



LCMS Hmong Ministry Conference



July 23, 2012

Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

The 2012 LCMS Hmong Ministry Conference was a great success this year. This year's theme was **"Prepare the way for the Lord"** from Luke 3:4 *"As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: 'A voice of one calling in the desert, 'prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him'".* We all came together to learn, rejoice, and be in joy with the present of the Lord. We were all reminded that we were there to prepare the way for our Lord, Jesus Christ.



The conference started off with Thursday morning worship focus on the title of *"You are Sons and Daughters of God"* and the message was delivered by Rev. Chia Thao. The day continued with workshop classes,



elections, sport activities and ending with a praise and worship in the evening led by Our Savior Lutheran Church Hmong Ministry praise team. Other churches, groups and individual also sang to praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Friday morning also started off with worship service preached by Rev. Blong Vang focus on “*Seeing God with 20/20 Vision,*” followed by workshops, meetings and ending the day with a banquet dinner with Rev. Dr. Fungchatou Lo, LCMS Missionary to Cambodia, as the Keynote Speaker. He spoke of the mission fields and how to engage the mission fields both in the United States and in other countries.

Lunch and dinner were catered by Thai Village Restaurant in Lansing, Michigan with dishes such as Pad Thai, fried rice, beef stir fry, gangai and more. The banquet dinner was sponsored by Our Savior Lutheran Church – Hmong Ministry.



At the banquet, there was also an award ceremony for the people in recognition of their services to the LCMS Hmong Ministry, Hmong Mission Society LCMS, LCMS Hmong Ministry Conference, Hmong Lutheran Women in Missions. Plaques were awarded to the past and present presidents of the Hmong Ministry Conference. The presidents are as follow:



Rev. Yia Vang, President of Hmong Mission Society 2002-2012
 Rev. Kouseying Thao 1996-1997, Rev. Zonghoua Yang 1997-1998,
 Rev. Dr. Funchatou Lo 1998-2003, Mr. Chertou Vang 2003-2006, and
 Rev. Dr. Lang Yang 2006-2012.



We came to an end on Saturday with a morning service and the sermon was based on this year's conference theme "*Prepare the Way for the Lord*" by Rev. Dr. Lang Yang. Rev. John Whaley of the CNH District – Mission Executive did the Installation of all the new elected boards and officers. The elected people are as follows:

Hmong Mission Society LCMS

President: Rev. Dr. Lang Yang
Board of Directors: Phoua Yang
Shing Vang

LCMS Hmong Ministry Conference

President: Rev. Yia Vang
Board of Directors: Vicar Moua Vang
Cher Xiong Vang
Alexander Lo
Treasurer: Diana Vang

Hmong Lutheran Women in Missions LCMS

President: Susan Vang
Vice-President: May Lee
Secretary: Alaina Kue
Treasurer: Cindy Her
Fundraiser Coordinator: Tina Vang
Counselor: Rev. Faivneng Her

LCMS Hmong Pastors Conference

Chairman: Deacon Johnny Vang
Vice Chairman: Deacon Vue Lee
Treasurer: Deacon Yia Lor
Advisor: Rev. Chia Thao



In preparing the way with you,

Deacon Nomtsa (Johnny) Vang, Secretary
LCMS Hmong Ministry Conference