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Institute Receives Recognized Service Organization Status

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The Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute applied for and received Recognized Service Organization status under the auspices of LCMS World Mission.

Recognized Service Organization (RSO) status gives the Missionary Institute the recognition by the Synod that we are in fellowship and that we are doctrinally approved. It also gives us the ability to extend calls to

commissioned and ordained workers. We are also required to have audited financial statements every year.



Upper left—Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab from LCMS World Mission says a few words of support at the installation service.



Upper right—Rocky Mountain District President, Rev. Randall Golter installs Rev. Richard Schlak as the Executive Director, called by the Missionary Institute

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Institute Extends Call and Installs

Upon receiving RSO status and the ability to extend calls, the Missionary Institute has called Rev. Richard Schlak to be the Executive Director. This is the same call that he previously had. However, the call now comes through the Missionary Institute.

More than 50 people attended the 2010-2011 school year opening worship and installation service. Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab from World Mission, several people from the district, and others from as far away as California, Colorado, and Texas were in attendance for this special event.



Pastor Schlak offers the benediction at the end of the service.

Spanish Intensive Course Successful

Working together with Ysleta Lutheran Mission, the Missionary Institute held a special one week Spanish intensive course entitled "Conversations in Spanish." The actual



This year's Conversations in Spanish participants

language training was contracted out to Language Plus, language training institute in El Paso who trains many business executives and even the FBI.

Additional training and Spanish language experience was provided by Ysleta and the Missionary Institute. Each morning began with devotions and ended with a session on ministry with Hispanics. The between time was filled with instruction, food, practice, movies in

Spanish, field trips and more.

The Missionary Institute and YLM will host two sessions of Conversations in Spanish in 2011. The upcoming dates are January 15-22, and August 6-13. Participants may join either or both classes.

The cost of the class is \$650 which includes most food and lodging. For discounts, more information, or to register, please go to <http://www.missionaryinstitute.org/spanishtraining.htm>

New Class Schedule

Fall Semester - Session 1 (August 23 - October 15)

Worship and Song - M, T, Th 10:30 am - 12:00 n (MT)

Old Testament - Mon. 6:00 - 9:00 pm (MT)

Administration of a New Church - Wed. 6:00 - 9:00 pm (MT)

Fall Semester - Session 2 (Oct. 25 - Dec. 17)

Christian Education - M, T, Th 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (MT)

New Testament - Mon. 6:00 - 9:00 pm (MT)

Church Planting - Wed. 6:00 - 9:00 pm (MT)

Spring Semester - Session 1 (Jan. 3 - Feb. 25)

Fundamentals of the Christian Faith—M, T, Th 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (MT)

History of the Church - Mon. 6:00 - 9:00 pm (MT)

Deaconate Ministry- Wed. 6:00 - 9:00 pm (MT)

Spring Intensive 1-week Session (February 28 -

March 4)

Church Planting - Mon.—Fri., 6:00 - 9:00 pm (MT)

Spring Semester - Session 2 (March 21 - May 20)

Evangelism - M, T, Th 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (MT)

Church Planting - Mon. 6:00 - 9:00 pm (MT)

History of the Reformation - Wed. 6:00 - 9:00 pm

"The foundations were definitely laid to inspire me to keep at learning and speaking."

Pastor Tim Hartner talking about his Conversations in Spanish experience.

Getting to Know Each Other

Sometimes Hispanics and Anglos have disagreements because they don't understand what they other is really saying. Body language can be misunderstood and the message doesn't always get fully across.

Hispanics tend to stand closer to each other when they converse and don't have as much personal space as Anglos do. They also tend to be

more physical talkers, touching the other person on the arm or shoulder as they speak to them. This does not mean that they are "getting friendly" or "don't respect personal space," but rather, in many Hispanic cultures, this is the cultural norm.

Hispanics also tend to use bigger gestures while speaking.

And don't forget about the hugs and kisses.

The traditional greeting is a hug and a kiss on the cheek, something that Anglos are not used to. Guys greeting guys don't kiss, but shake hands or thump each other on the back. Guys that know each other well may share complicated hand shakes.

Hispanic culture is just different. Not better and not worse than any other culture including our own.

How You Can Help

Sometimes people ask us what they can do to help, so we came up with a list of ways that you can help and support the Missionary Institute.

1. Student recruitment—Do you know anyone who speaks Spanish who would make a wonderful church worker? If so, send them our way.

2. Partner churches and individuals—

we are always looking for partner churches, organizations, and individuals who will partner with us financially, as prayer partners, and in other ways as well, including helping us to spread the word about the work that we do here.

3. Financial support—since we are now fully responsible for the salary and benefits of Rev. Richard Schlak, we need financial help even more.

4. Volunteers—since our Executive Assistant is now part time, there are times when some extra help would be appreciated, such as when it is time to prepare the newsletters, prepare student notebooks for classes, and Enseñanzas Básicas (Basic Teachings).

If you are able to help in any of these ways, please let us know. Contact us at (915) 790-2300 or at info@missionaryinstitute.org

All along the border between Texas and Mexico, you find pairs of towns – one on the U.S. side, and the other just across the river on the Mexican side. Del Rio and Ciudad Acuña are just about in the middle of that long border, pretty close to a day's drive from the Missionary Institute here in El Paso. My wife Maritza and I made the long drive out there this month.

Between them, Del Rio and Ciudad Acuña have two Spanish-language Lutheran churches and three Missionary Institute students. Veronica, Sandra, and Daniel all attend

From the Director

classes online. Veronica is the director of Christian education at her congregation. Daniel is a deacon and worship leader. Sandra leads a children's ministry out of her home. More than 30 children from the community come to her house each week for Bible classes. The kids invariably arrive early and are reluctant to leave. Sandra has a hard time walking down the street without children running up to her with hugs and smiles.

Today Sandra told me (over the internet) how much she appreciates the classes she's taken through the Missionary Institute. "I can't believe how much I've

learned and how much I've grown," she said. "I'm doing things for the Lord that I never thought I'd be able to do."

So many Spanish-speaking Lutherans live, like Sandra, in places that are off the beaten track, a bit isolated. Most of them can't pull up stakes and go to a Bible school. So we go to them through the internet. Our Lutheran church desperately needs good leaders like Veronica, Sandra, and Daniel. At the Missionary Institute, we want to help prepare them for their calling. No matter where they are.

"I'm doing things for the Lord that I never thought I'd be able to do."

-Sandra, regarding how the classes at the Missionary Institute have helped her.

Missionary Institute Hosts Rocky Mountain Hispanic Ministry Meeting

Rocky Mountain District President Randy Golter and Hispanic Ministry Coordinator, Juan Hormachea led a meeting August 19-20 at the Missionary Institute. This meeting was held to discuss Hispanic ministry in the district, the role of the district in Hispanic ministry and new church plants, and how the Hispanic ministries

can work together and with the Anglo ministries for their mutual benefit.

There were 18 people who attended this



meeting from three churches in Colorado, one mission in New Mexico, and four different churches in El Paso as well as representatives from the Missionary Institute.

From this meeting, one church volunteered to help another raise some funds for their new mission and many ideas were shared.

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New Office Hours

Starting
September 1, 2010, the
Missionary Institute will
have different office
hours.

The new office
hours will be:

Mondays	9-5
Tuesdays	8-4
Wednesdays	10-6
Thursdays	8-4
Fridays	closed

This change is
office hours is due to
the Executive Assistant
changing from full time
to part time hours. She
will be in the office on
Tuesdays and
Thursdays and other
times as needed.

Upcoming Valley Mission Events

**The YLM Human
Care 2nd Annual Golf
Tournament** will be
October 29, 2010 at Vista
Hills Country Club in El
Paso, TX. Registration will
be at 11:00 am and Shotgun
start at 12:30. The cost is
\$60 per player. This cost
includes dinner at 5:30,
door prizes, hole prizes,
and one Really Big Hole in
One prize.



If you don't golf,
but would like to be a
sponsor, corporate or
individual sponsors are
welcome. You can be a
hole sponsor (\$200) and
have a sign on hole, a silver
sponsor (\$400) includes
two players, a gold
sponsorship (\$600)
includes four players, and a
diamond sponsorship
(\$1000) includes eight
players. You can also
donate items for the door
prizes or **sponsor a soldier
from Fort Bliss** so that
they can play (\$60 per
soldier).

For more
information on YLM's
ministries of addressing
hunger, shelter, health, and
education needs in the El

Paso/Juarez area, visit their
website www.ylm.org.



**The Second Annual
Reformation Festival** will
be Saturday, October 30th at
11:00 am followed by a lunch
at 12:30. It will be held at
San Pablo Lutheran Church.

All choirs are
invited to participate in this
festival. For more
information, please contact
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