

LCMC Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes: November 21 & 22, 2002
Eagan, Minnesota

NOTE: Draft minutes are in regular font, black; Commentary is in italics and red, and is meant to give our membership more complete background information.

Board members present: Barry Anderson, Kevin Cramer, David Drum, Robin Lake, Debra Lingen, Dennis Sandmann, Larry Lindstrom.

Also present: Bill Sullivan, National Service Coordinator; John Chatelain, treasurer; and members of Ministry Standards: Dale Wolf, chairman; Bob Nordvall, Kip Tyler, Mark VanderTuig, Kathy Sukke.

Opening devotions: Dave Drum.

M/S/P -- Approve as written the draft minutes of the board meeting of September 19 & 20, 2002.

The Ministry Board met Wednesday, November 20 and planned to continue their conversations after leaving the board of trustees. Dale Wolf recapped the discussion topics, which include such aspects as the structure and place of the Ministry Board, the candidacy process, ordination, training, education and other seminary issues, call process, congregational conflict resolution, pastoral gatherings/retreats, and mission congregations in difficult circumstances.

Chuck Lindquist and Ed Scott of World Mission Prayer League, spoke to the board about WMPL, its background, values, and priorities. Information on WMPL is available from their web site or office, and they have regional coordinators and missionaries who try to make themselves available to speak to congregations if invited. WMPL focuses on prayer and, while willing to accept donations and honorariums, a stated goal of the League is non-solicitation. They ask that LCMC members consider opportunities to partner in prayer and also to partner in mission with WMPL.

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

At the September meeting the board requested the treasurer contact our CPA's regarding how funds are received and investigate separation and internal control issues. He presented a letter of response from Mr. Bill Shaffer with suggestions on how to implement best accounting practices.

M/S/P -- The board directed the National Service Coordinator to open a checking account in Michigan and to inform our membership donations may be sent to the Canton address.

M/S/P -- The board of trustees moved the January 23 & 24 meeting place to Eagan, Minnesota.

M/S/P -- The subscription forms to join LCMC shall be amended to include the following statement: "This subscription shall be subject to acceptance by the LCMC board of trustees."

Bill Sullivan updated the board on his work as National Service Coordinator.

M/S/P -- To authorize the National Service Coordinator to begin negotiations to fill the position of Financial Secretary/Director of Operations.

Bill began the update to the board on district activities, with board members joining the discussion. Heartland District is holding its constituting convention on Dec. 7. Heartland is meeting to elect a district council and is proposing a constitution and by-laws based on a revised version of the LCMC documents. The Great Lakes District met on October 26 with about 75 people in attendance. They will meet again after the first of the year. Epiphany District is meeting Sunday the 24th with a goal of moving toward a district constitution. The Northwest District met in October and also revised the national constitution, to be proposed when the group next meets in March. Northwest invited congregations in Montana to join the district. Evangelical Renewal District has a functioning listserv and will have a web site up very soon. They now have 5 active member congregations spread over a large geographic area and are exploring ways to meet at minimum cost.

M/S/P -- To direct the National Service Coordinator to contact the LCMC mission congregations, identify their financial needs, and report back to the board of trustees with a recommendation for how to disseminate mission support funds.

Update on the Summer 2003 Youth Event to be sponsored and hosted by Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona. It is hoped that member congregations will consider opportunity and support it with prayer.

The board was updated on plans for the Strategic Planning Team, chaired by Chris Magnell. The group intends to meet at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona (Des Moines) on Dec 2 & 3.

M/S/P -- The board accepts the resignation of Kathy Sandmann as editor of the newsletter.

M/S/P -- The board expresses its gratitude for the work of Kathy Sandmann as newsletter editor and directs the chairman to send a letter expressing our appreciation.

Robin Lake presented an estimate to purchase and establish a separate LCMC server and associated facilities. The board is seeking additional information.

Dave and Robin will craft a policy for participation in the listserv to be posted on a regular basis.

By acclamation the board agreed to assist Robin in collection of information and articles to post to the web site.

6:00pm the board recessed for dinner.

8:00am Thursday Nov. 22, the board re convened.

Opening devotions: Kevin Cramer.

The board brainstormed and discussed plans for the October convention.

Fred Jensen and Gail McCann updated the board on benefits. For those carrying insurance through the LCMC plan: the underwriters will review two more months of information before determining premiums for the next renewal period, which begins May 1.

By acclamation the board extended their deep gratitude to Fred Jensen and Gayle McCann for the professional assistance they have provided the Association.

Robin and John pursued logo and trademark issues. The original application, submitted March 11, 2002, for trademark and/or service mark registration for both LCMC and Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, was found to be deficient. The deficiency has been corrected and Robin will mail a check for \$100 completing the process.

Barry reported that the 501c3 group exemption document will be filed this week. Guidelines for oversight and liability were discussed.

Brian McCormick of Lutheran Trust presented a proposal for liability coverage.

M/S/P -- To purchase liability insurance as proposed by Lutheran Trust, including the increased limits for Crime and Sexual Misconduct.

The board adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Adams Lingen
Secretary