

Epistle



South Carolina
Lutheran Men in Mission

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From the President

The SCLMM Themes for 2010 2011 are:

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Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NIV).

South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission will continue to provide financial support for the development of mission congregations in the South Carolina Synod through the New Mission Start Fund, the Gift Fund, the Loan Fund, and the Segelken Fund and have opportunities to make disciples of men by sponsoring gatherings, local congregational meetings, regional (conference) meetings, and Bible Studies with the National Lutheran Men in Mission Master Builders Bible.

South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission is supporting five mission churches: Manatial de Vida in north Columbia, Cristo Rey in West Columbia, Breath of Life in Blythewood, Crossroads in Indian Land (Fort Mill), and Faith in Pickens. Each mission church received checks from the Gift Fund during the recent SCLMM Convention Banquet.

The purpose of the Men in Action (MIA) Ministry is to make disciples of men ages 18 to "45-ish." A rafting trip is scheduled for the second weekend in July of this year. The One Year to Live (OYTL) Retreat will be held on April 30 through May 2, 2010, at the Kinard Conference Center.

Finally, a big thank you to the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation (in Columbia), which allowed South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission to use a photograph of its chancel mural "Ascending Christ" as the cover of the 2010 SCLMM Directory.

Amen for Lutheran Men.

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Heber Rast

I want to begin this my first words for the "Epistle" by expressing my gratitude to you for selecting me as your next Executive Director. It is good to be "back home" and again working with the men in South Carolina. While much remains the same as when I was previously involved, at the same time change is evident in the work of our men. We have a tremendous opportunity before us for service to our Lord and our synod.

I realize now more than ever what a great job Dean Ganis did in this position and the difficult job that I have in following his leadership. I want to publicly thank you, Dean, for your leadership over these years and the example you have set. Speaking for all of the SCLMM, thank for and we wish you well in your retirement.

I am of the mindset that if "things aren't broken, you don't need to fix them." In other words, do not look for any immediate changes from me! I do think, however, that we constantly need to evaluate what we are doing and our objectives if we are to progress. SCLMM initiated a Long Range Planning exercise last fall and we want to continue that this spring. This is vital if we want to grow in our spiritual commitment and our mission to the church. We have a great group on men in SCLMM and we look forward to new and exciting ways that we can support our mission effort and the growth of our SC Synod.

I look forward to seeing you at our SC Synod Assembly and our Mission Breakfast.

2010 Cliff Bourguignon Golf Tournament May 10th

You will find within this issue of the Epistle all the information about the tournament. Hole sponsorship forms and team applications can be found in the Epistle and at www.SCLMM.org.

Please support the golf tournament in anyway you can. Proceeds from our tournament will be added to our SCLMM Scholarship at Newberry College. Last year \$8,200.00 was raised for our new SCLMM Scholarship at Newberry College.

All golfers are encouraged to solicit hole sponsorships from their team, LMM Unit and businesses in their congregation and community. Your support in publicizing and soliciting hole-sponsorships will be greatly appreciated.

A hole-sponsorship form is contained in the 2010 SCLMM Directory and is available on our SCLMM website (www.sclmm.org).

Entry deadline is April 25, 2010.

The LMM in Mission of The Lutheran Church By The Lake in McCormick, SC are sponsoring their
10th Annual Frank "Bob" White Memorial Golf Tournament
Saturday Sept. 11, 2010

The event will be held on our Monticello course with a Captains Choice format. A shot gun start will begin at 10:00 AM and a Dinner and prizes will be included at the close of the tournament. The cost for the tournament is \$65.00/ golfer. Non golfers may purchase a ticket for the dinner for \$20.00.

Team applications and any further information may be obtained from the tournament director,

Wally Cox 141 Laurens Drive McCormick, SC 29835
(864) 391-3322 oneironcox@hotmail.com.

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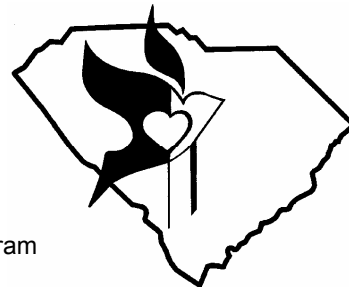
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Heartland Conference

by Randy Cannon, President

This is an exciting year for the Heartland Conference. We have had our first quarterly meeting at Mt. Olivet, Chapin. We had an excellent presentation by Captain Chris Cowan of the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

Due to personal problems, I could not attend the quarterly meeting, but thanks to Mt. Olivet LMM, Dan Sandel, Mike Whitlock, and Rev. Jerry Trantham. I hear that it was an excellent meeting.

Our next meeting will be May 20 at Summer Memorial in Newberry. We are looking at several speakers for this event.

Our Youth Meeting will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Prosperity and we are currently looking at a date of August 15. We will review the date a little later, as we usually like to have the Youth meeting before school starts.

We are excited about Ladies Night this year. Several years ago we had Hannah Horne, of WIS-TV as a speaker, and she has agreed to be our speaker this year. We do look forward to this event. The meeting will be held at Holy Trinity in Little Mountain.

As you can see, the meetings have been spaced out pretty good throughout the conference, so you should be able to attend at least one, if not all of our quarterly meetings.

Well, that's about it for this report.

AMEN FOR LUTHERAN MEN.

2010 Convention Highlights

Reciting one of his two themes,

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said I. "Here I am; send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

incoming Lutheran men President, *Ken Heckel* was passed the gavel by outgoing President *Doug McKenzie* at the 2010 Lutheran Men in Mission Convention held at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Greenville, SC on Saturday, February 21, 2010. Also installed as officers were Vice President *Joe Fulmer* (Messiah Mauldin), Promotional Secretary *Dan Camp* (Living Springs Columbia), Secretary *Brain Dooley* (Faith Pickens), and Pastoral Advisor *Rev. Mark Cerniglia* (Our Savior Greenville).

Ken Heckel, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors will be emphasizing the objectives and goals with all the church units. Several significant goals are:

1. Emphasizing that the Lutheran man read their Bible every day;
2. Lutheran Men is not just mission congregations, but also "men" & "young men's" ministry.
3. Remind the rostered leaders that we need their participation;
4. Work hard to help struggling units and start/restart nine (9) men's units;
5. Meet the financial goals approved by the board for 2010.

For the banquet, held at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, each of the mission congregations brought a large group of church members to help celebrate the acceptance of the Gift Fund checks. *Dick Hankins*, Gift Fund Chairman praised all of the churches in the SC synod that supported the Gift Fund and made possible the exciting event of passing out the checks, totaling about \$35,000 to 5 mission congregations:

Breath of Life - Rev. Mikki Gay
Blythewood, SC
Cross Roads - Rev. Jan Setzler
Indian Land, SC
Faith - Rev. Bob Kasting
Pickens, SC

Cristo Rey - Rev. Andres Leone
West Columbia, SC
Mantial De Vida - Rev. Sandy Jones
Columbia, SC

Mission Breakfast

Saturday, June 5, 2010 – 7:00am

Kaufman Dining Hall

Cost: \$10.00 per person, Dining Hall capacity 180

Attention Lutheran Men!

Registration for the 2010 Synod Assembly has begun. If you are attending the Synod Assembly as a voting member, please complete the registration form on line at <http://www.sclutheran.org>.

Attending Mission Breakfast ONLY!

For those wishing to attend ONLY the Mission Breakfast, I am the direct contact for those tickets. You will need to notify me at my home phone 276-9969 (leave message) or via my email vonmetts@yahoo.com. Payment of \$10.00 per person should be made out to SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD and mailed to my home address: Von Metts

4671 SC Hwy 34-121

Newberry, SC 29108

Please be sure to include your name, contact info, and number of tickets requested in all correspondence to me.

I, in return, will contact you with verification that I have indeed received your ticket requests and payment.

REMEMBER – MAKE THOSE RESERVATIONS EARLY!

The Mission Breakfast is limited to only 180 people due to space.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the Mission Breakfast.

Von Metts, Mission Gift Fund Director

YOUNG LUTHERAN MEN for 2009

Conference	Name	Church	Location	
1- FOOTHILLS	Scott Tennant	Messiah	Mauldin
3- EPIPHANY		Noel Johnathan	St. Andrew Kreechel	Shepherd of the Sea Murrells Inlet
4- AMELIA		Bayne Haigler	Ressurrection	Cameron
5- HEARTLAND		Chris Doyle	Bethel	White Rock
6- MIDLANDS		Jonathan Sanchez	Good Shepherd	Columbia
8- SAXE GOTHA		Jeremy Frazier	St. James	Lexington
9- WESTERN		Rucker Williams	Mt. Calvary	Johnston

LUTHERAN MAN of the YEAR for 2009

1- FOOTHILLS	Mike Gillespie	Christ the King	Greenville
3- EPIPHANY		Don Alexander	Shepherd of the Sea	Murrells Inlet
4- AMELIA		Laurie Taylor (Memory of)	Cameron
5- HEARTLAND		James Fulmer	Macedonia	Prosperity
6- MIDLANDS		Claude Garlaneau	St. Andrew	Columbia
8- SAXE GOTHA		Jimmy Smith	Emmanuel	W Columbia
9- WESTERN		Boddie Rinehart	Wittenburg	Leesville

Distinguished Service awards, given for longtime leadership and service to the Lutheran Men of SC were presented to *Rev. Mel Amundsen* for his endless support of LMIM and *Tom Austin* for his many years of doing such a wonderful job as Treasurer of the SC Lutheran Men in Mission.

And in closing of the convention, *President Ken Heckle* recited his other theme, *Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. (Ecclesiastes 9:10)*

Next year's Lutheran Men in Mission Convention will be held at **Messiah Lutheran Church in Mauldin, SC on Saturday February 19th.**

Foothills Conference #1 Q1, 2010

Atonement

The LMM members have been meeting on a regular basis and have held Bible studies.

Christ the King

They are having Bible study at their monthly off-campus meetings. The group continues to participate in Church property maintenance projects. They have had an increase in attendance this year.

Faith Lutheran Chapel

The men of Faith Lutheran have kept up with Bible studies at their second Saturday of the month breakfast meetings. In addition, they worked on the new building in preparation for the renovation of their new worship space. The Faith men sponsored a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. They are also in the planning stages of constructing a building to house a cotton gin at the Hagood Mill in Pickens.

Holy Trinity

The Holy Trinity men continue to hold their regular meetings with an average attendance of 20. At their next meeting, the guest speaker will be the Anderson County Sherriff. Their recent service project was a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper with the proceeds going to local charity.

Immanuel

The LMM group has continued to have guest speakers from the local community at their monthly meetings. They are sponsoring "Angel Flights" as their service project. IHOP is coming to their church the first Sunday in March to cook pancakes and Fixings. The men will do the setup and serve the meal. The proceeds will go toward the "Angel Flights".

Lutheran Church by the Lake

The men have started their 2010 year with a diner meeting on Wednesday 2/10/2010. They also hosted a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner for the congregation.

Messiah

The new Messiah officers took their place at the January meeting. They hosted Valentines night out dinner at a local venue with 30 couples in attendance on a snowy night. As a fundraiser, the men split and delivered firewood on several weekends. Some of re wood was delivered to families in need. As a church activity, the men of messiah hosted a Christmas pancake breakfast. The messiah men recently voted to directly support the 5 mission churches in the synod.

Our Saviour

The men of Our Saviour have been very busy in preparation for the SCLMM Convention in February.

Redeemer

The LMM of Redeemer continue to be very active by continuing to hold monthly meetings, supporting outreach programs and having social events.

St. John

The men of Saint John's continue to have their monthly meetings. They hosted a pancake supper and talent show to raise funds for their mission trip to Atlanta. The men met with Luther Lisle from the Cherokee Nation for an outing to find original Trail Trees. They discovered over 40. At the January meeting, they planned future programs.

St. Matthias

Faith Chapel LMM has been working with the men of St. Matthias to get their chapter back into action.

St Matthias is exploring the possibilities of reactivating their LMM chapter.

St. Michael

The St. Michael has continued to meet and hold Bible studies. They are moving their meeting time from Sunday morning to Saturday to accom-

modate a larger cross section of men from their congregation.

University

Men from the University Chapter continue to join with the men from Faith Lutheran at their monthly meetings.

Submitted by Al Socha, Foothills Conference President, 2/20/10.

Region 9 LMM News

One Year To Live retreats are here for you to get involved in. We will have 2 retreats in 2010 in SC, One on April 30 – May 2 at Kinard and another in November 2011. If you sit in church during the sermon and day to yourself, "There must be something more to faith than this" or "I need to find out what God is needing me to do for him" or "My life is a mess, maybe God and the guys around me can help me figure this thing out called LIFE and Faith". I did and I have been blessed ever since. Live your faith!

It is not too early to start planning to attend the LMM National Gathering in Denver, Colorado in July, 2011.

Tired of the old boring meetings? Get a small group started. Do it anywhere and anytime according to your lifestyle and timetable. Let me know if you would like our Master Builders Bibles to help you start it up. You will have 6 men carry you out of this world, you will need 6 men to carry you through it. Think about it.

South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission Themes for 2010

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Three Devotional Programs by Pastor Bill Link

Originally prepared for SCLMM in 1992 by Pastor William ("Bill") H. Link (1935 — 2003). He served parishes in the South Carolina Synod (Bachman Chapel, Pine Grove, and St. Matthews [Pomaria]), the North Carolina Synod, and the Virginia Synod. (These devotional programs were edited, updated, and had footnotes and NIV references added by SCLMM President Verne K. "Ken" Heckel, III).—

Devotional Program I: *THE CHISEL*

Devotional Program II: *THE MASTER'S DOG*

Devotional Program III: *THE TRASH BAG*

Check the sclmm.org website for copies.

“24th. ANNUAL CLIFF BOURGUIGNON GOLF TOURNAMENT”

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010

Captain’s Choice - Four Person Teams

\$65.00 Entry Fee Per Person (includes 2 Mulligans)

Shotgun Start – 10:00 AM at Lexington Country Club and Golden Hills Country Club

Limited to 240 golfers (60 four-person teams) – Team Handicaps Determine Course Assignment

Awards Ceremony and Banquet at St. Stephens’s Lutheran Church immediately following play.

Catered by Shealy’s BBQ

ENTRY DEADLINE April 25th, 2010

Team Captain and POC for team (PLEASE PRINT)

Team Email Address _____

Captain’s Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____

Handicap or Avg. 18 Hole Score (**not the score you shoot when you have a bad day**) _____

GOLFER #2

Name _____

Handicap or Avg. 18 Hole Score (**not the score you shoot when you have a bad day**) _____

GOLFER #3

Name _____

Handicap or Avg. 18 Hole Score (**not the score you shoot when you have a bad day**) _____

GOLFER #4

Name _____

Handicap or Avg. 18 Hole Score (**not the score you shoot when you have a bad day**) _____

Congregation(s) of Your Team _____

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(www.sclmm.org). **Entry deadline is April 25, 2010.**

Make check (**one per team entry please**) payable to SCLMM and mail to:

Dean Ganis

1501 Cedar Grove Rd.

Leesville, SC 29070

If you have any questions, call **Dean at 803-532-3293** or e-mail **ganis@bellsouth.net**

“24th. ANNUAL CLIFF BOURGUIGNON GOLF TOURNAMENT”

HOLE SPONSORSHIP FORM

Each year the South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission (SCLMM) sponsors this golf tournament, focusing on the fellowship of Christian Men and Women while promoting the goals of our auxiliary. This year 240 golfers from all over the state will gather for a day of fun and frolic that renews and refreshes us for service to Christ.

This year the proceeds from our tournament on May 10, 2010 will be used to grow our SCLMM Scholarship at Newberry College (check it out at www.sclmm.org). We pray this endowed scholarship will encourage a South Carolina man or woman to serve the church in either an ordained position or lay church leadership position by providing financial assistance to help defray the expenses of attending Newberry College.

Much of our funding support comes from hole-sponsorships (minimum of \$100 per hole-sponsorship). We encourage each team, LMM units and conferences, and individuals who own a business to sponsor one or more holes. Every dollar that is received for sponsoring a hole will go to the SCLMM Scholarship at Newberry College.

The cost is as follows: Indicate which course or courses you wish to have your sign on.

Lexington Country Club \$100 _____

Golden Hills Country Club \$100 _____

If you have no preference on which course your sign is placed, please check this block _____.

Our goal this year is to add \$15,000 to the SCLMM Scholarship at Newberry College. Please consider sponsoring one, two, or three or more holes. Your generous contribution will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged back to you for your tax records and will certainly aid some deserving student to obtain a quality education.

For each hole sponsored, a professionally prepared sign will be placed at a hole and recognition will be given at the Awards Banquet and in publications after the tournament. If you have questions, please contact **Tom Ramsey** in the evenings at (864) 967-8768 or via email at tdrams@charter.net

Please complete the following information in order for us to prepare your sign(s):

Please complete and mail by May 1st. 2010

Name of Individual, Company or Lutheran Men in Mission Unit Sponsoring Hole

OK to use Last Year’s Sign (circle one) YES or NO

Information to go on your sign (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Contact Information on POC for Hole Sponsorship (PLEASE PRINT)

POC’s Name _____

POC’s email address _____

POC’s mailing address _____

POC’s Phone Number _____

Please make checks payable to SCLMM. Mail checks and the completed Hole Sponsorship Form to:

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Increasing printing and postage fee's are making this publication more expensive to print, and we are asking for your help in saving money in the Promotional Fund.

2010 SCLMM DATE LOG

- Saturday April 24 "In as Much"
- Sunday April 25 2:30pm** SCLMM Executive Meeting; Synod Office
- Friday April 30—May 1 6pm One Year to Live
- Monday May 10 10am 24th Cliff Bourguignon Golf Tournament
 Lexington Country Club
 Golden Hills Country Club
- Saturday June 5 7:am SCLMM Mission Breakfast; Newberry Col.

Friday June 11 Epistle Deadline for June 18 Mailing

2010 GOALS

CATEGORY	BUDGET GOAL:	% OF GOAL
LMM-ELCA	\$ 8,000	16.8%
Loan Fund	\$20,000	10.4%
Promotional Support Fund	\$25,000	15.2%
Gift Fund	\$35,000	413.5%
Committee of 100	\$100,000	%

