

**CONGREGATIONAL MISSION AND MINISTRY ADVOCATE
(CMMA)**

The Great Commission of Jesus directs us to extend His grace beyond the borders of our congregations, towns, cities, counties and states to other peoples and even to other nations.

PURPOSE:

THE CONGREGATIONAL MISSION AND MINISTRY ADVOCATE'S PURPOSE IS:

TO CHAMPION IN HIS/HER CONGREGATION **THE GREAT COMMISSION WORK OF OUR LORD** WHICH IS TAKING PLACE THROUGH OUR SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT AND THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD,

TO HELP CONGREGATIONAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS **KEEP THE MISSION** OUR LORD HAS GIVEN US **AT THE TOP** OF OUR LIST OF PRIORITIES.

GOALS:

THE CMMA WILL:

- 1} + assist the Pastor(s) in keeping the mission and ministry of the church at large before the members.
- 2} + encourage congregational members to see mission and ministry as something that extends beyond congregational boundaries.
- 3} + assist with mission education within the congregation and be a resource person concerning District and Synod mission and ministry. (careful coordination with congregational Mission Education Committee essential, coordination with congregational LLL and LWML mission education efforts also very important)
- 4} + assist in laying groundwork within the congregation for her physical, prayerful and financial support of the District and Synod's mission and ministry work.
- 5} + communicate the congregation's viewpoints in the area of mission and ministry work and the support of same to District leadership.

THE CMMA SHOULD:

- 6} ++ be spiritually mature and zealous for the work of the Lord
- 7} ++ have a heart for missions and be either knowledgeable about our District or willing to learn
- 8} ++ be a person who desires to increase mission awareness in his/her congregation
- 9} ++ preferably be the last District Convention Delegate, Alternate or Designee
- 10} ++ be willing to serve at least from one District Convention to the next -- a three year interval.
- 11} ++ be a respected leader in the congregation, not necessarily a member of an elected Board or an officer in the congregation
- 12} ++ be positive
- 13} ++ be able and willing to research and use the most effective means of communicating about the mission and ministry work of the church at large with the congregation
- 14} ++ be willing to receive the orientation, training and continuing education helps that are provided in order to support the CMMA's work

SUGGESTED FUNCTION LIST:

- 15} o meet with the Pastor (and where applicable the Mission Education people of the congregation) on a regular basis, at least quarterly, to coordinate and share with one another the work being done and being planned and to insure support of the undertaking
- 16} o coordinate with the church secretary and/or other communication people the use of printed materials
- 17} o seek to gather materials and information about the mission and ministry of District and National Synod that will assist you in accomplishing your purpose as the CMMA in your congregation
- 18} o receive the materials and information on mission and ministry and ensure their wide distribution in the congregation
- 19} o recruit others, as needed, to assist in order to fulfill adequately the task that belongs to the Congregational Mission and Ministry Advocate
- 20} o share information regularly with the Church Council and the Voters body
- 21} o initiate opportunities to share the mission and ministry story with the various auxiliary groups, agencies and classes in the congregation
- 22} o encourage organized prayer efforts in behalf of the mission and ministry being championed
- 23} o generate special events, services and displays to highlight the mission and ministry efforts of the church at large or portions of that work
- 24} o espouse growth in the financial support of the congregation for District and Synod mission and ministry efforts
- 25} o other than at budgeting time when mission commitments are determined, avoid the linkage of any kind of fund raising to your mission and ministry news and mission vision raising efforts