



Excitement Builds for
PALMCON III
Oct. 16-18, 2019, El Paso, Texas

LHMI's staff and board of directors, with the help of God, hope to replicate the effectiveness of previous PALMCON conferences, as exemplified by one of the participant's testimonials following the 2013 pilot:

"PALMCON was wonderful! Excellent organization, speakers, and learning methodology. The most excellent conference I ever attended in the LCMS because of the attendees' participation."

Because of the conference's interactive format, participants will have ample opportunity to learn from presenters and one another. This also serves to strengthen peer relationships and the nationwide support system for ministry workers.

**Family Ministry is Central Theme,
Focus of Keynote Speaker**

Participants will engage with **Dr. David Hormachea** of Corona, CA. He is the founder and president of "**Regreso al Hogar**" (Return Home), an organization dedicated to helping families. He has served in Chile, Ecuador, and the United States as a pastor and leader of various radio and television ministries. Dr. Hormachea has published 16 books, most of which deal with family issues.

He will discuss how leaders in Hispanic/Latino ministry can help their own families and the families of others through the love and power of Christ.

**DONATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
REMAIN CRITICAL TO
PARTICIPANTS' ATTENDANCE**

Not all local ministry budgets can support national-level professional development opportunities for church workers or students aspiring to be church workers. Scholarships are essential to help off-set a portion of the registration and/or travel costs.

Matching funds from the board of directors will double the amount of a donation.

To donate, choose any of the following three ways and address donations to **PALMCON** Scholarships:

1. Use the enclosed donation envelope to mail a check, payable to LHMI
2. Donation form available at: www.missionaryinstitute.org/donations/
3. Visit www.palmcon.org, and click the donate button.

Use the **PALMCON 2019** dropdown menu at www.Palmcon.org for conference information. Registration can also be done via a link at the site.



LHMI STUDENTS AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY

This past May, LHMI executive director, Richard Schlak, presented an "Isaiah and the Prophets" class as a guest online instructor for the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Six of the 17 students in the class completed previous courses with LHMI. Rev. Richard Schlak reports that all are doing well in their studies.

LHMI and CHS coordinate the alignment of LHMI's basic course curriculum with prerequisites for acceptance to CHS. This critical partnership strengthens the pathway for students pursuing ministry vocations.

LHMI's Triennial Strategic **PLAN UPDATED**

Every three years LHMI staff and the board of directors devote time and attention to carefully examine progress on strategic goals, scan current environmental influences, and reset performance objectives for the Institute.

The updated plan spans 2019-2021. It addresses missional, administrative, educational and partnership categories to drive the Institute's mission of training workers to multiply Hispanic ministries.

Demographics

Hispanic and Latino Americans depict a population that is the second-largest ethnic group in the United States – 52 million people or 16.7% of the national population.

Source: Wikipedia

Prayer Request

Your prayer support is greatly needed and greatly appreciated. Please pray for:

- ✓ Hispanic ministry workers already in the field who face many challenges and need encouragement, fulfillment, and perseverance in their proclamation of the Gospel.
- ✓ That plans for PALMCON III will result in a conference that truly aids ministry workers and glorifies the Lord.
- ✓ Increased scholarship donations for PALMCON in order to increase attendance
- ✓ More local congregational outreach to Latinos and an increase in calls to place ministry workers in their midst.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

The Apostle Paul's words foreshadowed a critical value in the ministry of the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute (LHMI). He wrote, *"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people."* **Philemon 4-6** (NIV)

LHMI values Partnership. In May of 2019 the Board of Directors approved the Strategic Plan for LHMI for 2019 to 2021. The word Partner appears 21 times in this document emphasizing an all encompassing range of relationships.

LHMI works closely with churches to further their work in Hispanic Ministry. LHMI works with the Center for Hispanic Studies at Concordia University to undergird their ministry in Hispanic education. LHMI works with the Frontera Group to support church planting along the United States Southern Border and Northern Mexico. LHMI works with both Spanish speaking and English speaking students to prepare them to reach a lost world for Christ. And, LHMI depends on Partners, both churches and individuals, for the financial resources to fulfill its vision. Finally, LHMI is grateful for the opportunity to host the Partners in Latino Ministry Conference (**PALMCON**) for the third time this October in El Paso.

Like the Apostle Paul, [we thank God for your Partnership in the Gospel.](#)

You are a great encouragement to us, and to Hispanic Ministry. May we continue to mutually pray for the expansion of Christ's Kingdom among Latinos.

ONLINE COURSES OFFERED

- **DOC 101** Basic Teachings of the Christian Faith
- **BIB 101** Mission of God in the Old Testament
- **BIB 102** Mission of God in the New Testament
- **Basic Hebrew**

The fee per class is \$70. Visit our website or send us an email for registration instructions.

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