



Northern Texas- Northern Louisiana Synod
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2010 Annual Report
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Activities of 2009
Activities and Plans for 2010

The following 2009 Board Member year consisted of the Synod Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) members: Mr. Greg Hatch, President; Mr. Justin Tergerson, Vice President; Mr. Glenn Julius, Secretary; Mr. H Davis Tubre, Treasurer; and Mr. Tom Ness, Immediate Past President. Mr. Henry L Howe, Region LMM Board Advisor assisted the Board team throughout the year.

Several projects were identified for potential services during 2009. These projects included the Mosaic Dallas organization, a Lutheran founded organization which supports persons with mental disabilities; the Ramp, an organization that constructs ramps; H₂O, a service providing funds and awareness of water needs in the synod partner nation, Sierra Leone and Kenya; Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) and Briarwood Retreat Center.

2009 Board Members worked on and attended the Assembly in Plano. Members attending this assembly included Mr. Greg Hatch, Mr. Henry Howe and Mr. Tom Ness.

The vision of the Synod LMM for 2010 picks up from an earlier Synod LMM vision, "to assist every congregation in developing an effective men's ministry" and by adding "throughout the Synod's organizing area and to find ways to encourage diversity and to encourage younger leaders to grow in discipleship and leadership".

The 2010 Synod Board year saw an increase of three in the numbers of Board Members. The increase in numbers will certainly improve continuity of operations on the Board from the experience side. It will also improve opportunities for outreach throughout the 12 conferences.

The revised 2010 Board members include: Mr. H Davis Tubre, President; Mr. Justin Tergerson, Vice President; Mr. Dick Wentzel, Secretary; Mr. Brandon Parsons, Treasurer; Mr. Tim Johnson, At Large I; Mr. Jim Monkman, At Large II;

Mr. Jerry Hester, At Large III; and Mr. Greg Hatch, Immediate Past President. Mr. Hatch has moved outside of the Synod region. Providing guidance to the Board team are Mr. Tom Ness, Board Advisor and Mr. Henry Howe, LMM Region 4 Coordinator. A contact listing of officers is attached.

The Board President is still pursuing a Chaplain for the Board. In the meantime, visiting ministers from Synod Churches will be invited to participate with the Board.

We pray that our upcoming Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Assembly will provide opportunities men in discipleship of all ages and throughout the Synod conferences. The President of the LMM will be attending the April Assembly and will “man” a display booth.

Developing effective leaders will require guidance. Much of this guidance can be discovered in the Master Builder’s Bible for Men. We will be bringing these bibles with us to the Assembly. Another book “No Man Left Behind” by Patrick Morley, David Delk and Brett Clemmer provides guidance on leadership styles and approaches that create growth in men’s groups.

Our goal is to develop effective skills for leaders to organize and build men’s groups in churches and in the various regions of the NT-NL, then to encourage the leaders to hold regional and congregational events. These meetings are to foster further discipleship through the basic four purposes of the Synod LMM.

We are striving to encourage men of all ages to participate in our programs by holding a variety of events. We anticipate events in the various conferences of the Synod region.

Service projects in the community have begun with Mr. Parsons, working to conclude the Mosaic fence painting project and Mr. Tergerson, working on a camping/hiking/kayaking adventure. Additional projects have been identified for inclusion in the plan and budget.

The Board recognizes the need to begin efforts to prepare for the 2011 upcoming year’s budget and events. We need to specifically address the delegates and voting members as well as the budget and agenda for attending the Tri-Synodical Assembly/Gathering.

The key to reaching our governing purposes is through the active participation of each Board Member working as a team reaching out to the men of all congregations of the Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana ELCA Synod. We pray for donations that will also allow us to provide the services for those purposes.

BUDGET AND BUDGET NOTES

The 2009 year end balance for the operations account was \$648.28. The Mission Investment fund ended the year with a balance of \$2,463.80.

The budget for our ELCA Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana (NT-NL) Synod Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) is submitted as an attachment. Our program is to promulgate Article II, Purposes. Many of our programs will have multi-purposes to insure that each of the Purposes is met.

We began the 2010 budget year with a Synod level Gathering at Briarwood Retreat Center, an ELCA organization that provides outdoor and indoor retreat activities that support our purposes.

We had a total of 49 persons attending this event just after the largest snowfall that most of us remember. Thanks to the contributors for us to meet the needs of the Gathering.

The budget projections are based the upcoming NT-NL Synod Assembly to be held in April, administrative operations including marketing, website management and day to day operations.

The Board needs to maintain an active visitation program within each of the Board member's conference area. The purpose is to make local congregations aware of the Men in Mission, its purpose and activities.

Two outings have been built into the budget. These outings are to keep men engaged within the Lutheran faith and with each other. The outings will have quiet times for growing discipleship through training and participation.

Two Conference area visits are being planned for disciple training, for men on men bonding, for discipleship training and for spiritual growth and development.

ATTACHMENTS:

Contact list of Board Members and Leaders

2010 Budget