# LutheranHispanic

# NEWS AND UPDATES



#### THIRD CONFERENCE TO BE IMPLEMENTED

The LHMI board of directors voted unanimously at their Nov. 3, 2017 meeting to implement a third Partners in Latino Ministries Conference in El Paso in October, 2019. This maintains the pace of one conference every three years.

This highly interactive conference plays a critical role in the ongoing professional development of Hispanic ministry-related workers. It is also a forum which facilitates peer networking nationwide and access to resources in an uplifting, spiritually nurturing setting.

Further information, including exact dates, speakers, and costs, will be announced in 2018.



#### NOTE FROM A STUDENT:

"Thank you <u>so much,</u> for all you do. You have been one of the greatest blessings in my life, and I thank God for you. May God continue to bless you, as you bring understanding of God's Word into my life and the life of others. "



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#### WEBINARS ADDRESS CURRENT ISSUES TO HELP LOCAL LEADERS



In response to requests for help to address high profile, trending issues from a biblical perspective, LHMI offered a webinar on Immigration Issues on September 22, 2017. This is an example of how LHMI brings resources to ministry workers as they reach the unchurched

and nurture the faith of their flocks through sermons and Bible studies. Recordings of several English-language webinars are available on our website.

# **VOLUNTEER TALENT** BEING SOUGHT TO HELP WITH



Can you help? We're looking for people with skills in two areas, willing to use their God-given gifts to assist LHMI with two projects. If you or someone you know could help with the following tasks, please contact the Institute:

SHORT-TERM PROJECTS

- Video Production (edits of existing video material) We need to put together a short promotional video for LHMI's website and for use at conferences and presentations. This video would play a key role in fundraising and connecting with leaders who would benefit from LHMI's resources.
- Independent Financial Reviews LHMI conducts in-depth, independent audits every 3-4 years. In between those full audits, we need to do a shorter, simpler financial review each year. We're looking for a person with accounting skills to help us with this review. The budget and finances at LHMI are straightforward, and records are very well kept, so these reviews are not expected to be very time consuming.

Would you be willing to work on one of these projects either as a volunteer or for a moderate fee? Meeting these needs would be a great blessing to LHMI!

# From the Executive Director...

I saw a commercial the other day encouraging me to "rock this Christmas" by buying all my Christmas gifts at a certain store. Sometimes our Christmas gift-giving gets out of control. All our attention is on the material things we get and give.

LHMI likes to give things too! On our web site you can find worship and sermon helps in English and Spanish, Hispanic ministry ideas, helps for teaching new Christians, and now also devotions. Recently a Lutheran seminary professor asked me for some of our class materials for his own students. It's all free, because of our partners' support.

But Jesus' Christmas gifts are even more out of control! On the first Christmas, he gave himself. He left heaven itself behind in order to save us! And he continues to give forgiveness and eternal life to all those who trust in him. We pray that your Christmas will be full of joy as you share Jesus' extraordinary gift!

### **Online Courses Offered – Winter**

November 2017—March 2018

\*BIB 102/103 Mission of God in the New Testament (CHS prerequisite course) - one group meets Friday evenings; a second group meets Saturday mornings

\*BIB 101 Mission of God in the Old Testament (CHS prerequisite course) - meets Tuesday evenings

These courses are taught in Spanish. Other courses may be arranged in English or Spanish for groups of 8 or more students.

### Board Welcomes New members, Continues Recruiting

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At the Nov. 3, 2017 board meeting, Wayne Woolery of Denver and Leobardo Melendez of El Paso were welcomed to the Board of Directors. *We are looking forward to working together!* 

If you feel God has called you to be part of the LHMI team and to share your gifts and talents with us, please contact Executive Director Richard Schlak for more information.

# YEAR-END GIVING - Critical Support for LHMI-'s Mission

LHMI provides training and resources for Hispanic ministry for free or at very low cost. If you believe in our mission and want to see this ministry prosper to expand God's kingdom, we ask you to give prayerful consideration to making LHMI a recipient of your financial blessings.

#### OUR OPERATING BUDGET DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS.

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, Suite A El Paso, TX 79935
- 2) Select the Donation link at the top of the LHMI homepage: www.missionaryinstitute.org
- 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.

Missionary Institute can receive Thrivent Choice dollars!

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