

## **Mission Statement of the North Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission**

The mission of the NCLMM is to support men in their spiritual growth and in their social and intellectual development as they strive to deepen their commitment to Christ and to their families; and to provide strength and support as they grow in the life of the Church and its evangelical mission.

As we engage in this mission, we will:

### **INVITE all men:**

1. To experience and then to share the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord.
2. To encourage deepening spiritual life and church activity
3. To be witnesses for Christ through word and deed.
4. To be involved in the work of the LMM.
5. To join with other men of all ages, our individual congregations, the N. C. Synod, the ELCA, and the Church universal in carrying out our ministries.

### **EQUIP all men:**

6. To deepen and enrich their spiritual and intellectual life.
7. To foster a greater understanding of the whole work of the Church-at-large and our part in the carrying out of that work.
8. To realize God's purpose in their lives.
9. To develop as whole persons
10. To grow spiritually and personally by making available materials and programs on topics and issues relevant to men and their daily life. This would be done by sponsoring retreats, forums, workshops, seminars and speakers locally while encouraging attendance at regional and national LMM events, gatherings, etc.; and by providing materials (through LMM Master Builders) for bible studies, and other educational opportunities.
11. To promote aggressively a Christ-centered, experience-centered, guided-development program for young men such as

**Scouting.**

12. To work for and encourage the development of leadership and other skills necessary for our future growth as individuals and as a Church by involving all of our young men in the work of the Church and NCLMM.

**SEND all men:**

13. To promote Christian fellowship in their own congregations and in their conferences.
14. To interact with men of other Lutheran bodies so as to encourage and promote a coming together in closer harmony, understanding, and spirit of cooperation.
15. To stimulate the practice of stewardship of time, talents, and money
16. To strengthen their homes so they may be an effective school for Christian living.
17. 17 To be involved in the affairs of their communities so that as Christians, their Christian influence can be a positive influence in their communities, their state, nation, and the world.
18. To support financially the establishment of new congregations through the Loan and Gift Fund and the Home Mission Foundation.
19. To support financially the National Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM).
20. To support, financially and otherwise, the other programs and projects of the NCLMM and LMM.