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“You shall be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

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**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration**

of the

**Latin American Lutheran Mission**

**November 11-13, 2011**

**Wooddale Lutheran Church**

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*The hand of God has been seen from the beginning work of this mission to the present time. That is why we are sending you this invitation, so that you and all who have participated in this work over the years will come together to celebrate what God has done.*

- Special sessions with keynote speakers to highlight the challenges before us as we enter this new season of ministry.
- Multi-media retrospect “75 Years of Mission” and cameos from the families and friends of each of the mission’s four directors.
- Special services featuring music from The Kinsmen Quartette and the “Estudiantina” music group from Saltillo, MX.
- Meeting and banquet featuring the installation of the new LALM director and the musical ministry of Dave Anderson and Kelly Patten.

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# THE CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

## Pastor Natanael Lizarazo



"From Mission Field to Missionary Force" is a slogan that originated with the Lausanne Movement in Christian missions. It highlights the challenge before the Christian Church to move beyond merely being a receiver to becoming actively involved in the Great Commission. It can mean that various types of purposeful partnerships can be formed that are strategic in making this

happen. There are exciting ways in which mission fields are expressing Great Commission and Great Commandment ministries in our world."

Pr. Natanael Lizarazo was born in a small village in the Andean mountains of Colombia.

Before becoming a Pastor, Natanael served as an elementary school teacher in the Lutheran school in his home town of El Cocuy. Later he studied theology in Cali, Colombia and was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia in 1984. He was Director for Community Development Programs of the Lutheran World Federation in Colombia. In 1986 Natanael was granted a scholarship from the American Lutheran Church (ALC) to enroll at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque Iowa where he earned both a Master of Divinity and a Master of Sacred Theology. He met Barbara Wangsness at Wartburg. They were married in 1988 and have one daughter, Alicia.

Natanael and Barbara served as pioneer developers for a cross-cultural and cross-denominational ministry among Native Americans in which Lutheran and Episcopalians on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation worked together in South Dakota. The Lizarazos also served Community Lutheran Church in Geneva, Minnesota. In 1996 they accepted a call as ELCA missionaries to Colombia where they served until September 1998 representing the Southeastern Minnesota Synod in its Companion Relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia.

Natanael is a firm supporter of leadership development and mission initiatives related to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia. Along with their daughter Alicia, Natanael and Barbara are the Founders of Leadership & Development LIZWAN, a ministry that provides educational and leadership development opportunities to poor children, youth and adults in Colombia.

Since August 2000, Natanael has been serving as Associate Pastor for Mission and Outreach at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Currently Natanael serves on the South Dakota Synod Mission Partners Task Force.

## Rev. B. Steve Hughey



Rev. B. Steve Hughey has served as the Executive Director for the Central America Lutheran Mission Society (CALMS) since July 1, 2006. The organization equips national leaders in Central America. CALMS also sends short-term teams each year from the USA to work in partnership with national workers.

From 1988 to 2006, Hughey served with LCMS World Mission in various capacities. He is the founder of the Association of Lutheran Mission Agencies (ALMA) and has helped develop new LCMS mission societies. He conducts mission seminars and training events for pastors, seminarians, mission societies and congregational mission leaders.

He also teaches regularly in the *Perspectives* mission course and at Lutheran seminaries and universities.

Steve grew up in Conover, N.C., and is a 1968 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. From 1968 to 1979, he served as an evangelist and director of the Spanish Lutheran Hour, headquartered in Caracas, Venezuela, South America. From 1979 to 1988, he served as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.

# SPECIAL MUSIC

## Kinsmen Quartet



*Paul Mikelson, baritone; Norm Anderson, base;  
Paul Christensen, lead; John Lueth, tenor.*

The Kinsmen Quartet is one of three quartets that are a part of the Augsburg Centennial Singers, a 55 voice male chorus from the Twin Cities. Their mission is to present concerts that personalize a Christian faith and encourage listeners to establish and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Kinsmen sound is reminiscent of the Gospel Quartets that traveled in past years as representatives of Augsburg College. The Kinsmen have been singing together since 2001 and have sung on Centennial Singers tours in Norway, as well as southern and southwestern United States. Early in 2011, they sang to approximately 6000 people as part of the Centennial Singers concerts while touring in California and Arizona.

## The Estudiantina

"The Estudiantina" is composed of adults and youth from our Lutheran Churches in Saltillo, Mexico. This group has featured fine Christian music, in Spanish of course, with vocals accompanied by guitar, mandolin, base, and other instruments with the distinctive sounds and rhythms of Mexico.

## Dave Anderson & Kelly Patten



Dave and Kelly's music is a blend of contemporary gospel hymns and lots of old-time Sunday School songs. The audience will be invited to sing along but, as Dave says, "so long as it's the same song".

Dave and Kelly are from Arizona, but Kelly grew up in Stanley and Velva, North Dakota and Dave grew up as a Lutheran preacher's kid in Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Dave has been involved in lay ministry in the Lutheran church for 47 years—first in youth ministry (Dave is the founder of Lutheran Youth Encounter) and then music ministry including concerts and worship resources.

Dave will share from his personal experiences from 35 years of concert ministry around the world.

In 1993, God used incredibly heroic men to rescue Dave, his wife Barbara, and five others from 36-degree water after their plane crashed into the Bering Sea while returning from a missionary and humanitarian mission in the Russian Far East.

Dave will tell highlights of this story at the LALM banquet, Saturday, November 12, 2011 at Wooddale Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, MN. Learn more at [www.TheRescueStory.com](http://www.TheRescueStory.com).

Dave, Barb, and Kelly are currently involved in the most ambitious project yet: Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, a special counseling ministry for needy Protestant ministers and their spouses. Week-long Shepherd's Canyon Retreats are held in Wisconsin, Arizona, and soon in other states.

# 75TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011

- 11:00 am      **Registration**
- 12:00 noon    **Soup and Salad Luncheon**
- 1:30 pm      **First Session: Opening worship**  
LALM Documentary Film  
Award Focus: Winter Volunteers
- 3:30 pm      **Second Session: The Four Directors of LALM**  
Four parts with photo presentations  
Award Focus: Staff and Volunteers over the years
- 5:30 pm      **Supper at Wooddale Lutheran**
- 7:30 pm      **Evening Session**  
“Changes over the past years, Changes yet to come”  
Directors Report and message by Pastor Dick Erickson  
Kinsmen Quartet and Estudiantina de Saltillo  
Award Focus: Churches

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011

- 9:30 am      **Registration** – coffee and treats
- 10:00 am     **First Session: Trends**  
“Mission Trends” presented by Pastor Steve Hughey  
Estudiantina de Saltillo  
Award Focus: Teams
- 12:00 noon    **Luncheon at Wooddale Lutheran**
- 1:30 pm      **Second Session: “From Mission Field to Mission Force”**  
message by Nathanael Lizarazo  
Award Focus: Quilts, Kits and Cards
- 3:00 pm      **Break**
- 3:30 pm      **Session Three: Round Table Discussion on Trends**  
Award Focus: Sister Ministries
- 5:30 pm      **75th Anniversary Dinner**  
Brief Annual Business Meeting of the LALM  
Dave Anderson Concert  
Installation Service of New Director

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2011

- 9:30 am      **LALM Celebration Worship at Wooddale Lutheran**  
Brunch following worship service

## TAKE THE “75TH ANNIVERSARY BUS” AND LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US.

*Do you live in Southern Minnesota, Iowa, South or North Dakota? Would you like to come to the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Latin American Lutheran Mission and need a ride to get there?*

The Saint Andrews Mission Society of West Fargo, North Dakota has the answer to your need with their wonderful bus and personnel. On November 9, 2011 the bus will set out to pick up conference attendees and arrive later that day at the conference hotel near the Mall of America in south Minneapolis. The intended route will include Fargo, Brookings and Sioux Fall SD, then across on interstate 90 to Albert Lea, and perhaps Rochester, MN. This route and date is subject to change depending on those who sign up for the anniversary bus tour. The bus can take only so many riders, so send in your registration early. **To get on board call Rose Marie Anderson at 952-470-0109 or indicate your wish to take the S.A.M.S. bus on your reservation form.** Those taking the bus have the option of staying at the Super 8 Bloomington/Airport Hotel or housing of their choice.



## HOW TO REGISTER

The registration form on page 7 of this Clarion is the information needed for advanced planning. Here is how to register.

1. Fill out the form and send it in the LALM envelope included in this Clarion.
2. **Call Rose Marie Anderson at 952-470-0109 or email her at [rosemarieanderson42@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarieanderson42@gmail.com) with this information.**
3. Find the registration form online at [www.lalm-elcm.org](http://www.lalm-elcm.org).

The cost of the conference including food, registration, and speaker travel expenses will be covered by free will offerings. Early registration is greatly appreciated for meal planning and other considerations.

## CONFERENCE HOTEL LODGING

Super 8 Bloomington/Airport is the official conference hotel and is located at 7800 2nd Ave South, 1-494 and Nicollet Ave/Exit 4A. There is a special package for four nights lodging, for four paying occupants, which includes breakfast and the anniversary bus tour. **Contact Rose Marie Anderson for more details at 952-470-0109.** November 1st is the deadline for these special rates so register early. The S.A.M.S. bus will take conference attendees to Wooddale Lutheran each day from the conference hotel. This hotel also offers van shuttle to and from the Mall of America, as well as a van shuttle to the airport.

## Revised LALM Book Available at 75th Conference.

The revised and updated history of the Latin American Lutheran Mission is with the publisher at this time and will be available for a minimal cost at the 75th Anniversary Celebration. The first edition of this book was edited by Pastor Arnold Hedin for the 50th Anniversary in 1986. Twenty-five years of new information has been added to this book of history. This is a celebration document of what God has done through many volunteers, teams, and churches. Get your copy at the conference.



# Gifts of Love



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# Latin American Lutheran Mission

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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Has your church been active with LALM?

\_\_\_\_\_ Quilters \_\_\_\_\_ Service/Mission Teams

\_\_\_\_\_ Donated items (toys, clothes, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_\_\_ Kits

Others coming with you: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check what pertains to you:

I plan to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday - Sunday (5 meals) \_\_\_\_\_ Friday - Saturday (4 meals) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday only (2 meals)

### Transportation and lodging needs:

\_\_\_\_\_ We'd like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the S.A.M.S. "75th Anniversary" bus.

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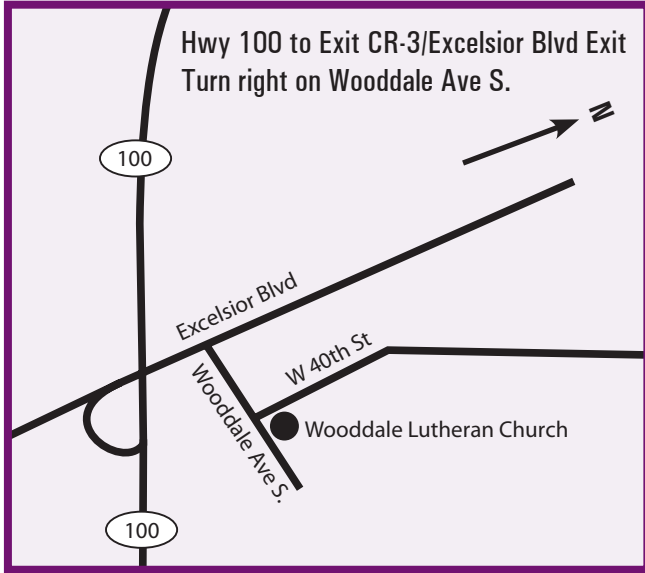
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\_\_\_\_\_ I have special needs (diet, other) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you, God:**

- ▶ For the faithful and effective ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico
- ▶ For the consistent and prayerful support of the LALM board and financial partners of the LALM.
- ▶ For God's protection of our pastors and congregations in Mexico.
- ▶ For the work of our 75th Anniversary Task Force and the New Director Task Force of the LALM.
- ▶ For the hundreds of mission groups, individuals and couples who have served over the years at the border station and in our churches in Mexico.

**Lord we need your help:**

- ▶ In discerning the choice of a new director for the LALM.
- ▶ In restoring peace and security in the complicated drug-related violence so wide-spread in Mexico.

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- ▶ For the Holy Spirit to be poured out on the 75th Anniversary Celebration November 11-13..
- ▶ For the LALM board as it meets on November 10th with the new director to chart a course.

***Please pray for the safety of our pastors and congregations in Mexico.***



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