

# ***JESUS IS LORD MISSION SOCIETY***

## **Steering Committee Meeting Report**

April 21, 2010



Top: Jeff Craig-Meyer acknowledges honoree, Mike Linebrink, for five years of faithful service to Synod as Senior Principal Gifts Officer.

Left: President John Heckmann and Jeff Craig-Meyer, LCMS Associate Exec. Director of Development Services.

Right: Volunteer Debra Heckmann, Pres. John Heckmann and JILM Coordinator, Dalton Noack, are in focus during the Steering Committee meeting.

April 21, 2010 was a blessing from God as the JILM Steering Committee met together at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Walburg, Texas.

Participants were: President John and Debra Heckmann, Woody and Margie Arp, Jane Ellwanger, Greg Knippa, James Kretzmann, Milton Liese, Paul Howe, Bettie Ann Bendewald, John and Mary Ann Brown, Dalton and Deanne Noack. Guests included Alber Walthers from Walburg, and Jeff Craig-Meyer/Mike Linebrink from LCMS World Missions in St. Louis.

President Heckmann led us in a devotion based on a prayer by Sir Francis Drake. The prayer is “Disturb us, O Lord, when we are too well please with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little; when we have arrived in safety because we sailed too close to the shore...”

While the various leaders gave their reports on activities since the last meeting, the major focus was on the newly proposed projects from LCMS World Mission. We were honored to have two guests representing LCMS World Mission with us. Jeffrey Craig-Meyer from St. Louis and Mike Linebrink from Walburg and a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

We were blessed to learn about new ways of proceeding through the budgeting process to show greater accountability.

After looking at the projects proposed by LCMS World Mission and our desire to fit in support of some of these projects, we determined to present to our members a budget of \$180,000 for the new fiscal year 2010-2011.

Project costs for 2010-2011 were selected including 5% to LCMS World Missions for their service and oversight. The members will ratify this recommendation from the Steering Committee through their voted which will be reported at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting. Please note the detail on the proposed projects can be seen in the May Newsletter and on this website.

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| <b>Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET)</b> | <b>\$32,650</b> |
| <b>India Probationers/Church Planters</b>             | <b>\$23,100</b> |
| <b>Sri Lanka Probationers/Church Planters</b>         | <b>\$10,500</b> |
| <b>Georgia Outreach</b>                               | <b>\$15,750</b> |
| <b>Santiago, Chile Mission</b>                        | <b>\$29,400</b> |
| <b>Missionary Training School in Argentina</b>        | <b>\$14,385</b> |
| <b>Rev. Walter Ries</b>                               | <b>\$52,500</b> |

After thorough discuss of the project options from LCMS World Mission the above selection was made for our members for ratification, we sang the Common Doxology out of thankfulness to God for the privilege of being part of His great plan for the world.

JILM will have a booth at the LWML Convention in Austin in June and at the LCMS Synodical Convention in Houston in July. It is with thanksgiving to LCMS World Mission we are able to be right next to their booth.

JILM will be seeking a representative in every state involved in JILM committed to supporting only LCMS World Mission projects.

Jeff Craig-Meyer presented a plaque to Mike Linebrink for five years of faithful service to LCMS World Missions. Note was made that Mike is the longest tenured person on the Development staff.

JILM members will soon be making choices for these officers on the Steering Committee.

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| <b>Chap. Paul Howe</b> | <b>President</b> |
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The members will elect two from the list of nominees below.

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| <b>Rev. Mark Dankis</b>     | <b>Member at Large</b> |
| <b>Rev. Wilburn Michalk</b> | <b>Member at Large</b> |
| <b>Mr. Curtis Mickan</b>    | <b>Member at Large</b> |
| <b>Ms. Mary Schumann</b>    | <b>Member at Large</b> |

We were pleased to learn that Thrivent is willing to support LCMS World Mission.

The Steering Committee approved Mike Linebrink as the “Official Relationship Holder” with LCMS World Missions for JILM.

The Annual Meeting will be June 9, 2010, at Zion Lutheran Church in Walburg, Texas. Our guest from LCMS World Mission will be Dr. Tom Zehnder.

**To God Alone Be the Glory!**



Jane Ellwanger (Secretary), Mary Ann Brown (Volunteer Coordinator), Bettie Ann Bendewald (Newsletter Editor) and Deanne Noack (Volunteer) enhance our team work.



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Guest, Jeff Craig-Meyer gives clarity to a question during discussion relating to new projects. Relationship holder, Mike Linebrink, carefully observes the process.



Volunteer Margie Arp and elected officials, Woody Arp, Greg Knippa and James Kretzmann, participate in the discussions.