

**LCMC Board of Trustees**  
**April 24 & 25, 2004 – Omaha, NE**  
**Minutes**

Present: Trustees - Dale Wolf, Larry Lindstrom, Paul Brafladt, John Chatelain, Dennis Sandmann, Debra Lingen, Lenae Rasmussen, National Service Coordinator - Bill Sullivan, Ministry Board Members - Kip Tyler, Mike Williams, Dave Drum.

Opened with prayer.

The minutes of the trustee's meeting of Feb. 5 & 6 were accepted as submitted by Larry Lindstrom.

John Chatelain presented the treasurer's report.

M/S/P To accept the treasurer's report as presented.

The trustees discussed the LCMC benefits program, evaluating specific instances where members had utilized it. Any issues communicated to the NSC or the trustees have been dealt with promptly by our providers.

Bill Sullivan has been contacted by Lutheran Student Movement. He provided information to the trustees. No action was taken.

The trustees discussed mission starts.

M/S/P The existing Mission Committee shall prepare a proposal for the trustees on how to proceed with mission starts, to be presented at the July meeting of the board of trustees.

Bill Sullivan has been contacted by the Disciple Heritage Fellowship, a group seeking to bring together fellowships of congregations with similar interests. The trustees directed him to pursue information about meeting with the group.

The trustees discussed clergy lists, ministry issues, and the call process. The trustees have sought advice of counsel regarding legal liability in cases of clergy misconduct.

M/S/P To reimburse expenses for attending the 2004 Leadership Conference if submitted by members of the Ministry Board and Board of Trustees.

The trustees recessed at 6:40.

Reconvened at 11:35 am, April 25.

Paul Brafladt will work with Bill Sullivan in developing the information piece targeted at ELCA congregations. Deb Lingen will look into pricing for mass production of the piece.

Newsletter submissions will be due May 21<sup>st</sup>. Publication date will be on or about June 1.

*\*\*NOTE: Due to a hand injury shortly after the trustees met, these dates were pushed back. Deb will compile the newsletter as soon as she is able.*

By consensus, the 2005 convention will be held the first Monday and Tuesday in October. Barry Anderson will confirm availability of speakers.

2004 convention plans were reviewed. The following items were discussed as proposals and are not necessarily firmed up yet:

- Barry will convene the constitution committee, adding Lenae as a member as well as soliciting other members.
- Gene Appel, author of "How to Change Your Church Without Killing It" and KK Ahlavi, missionary to Muslims, will be keynote speakers.
- The agenda will be stretched to allow for more fellowship time. Plans will be made to conclude the gathering with a dinner and a sending service.
- Bill has been in contact with The Sending Place and the Eastern European Missions Network. We will offer them 5 minutes to present their program, and offer them the opportunity to do a breakout session.
- Dale spoke to Lutherans for Life – they will provide a display and do a breakout.
- Barry has spoken with Mike Foss and PoP at Burnsville—they will man a display on changing worship materials.
- Barry anticipates needing time for business sessions to tweak by-laws in light of liability and ministry issues
- Possible breakout: panel on how to write a model constitution, led by Barry.
- Election areas for 2004 were set according to the by-law change in 2003; newly added congregations will be slotted in to the nearest geographic area. The bylaws now provide for adjustment to be made at the end of each annual gathering.
- Lenae will speak to Perry Toso about doing a Bible study.
- Offerings from the two worship services will be split equally between the LCMC mission fund and the international mission of KK Ahlavi.
- Three Guys from North Dakota program will be Monday evening- Dale will confirm.
- Bill will approach Thrivent for funding – offer a few minutes for presentation, as well as a table for materials.
- Last convention indicated we need to present a plan for LCMC as an international organization – Dale will discuss the subject with the people representing the Mexico and Vietnamese missions at the Leadership conference.

Dave Drum reported on presentations he made about LCMC to congregations in Arizona. The congregation in Glendale will take a vote on joining LCMC next week; a group of people in Sun City are considering their options.

Barry Anderson updated the group on Richardson and Madsen's work in getting a mission starts going in the Twin Cities. Currently they are meeting monthly as a house church in the southern part of the Cities. In September they will be going to a weekly worship.

The trustees adjourned at 1:50 to attend Lutheran Church of the Master's dual site land dedication.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Adams Lingen  
Secretary