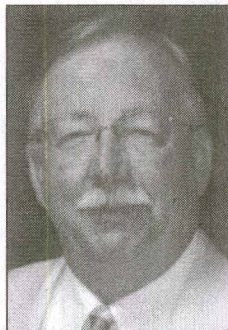


Wurdeman accepts new position as Lutheran Hour Ministries executive director

Served LCMS Texas District
as mission and ministry facilitator in areas A and C (Circuits 24, 26, 28, and 29)

It was after prayerful consideration, that the Board of Governors for the International Lutheran Laymen's League (Int'l LLL) selected Bruce Wurdeman as the new executive director for Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). Wurdeman, who served as LHM's director of United States Ministries, began his new duties Aug. 1. He succeeds Larry Lumpe, who retired at the end of July following his second stint as executive director for the ministry.



Wurdeman

"Bruce has a great vision for the ministry and high expectations for excellence," says Mick Onnen, president of the Int'l LLL. "I praise God for Bruce and his willingness to accept the executive director position, and I pledge my full support for his work and service among us."

"I am both honored and humbled to become the next executive director for Lutheran Hour Ministries," Wurdeman said. "God is accomplishing tremendous things through this life-changing ministry, and I look forward to working with our staff to boldly proclaim the salvation story of Jesus Christ to ever-increasing numbers of people."

Brings valuable experience to the position

In his past position, Wurdeman oversaw the production of "The Lutheran Hour®," "Woman to Woman®," and "Para el Camino" radio programs, seasonal television specials, and print materials, as well as ministry fulfillment and referral services. Under his direction, the ministry also launched the LHM Men's NetWork last January, a program geared to help congregations reconnect with men and build local men's ministries.

"In only its first six months of operation, the program has witnessed unprecedented growth and excitement," says Onnen. More than 2,000 LCMS churches and churches in other denominations have already signed up.

Wurdeman worked at Lutheran Hour Ministries from 1994 through 2002 in the Volunteer Opportunities department as an assistant director and manager, positions that allowed him to recruit and train more than 100,000 volunteers throughout North America.

From 2002 to 2008, he served as a mission and ministry facilitator for the LCMS Texas District, where he was a resource person for 100 congregations in west and south Texas.

Prior to his first stint at Lutheran Hour Ministries, Wurdeman filled a variety of roles throughout Lutheran circles, including principal and director of adult education at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Eureka, Mo.; director of campus ministry for the LCMS North Dakota District; director of

youth ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.; and a math/science teacher and youth director at Zion Lutheran Church, Bethalto, Ill.

Wurdeman has a bachelor's degree in education and school administration from Concordia University in River Forest, Ill. and a master's degree in exegetical theology (Old Testament) from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellisville, Mo. He and his wife, Marijane, have three grown children and one grandchild.

Congratulations to Bruce from the Lone Star District, and our prayers are lifted up that God would grant him great wisdom and discernment in this new challenge.

Lone Star District LHM—International LLL's Ambassador of the Year

Louis Thiele, charter member of Hosanna Lutheran, Kerrville, was surprised Sunday, June 7, when Eugene Brison, district president of the Lutheran Laymen's League (left), called him

up to the front of the sanctuary and presented him with the Lone Star District LHM International Lutheran Laymen's League Ambassador of the Year Award. Louis' wife, Olivia (right), also was recognized as the Ambassador's Assistant of the Year. Congratulations, Louis and Olivia! Thanks for your many years of dedication to and support of "The Lutheran Hour."

