

**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**  
**2008 Report to Synod Assembly**

We are the Synod's MasterBuilders. We are building disciples for Christ by transforming men's heads, hearts and hands. We are the Ministry To and With Men of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are working to strengthen men's Christian faith, relationships, witness, and service in their homes, congregations, and communities. By God's grace, we are building Disciples for Christ through men's events, the resources we have available, and ongoing leadership development. Our purpose is to make Disciples: Men who are Called to walk with Christ, Equipped to live like Christ, and Sent to serve Christ. By God's grace, we want to offer every man a growing walk with Jesus Christ through an effective Ministry To and With Men in every congregation of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, and to assist every congregation of the Lower Susquehanna Synod in establishing an effective, life-changing Ministry To and With Men.

In February , we held our Tenth Annual Men's Gathering at Trinity, Camp Hill.. This event featured the Man in the Mirror seminar REWIRED and Brett Clemmer from MITM was the facilitator. We again invited our Methodist Brothers to attend and had several men form other denominations. We learned to be 'rewired' from Performance to Passion for Impact, Success, Authenticity and Achievement – and Biblical Manhood. Several small groups were spun off at their home churches by men who attended this seminar.

We are pleased to announce the Lower Susquehanna Synod LMM Web-Site: [www.LSSLMM.org](http://www.LSSLMM.org). This is still a work in progress and we welcome your suggestions for information to be included. We also hope this site will become a repository for information and sharing so we want to include as many links from your church's Men's Ministry link. Please feel free to let our web-master know of these links.

We have also begun scheduling Conference events designed to help men from the conference better understand discipling the men in their churches. These are two, two hour sessions developed from the material in the book "No Man Left Behind" by Pat Morley.

We are continue meet with men who are interested in revitalizing, strengthening, starting the intentional discipling of men by men in their congregations. This includes the distribution of our MasterBuilder Bibles and the book "No Man Left Behind" to congregations who wish to start or revitalize their men's ministry. We will give six copies of these Bibles to these congregations and, through a series of meetings, help their men get started and create the momentum necessary to sustain themselves. We still have our Spanish New Testament available. These NIV Testaments are provided to people going on various types of mission trips to Spanish speaking countries. Contact anyone on our leadership team for further information.

This July, a group of us will be going to the LMM Church-Wide Assemble and Gathering in Omaha. It is still not too late to register and attend. We continue to support the Church-Wide LMM "Building for the Future" campaign. Church-Wide LMM was blessed with a \$500,000 gift with the provision that we match that gift with an additional \$500,000 in cash and \$500,000 in deferred giving. The purpose would be to endow three important aspects of our Church-Wide mission: the MasterBuilder Bible and Spanish New Testament programs, the continued research into the spirituality of our younger men, and our gatherings, both regional and Church-Wide. Accomplishing these goals will help insure our financial future, and we are pleased to announce that we are well on the way to reaching our initial goals. This campaign will conclude at the Church-Wide gathering in Omaha. We encourage men and church-groups to participate and become PaceSetters at the \$1,000 level.

We ask for your continued prayers as we work to strengthen our church throughout the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Our Leadership Team meets monthly and all are welcome to attend.

Fred Bohls, President