

# Lutheran Hour Ministries FACT SHEET



## *Who is Lutheran Hour Ministries?*

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a Christian outreach ministry dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. LHM's mission is *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*.

LHM's name comes from **The Lutheran Hour**<sup>®</sup>, a radio program that was first broadcast in 1930 and is still on the air today. The radio program began as a ministry of the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL), which is an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; the diverse ministries of LHM today continue to receive support from members of this all-volunteer organization of Lutheran laypersons (now known as the International Lutheran Laymen's League, or Int'l LLL). Lutheran Hour Ministries is governed by a board composed of members of the Int'l LLL.

## *What does Lutheran Hour Ministries do?*

LHM responds to its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church* in two ways: directly, through education and media, and also indirectly, by working with and supporting partners such as Lutheran congregations and church bodies.

LHM Programs:

- **The Lutheran Hour.** Direct proclamation of the Gospel through a broadcast sermon by Rev. Gregory Seltz and sacred music. **The Lutheran Hour** can be heard on the American Forces Network and is available any time for online listening or podcast at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). **The Lutheran Hour** is also broadcast in Spanish as **Para el Camino** ('For the Journey'); for more information, go to [www.paraelcamino.com](http://www.paraelcamino.com).
- **LHM Men's NetWork.** This resource supporting congregational men's ministries was introduced in 2009. **LHM Men's NetWork** offers video Bible studies and other resources for congregations to help engage men in the life of the church and reach out to other men. Visit [www.lhmmen.com](http://www.lhmmen.com).
- **Regional Outreach Conferences (ROC).** ROCs are dynamic two-day events designed to inspire, equip and energize Christians to share their faith effectively. Each **ROC** features nationally recognized speakers and presenters, opportunities to connect with local, national and international ministries, and outreach-themed activities designed for youth and children. Learn more at [www.lhm.org/roc](http://www.lhm.org/roc).
- **International Ministries.** LHM's continuing involvement in international proclamation, which began in 1940. Currently LHM supports ministry centers in more than 30 countries. These ministry centers are staffed by volunteer nationals who provide media, Bible courses, equipping resources for effective and more culturally appropriate Gospel outreach to hundreds of thousands of people every year. For more information, go to [www.lhm.org/international](http://www.lhm.org/international).

## *Lutheran Hour Ministries At a Glance*

### **Organizational purpose:**

*Proclamation of the Gospel; global Gospel outreach; support for congregations and church bodies in Gospel proclamation and outreach.*

### **Headquarters:**

*St. Louis, MO*

### **Affiliations:**

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
Lutheran Church—Canada*

### **Leadership, Lutheran Hour Ministries:**

*Bruce Wurdeman, Executive Director  
Kurt Buchholz, Executive Director Elect*

### **Current Speaker of 'The Lutheran Hour':**

*Rev. Gregory P. Seltz*

### **Speaker Emeritus of 'The Lutheran Hour':**

*The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Klaus*

### **Weekly U.S. and Canada Listenership of 'The Lutheran Hour' Program:**

*800,000 (Est.)*

### **Number of Radio Stations Broadcasting 'The Lutheran Hour' Program in the U.S. and Canada:**

*1,400+*

### **First Speaker of 'The Lutheran Hour':**

*The Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier*

### **First Broadcast of 'The Lutheran Hour':**

*Oct. 2, 1930*

### **More LHM Ministry Programs:**

*'LHM Men's NetWork'; 'Regional Outreach Conferences' (ROC); International Ministries Partnerships; 'MISSION U'; 'five14'; 'Project Connect'; 'JCPlayZone'*

### **International Lutheran Laymen's League founded:**

*1917*

### **Leadership, Int'l LLL:**

*Philip Krauss II, Chairman*

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- **MISSION U.** Seminars that provide tools and strategies for effective outreach. Congregations desiring to reach out to the people in their surrounding communities will benefit from **MISSION U** workshops led by ministry professionals. LHM also offers additional resources to support sustained outreach. Visit [www.lhm.org/missionu](http://www.lhm.org/missionu).
- **Five14.** **Five14** is an event for teens that incorporates edgy video, worship- or concert-style music and social interaction to help teens develop the skills they need to share their faith effectively with their peers. Visit [www.lhm.org/five14](http://www.lhm.org/five14).
- **Project Connect.** This indispensable on-site outreach booklet ministry uses displays of topical booklets, written from a Christian perspective, to share Christ with the lost. **Project Connect** addresses a wide variety of topics to connect God's Word to real-life issues. Visit [www.lhm.org/projectconnect](http://www.lhm.org/projectconnect).
- **Daily** and **Seasonal Devotions.** Rev. Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of **The Lutheran Hour**, writes **Daily Devotions** that you can receive by e-mail or read or listen to online (**Daily Devotions** are also available in Spanish). During Advent and Lent, **Seasonal Devotions** are also available from LHM.
- **JCPlayZone.** Safe online children's resource that provides games, projects, devotions and much more, all geared for kids. Visit [www.jcplayzone.com](http://www.jcplayzone.com)!

### *How is Lutheran Hour Ministries funded?*

Lutheran Hour Ministries is independently funded and receives no income from the budgets of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or Lutheran Church—Canada. LHM's annual budget for ministry and operations is funded primarily by gifts from individual donors, congregations and groups. LHM also receives grants from generous partner organizations to help fund selected special projects. LHM is currently awarded the "Best in America" Seal of Excellence from the Independent Charities of America.

### *How to get involved with Lutheran Hour Ministries*

- **Pray.** God answers prayer. To become an LHM Prayer Partner, subscribe to *Ministry Update*, where we list current ministry prayer needs. Go to [www.lhm.org/minupdate](http://www.lhm.org/minupdate).
- **Promote.** Use LHM resources and provide them for your church and community; share information about **The Lutheran Hour**, **LHM Men's NetWork**, **MISSION U** and **five14**, **LHM International Ministries** or our other education or outreach resources.
- **Give.** Prayerfully consider being a part of Lutheran Hour Ministries' mission for global Gospel outreach by supporting LHM with your financial gifts. Visit [www.lhmgift.org](http://www.lhmgift.org).
- **Go Global.** Learn about LHM's **International Ministry Partnership** program, through which you, your group or your congregation can build a long-term relationship with a designated international ministry center and align your level of support with your means (or your dreams). Options range from providing a one-time gift to traveling to work alongside ministry center staff as an International Ministry Partnership Volunteer. Visit [www.lhm.org/partner](http://www.lhm.org/partner).

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