; Henry Howe: Report on second ballot for Vice President:

**Elections Committee Report
LMM Vice President – Ballot Two**

Registered Delegates	77
Ballots Cast	73
Valid Ballots	72
Required to Elect	39

**Vice President Candidates
Ballot Two
Names in Alphabetical Order**

- Bernie Bresson 11
- Preston Brogan 1
- Paul Buss 1
- Tim Crout 59

Tim Crout is Elected Vice President

United Methodist Men; Gill Hanke:

Gill brought greetings from the United Methodist President Dan Ramsey.

Gill offered prayer for the men traveling here, those who are here now and those that walk into our lives in the weeks to come.

Report from Nominating Committee; Les Robbins:

Mike Maulick has been nominated for Secretary.

Moved and second that nominations be closed, motion passed.

Moved by Fred Bohls, second by Tom Montrose to elect Mike Maulick by acclamation for secretary, motion passed.

Jeff Mason has been nominated for treasurer.

Moved and second to close nominations for treasurer, motion passed.

Moved by Tom Montrose, second by Bill Schleichert to elect Jeff Mason by acclamation, motion passed.

Greetings from the ELCA; Carlos Pena:

A reading from Philippians: Verse 1

Carlos brought greetings from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and all ELCA Congregation.

Carlos spoke on the importance of Lutheran Men in Mission in the ELCA to reach out to the men in and around us.

Reference and Council; Norm Smith:

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS

Harold W. Yost Sr. was an instrumental board member of Lutheran Men in Mission for many years serving as Treasurer of Lutheran Men in Mission and providing much of the work necessary for Lutheran Men in Mission to achieve 501(c)(3) status as an independent ministry of Lutheran Men, and,

WHEREAS

Harold entered the Church Triumphant on August 28, 2013

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

This Assembly remembers Harold for his gifts to this ministry and keep his family and his brothers in Christ in our thoughts and prayers with a moment of silence,

Submitted by Philip L. Bostian Executive Director NCLM Delegate

North Carolina

Synod

****The Committee recommends adoption of this resolution by the LMM Assembly**

Resolution PASSED and moment of silence observed

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS

We promised the last assembly we would take up the issue of non-ELCA Lutherans serving as officers at a time after the ELCA approved our bylaws. The ELCA has acted on our bylaws. We said we would work on the changes and hold a teleconference of delegates to the last assembly to vote on any change proposed by our board. That has not taken place. This assembly decided not to act on this issue.

WHEREAS

In fairness, we should not create second class members, prohibiting anyone from holding any position of leadership in this organization,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Our national board to study the bylaws, propose changes or publish why we should not change our bylaws, and if changes are proposed hold an Assembly of delegates by teleconference to decide the issue. These actions shall be complete not later than August 1, 2015. This should be funded, if required, out of the general operating budget of this organization.

Submitted by James A. Monkman Delegate

Region 2 Director Synod

****The Committee forwards this resolution without recommendation**

Resolution PASSED

Resolution 3 Outdoor Ministries this is being forwarded to the assembly.

There were 2 persons speaking in favor of this resolution and 1 opposing this

LMM Assembly motion 5-07-14

Moved by Larry Moeller, second by Henry Howe to table resolution 2 until 1:30 PM, motion carried.

Greetings from the Women of the ELCA; Emma Crossen, Director of Development:

Emma brought greetings from Linda Bournasky Executive Director of the Women of the ELCA

Emma stated there are 64 synods with women of the ELCA organizations. Emma introduced us to their programs and encouraged us to check out their web site to see what all they have to offer. She also congratulated us on our fund raising efforts these past few years.

At this time Mike Maulick offered prayer for Ron & Linda, Linda is receiving treatment at an Omaha Hospital

LMM Assembly Motion 6-07-14 to amend the LMM 2014-17 Ministry Plan

To amend page 6 by removing the word nonprofit, Page 8

Moved by Jim Monkman, second by Mark Vaughn to amend the LMM 20-14-17 LMM Ministry plan, motion passed.

LMM Assembly motion 7-07-14

Moved by Jim Monkman, second by Dan Joy to amend page 8, 3rd bullet about Ted Talks, motion passed.

LMM Assembly Motion 8-07-14

Moved by Tom, second Larry Clark to amend page 8 to add a fifth bullet stating, Define intentional ways to connect with youth and adolescence through Father, Mothers & Guardians as appropriate, Motion passed.

LMM Assembly motion 9-07-14

Moved by Dale Horkey, and second to change Cradle to Grave to Font to Grave throughout the ministry plan, motion failed.

LMM Assembly Motion 10-07-14

Moved by Brian Geigee, second by Jim Monkman to add Font & Table along with Cradle to Grave, motion passed.

LMM Assembly Motion 11-07-14

To approve the amended 2014-17 LMM Ministry Plan, motion passed.

Doug Haugen offered prayer before our lunch break @ 12:15 PM.

Rich reconvened the meeting back to order at 1:35 PM.

Discussion is now being held on Resolution #3, there was considerable discussion pros & cons on this resolution.

Motion to call for the vote on resolution #3, moved and passed

Rich stated we will conduct a written vote on Resolution #3.

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS

Both the Lutheran Men in Mission and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries are distinct and unique spirit guided; Christ centered organizations that are affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

WHEREAS

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and Lutheran Men in Mission paths and activities are interwoven in the ways that God provides for us to carry out Christ's mission through us and Lutheran Men in Mission's establishment of "Come to the Water" initiative,

WHEREAS

Lutheran Men in Mission’s 2014-2017 ministry plan seeks to “develop[relationships to partner with Lutheran Outdoor Ministry and conduct action oriented events and retreats” through engaging specific Lutheran Outdoor Ministry sites through retreats, conferences and ministries for fundamental and foundational faith life experiences and spiritual growth of boys, young men and adult men,

WHEREAS

Lutheran Outdoor Ministry has established a strategic plan for mission called “Ensure the Future,” with the goal securing an executive director and thereby strengthening the impact on faith formation and leadership development for generations to come,

WHEREAS

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, through Rev. Stephen Bouman and Rev. Wyvetta Bullock, has supported this strategy with a grant of \$100,000 from the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Fund,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

That the Lutheran Men in Mission, make a grant, conventional or challenge of \$100,000 to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries for their establishment of the “Ensure the Future” Strategic Plan over our 2014-2016

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Lutheran Men in Mission, encourage the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to support this effort in a similar fashion.

Submitted by Dave Holtz Northwestern Synod of Minnesota

Jesse Klosterboer, Northern Illinois Synod and

Joel Abenth, Northeastern Synod of Minnesota

_____ Delegate/Synod

**** The Committee recommends that this resolution not be adopted**

Resolution DEFEATED

Election Committee Report on Resolution #3; Henry Howe:

Yes 3, No 48 & Abstain 3 Resolution # 2 failed.

Election Committee Report; Henry Howe: Regional Rep. Results:

Region 1	Tom Lucas	Region 6	Bernie Bresson
Region 2	Bruce Kaufman	Region 7	None Elected
Region 3	None Elected	Region 8	None Elected
Region 4	Jay Wenger	Region 9	Terry Edwards
Region 5	Mark Vaughn	Other Lutheran Church Bodies	None Elected

Spending plan

LMM Assembly motion 12-07-14

Moved by Dave Holtz, & second to amend Regional Development Line item to increase to \$10,000.00 annually for 2015-2017, motion passed.

LMM Assembly Motion 13-07 14

Moved by Steve Brown & second to add \$1500.00 a year to Communication line item, motion passed.

LMM Assembly Motion 13-07-14 to approve the LMM 2015-17 Spending Plan

LMM 2015-17 spending plan, motion passed.

LMM Assembly Motion 14-07-14

Move by Steve Brown and second that a IT / Communication Committee be formed to design and implement a 1, 3 and 5 year IT infrastructure implementation plan that supports the proposed 2015 - 2017 ministry and statement of activities plan. The committee will be made up of 2 IT specialists, 1 LMM Board member and 1 Young Men's Ministry member. The committee will be authorized to work directly with the LMM board, to negotiate with vendors and to draw a preliminary budget and corresponding project plan. All plans will require authorization by the full LMM Board of Directors before any work or commitments are made, motion passed.

LMM Assembly Motion 15-07-14

Moved by Lon Buss, second that the LMM Board initiate an effort to generate funds via grants at a national and or OYTL retreat team level in order to reduce cost for OYTL Retreats, motion passed.

LMM Assembly Motion 16-07-14

Moved by Henry Howe and second that the Credential Committee be directed to destroy all ballots, motion passed.

Credential Committee Report; Norm Smith, Resolution #4

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS

The successful functioning of LMM is dependent on men being willing to take leadership positions, and

WHEREAS

These leadership positions require a significant commitment of time yet do not provide any financial compensation, and

WHEREAS

These men are now leaving their leadership positions

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

All gathered at this Assembly offer their heartfelt thanks to the following men for their dutiful service to LMM as an Officer or Board member:

Bernie Bresson
Les Robbins
Jim Monkman
Jeff Mason
Tom Ness
Lon Buss
Tom Green
Dan Joy
Fred Bohls

ALSO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

All gathered at this Assembly offer their heartfelt thanks to all those involved in the Assembly especially:

Doug Haugen and Kim Moseley
Rich White and the Executive Committee
Peter Mayer
Bishop Eaton
Pastors Larry Clark, Jay Gamelin, Tim Wright
All workshop leaders and other presenters
Local arrangements committee members
Staff of the Loew's Vanderbilt Hotel

****The Committee recommends adoption of this resolution by the LMM Assembly**

Resolution PASSED

Doug Haugen presented plaques to all out going Board Members

Assembly adjourned at 2:55 PM CT

Bernie Bresson, Secretary