



Lutheran Hispanic

— MISSIONARY INSTITUTE —

TRAINING WORKERS TO MULTIPLY HEALTHY HISPANIC MINISTRIES

NEWS AND UPDATES



PalmCon III to be Determined

After the success of the Partners in Latino Ministries Conference last fall, the LHMI board of directors is discussing a possible third PalmCon in 2019. The final decision will be made when the board meets next on November 3, 2017.

NOTICE:

Recruitment Underway For Board of Directors

The Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute (LHMI) Board of Directors is currently seeking additional board members to join them in the challenging yet rewarding mission of preparing more workers to multiply healthy Hispanic ministries. These workers include both Hispanics and non-Hispanics willing to help meet the ever-growing needs and to work together in cross-cultural contexts and ministries.

A mission-oriented heart is the most sought-after qualification for a board member. Pre-experience with non-profit corporation board service is not necessary. If you enjoy working with other Christian volunteers from different states, like to put forward ideas, experience satisfaction by stepping up to meet unmet needs, playing a role in project development, or otherwise exerting your God-given gifts toward reaching Hispanic communities with the Gospel, then you might be a good fit for our team!

The board holds one spring and one fall 2-day meeting in El Paso, TX with participation by remote access potentially possible.

To learn more about the board and/or to express your interest for consideration, contact LHMI Executive Director Richard Schlak at (915) 238-3278 or RSchlak@missionaryinstitute.org.

LHMI STUDENTS CONTINUE AT THE SEMINARY

The LHMI continues to coordinate coursework with the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO and with the Cross-cultural Ministry Center (CMC) at Concordia University Irvine. We want to ensure that the training offered by LHMI continues to satisfy the entrance requirements for CHS and CMC, and that this training is effectively preparing students for seminary-level studies.



Recently at the request of CHS, the Old Testament, New Testament and Doctrine classes at LHMI have been fine-tuned to better prepare students for organizing Bible studies and writing academic papers.

Three students who recently completed LHMI courses are continuing to pursue credentials from the CHS or the CMC. Please pray for God's blessings upon these servant-hearted ministry workers as they continue to prepare for entering the mission field.

IMMIGRATION WEBINAR

Did you know? The best surveys estimate that there are over 11 million immigrants in the U.S. without legal permission to be here. Some groups believe that this number may actually be much larger.

What should we Christians do? On the one hand, our mission is to share Jesus' love and salvation with everyone, whether they have their papers in order or not. On the other hand, the controversies over immigration issues impact our ministries, like it or not.

For the past several months, LHMI director Richard Schlak has been leading workshops on these issues at pastoral conferences and in congregations. Now LHMI will be hosting a free, hour-long webinar on Friday, September 8, to discuss Immigration Issues and the Church. Call or email Director Richard Schlak for information on how to connect to the webinar online.

From the Executive Director.....

Last month my wife and I visited our daughter Katherine in England. Her husband is in the air force and has been stationed there for the past three years. It wasn't easy to arrange or pay for this trip—but we were finally able to go see them!

We took advantage of our time in Europe to do a little traveling. We went to Rome for three days and then visited Wittenberg (Germany), where Martin Luther preached and taught, and where the Reformation began. Perhaps you know that this year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, when Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church.

What a contrast there was between Rome and Wittenberg! Rome impressed us with its extravagant luxury; Wittenberg impressed us with its simplicity. The Reformation changed not only theology but practice. Instead of collecting money in indulgence boxes to help wealthy bishops pay their debts, the Reformation collected money in community chests to help the poor.

Hispanic Lutheran congregations in the U.S. are similar to Wittenberg in that regard. They are simple, not extravagant. Generous, not luxurious! Many of our students struggle to make ends meet as they study and work in their churches. None of them are in it for the money—they just want to serve Jesus like Luther did. To share Jesus' love and salvation!

Online Courses Offered – Fall/Winter 2017

September—December (16 weeks)

BIB 102/103 Mission of God in the New Testament
(CHS prerequisite course)

September—October (8 weeks)

HIS 102 Mission of God in the Reformation

November—January (8 weeks)

PRA 103 Basics of Church Planting

The fee for each course is \$70.00. Scholarships may be available. An enrollment form may be completed at our webpage or requested by calling the Institute.



Options for how to financially support LHMI's ministry

The Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute depends greatly on the financial support of donors who believe in our mission and want to see this ministry prosper to expand God's kingdom. Funding needs include scholarships for students, increasing the endowment fund, and general operating which largely includes the provision of teachers and training for students and congregations. Options for contributing your tax deductible support include:

- 1) Make a check payable to the *Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute* and mail it to:
10622 Montwood Drive
El Paso, TX 79935
- 2) Select the Donation link at the top of the LHMI homepage:
www.missionaryinstitute.org
- 3) Direct Thrivent "choice dollars" to LHMI via the "Making a Difference" menu at: www.thrivent.com

For your convenience, a donation envelope has been included in this newsletter.

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By the Numbers

Hispanics currently make up 17.6 % of the U.S. population—the largest ethnic minority (Vintage 2015 Population Estimate, U.S. Census Bureau)

