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Two Ministries for Native Americans Become One

Brookfield, WI - The Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. announced a merger with the Council for Lutheran American Indian Ministries (CLAIM).

"Since our two organizations share such passion to proclaim the cross to Native peoples, our agreement to merge just makes good sense and good stewardship," said Rev. Dr. Don Johnson, Executive Director of Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots US.

"Our missions and approaches are closely aligned," he added. "As one cross-cultural, Lutheran ministry, we can reach more people in more places more effectively. God sent his Son for all people. We are to make disciples in all nations. Native nations are our focus."

Leadership training among them is a priority, Rev. Dr. Johnson said. "Helping them own the faith is crucial. Ministering should come from clergy and lay leaders who know what it's like to be both Native American and a Christian believer."

Rev. Clark Gies, formerly Executive Director of CLAIM, will now serve as Director of Discipleship for Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. He concurs with the importance placed on leadership training.

"God adopts every nation," he said, "and gives all people the right to become children of God. That is the message we want to share, especially with Native people."

With the inclusion of CLAIM's mission field, the ministry of Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. now expands into the American Midwest, the Great Plains and the Southwest.

The Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. is a cross-cultural ministry sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in partnership with individuals and communities through mutual witness, nurture and discipleship. Our mission is to proclaim the cross of Jesus Christ and share God's love in Native American communities throughout North America.

To find out more information on the ministries of Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S., please visit our website: www.lutheranmissionariesandpilots.org

*"For it is by grace you
have been saved,
through faith -
and this not from
yourselves, it is
the gift of God -
not by works, so that
no one can boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9*

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