

Ambassador-Gram

October 2019 A Quarterly Message From

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



Meet John Sundquist

LMM's New Executive Director

Below are excerpts from the Spring 2019 LMM Foundations Newsletter. The full article and a message from John can be found at:

www.lutheranmeninmission.org/Resources/foundations_newsletter_Spring_2019

On Feb. 8, Lutheran Men in Mission embarked on a new and exciting journey as its board of directors selected John Sundquist to succeed Executive Director Doug Haugen, who elected to retire on January 31 after 26 very fruitful and spirit-filled years.

The son of a pastor, John grew up in Minnesota, Michigan and Ohio before moving to Chicago to attend college. He completed his undergraduate studies in 1990 at North Park University in Chicago and received his Master of Divinity degree from North Park Theological Seminary in 1994. Together with his wife of 27 years, Karen, and their son, Emmett, they currently live in Skokie, Illinois, where they are members of the Warrenville Community Church.

What do you see as the chief challenges coming in? One of them is the secularization of the America. The church is graying and it's harder to engage young people in traditional programming and ministries. Another challenge is becoming technologically relevant — discovering new ways to reach new audiences. And there are some of the programmatic and systematic issues — finding consistent, sustainable revenue streams to power the ministry financially. Identifying new populations that we can reach out to and spread the word and work in which we are engaged.

If you would like to contact John, feel free to email him via the lutheranmeninmission.org/contact/staff/ page.



Bold Gathering
 November 9, 2019 11-2:00 Central
 Zion Lutheran Church
 San Antonio, TX




**- In Person & Live Streamed Join in from anywhere!*

Plan now to attend, host a group, or watch it from wherever you are. Go to boldgathering.com for updates and registration info.
** Videos from past Bold Gatherings are also available at the link above.*

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The Bolder Gathering! - *Mark your calendars Now!*
 September 18-20, 2020
 Carol Joy Holling Camp, Ashland, NE (west of Omaha)
 Plans are being made for a fun, inspiring and fulfilling weekend for men to come together **in person** and celebrate what it means to be bold, daring followers of Christ. More info to come in 1st qtr. 2020.
 * **Note-** This event will not be streamed.



2019 One Year to Live Retreats

Oct 25-27...Camp Chrysalis, Kerrville, TX
 Nov 1-3.....Emmanuel Pines Camp, Prescott, AZ
 Nov 8-10....EWALU Retreat Center,
 Strawberry Point, IA

Dates are Tentative-Check LMM Website for updates/details at:
lutheranmeninmission.org/events/one-year-to-live



DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS

UPDATE!!

St. Croix & St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands

This effort has been expanded to help 2017 Irma and Maria hurricane victims recover in **St. Croix and St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands.**

FEMA will pay volunteers' airfare, room & board when staying/working for 2 weeks through **June 2020.** The work is primarily focused on repairing or rebuilding victims homes roofs. Men and women with all skill levels are welcome to volunteer. Go to www.lutheranmeninmission.org for more info.

For additional details regarding available dates, registering and travel, please contact Lon Buss at lon.buss@lutheranmeninmission.org

For more information about LMM's resources and events,
 go to: www.lutheranmeninmission.org or www.projecttwetwelve.net.