

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

Helping People Touch the Promises of Jesus

WORK CENTER MEMO #385

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From the Desk of the President

Dear Volunteers,

Our Focus is on that Which is Certain

In the midst of all the uncertainty in the world, it is great to know that Lutheran Braille Workers focuses on that which is CERTAIN; “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Thousands of people each year depend on the ministry of Lutheran Braille Workers. Society frequently delivers a message of hopelessness and despair to people with visual impairment, but Lutheran Braille Workers offers the sure and certain Hope of Jesus Christ by providing the Bible in a language and a technology that allows people access to the very invitation of God, His Gospel.

You are the missionaries that deliver this Gospel Hope. Through your prayers, labor, faithfulness and financial gifts, you are the ones making it possible for thousands of people to *touch for themselves* the precious Words of Jesus.

In your Work Center prayers, please lift up this world-wide ministry of Lutheran Braille Workers. Our prayer is that we will continue to grow so that every person who is visually impaired may receive the Word of God in their own language and in the technology that allows them full access to the Hope of all mankind, Jesus Christ. This is the calling we have as Lutheran Braille Workers, making it possible for people with low vision and no vision to know Jesus and live forever with Him.

Thank you for your hard work, your earnest prayers, and your generous financial contributions. You are the answer to many prayers. May God fill you with the joy of knowing that He is pleased with your work done in faith for the cause of Christ.

–Rev. Dr. Phil Pledger

News from the Vice President - Ministry Advancement

As you may remember, LBW has attempted to get a sense from various constituencies regarding the possibility of a potential LBW Conference held in Yucaipa the last week of December of this year. After much thought and prayer, it has been decided that such an event would not be practical and beneficial this year. Hence, please be advised that no such conference will be held in 2010. However, there is a desire to host a convention in 2013 - the 70th anniversary of our ministry. As we approach that date, more information will be forthcoming.

–Mike Fischer

News from the Braille/Purchasing Department

We have good news for those of you who emboss your plates with numbers instead of handwriting them on the paper. It has been approved that you may continue to do so when new plates are received. However, **do not** emboss the numbers in the upper or lower corners, **the embossing must be placed in the bottom center of the plate as far as possible from the Braille.**

Thank you for all your suggestions on the labels and for your patience during our computer transition.

Have a blessed and Happy Independence Day!

–Rose Jaimes

News from the Large Print/Print Shop Department

As the Large Print Department continues to transition over to the newly adopted APHont* font style, it has become necessary to seek out Spanish language proofreaders. Fortunately for LBW, some willing volunteers were found right in our own backyard.

The first one is Rev. Juan D. Herrera, who conducts Spanish Language Church Services at St. John Lutheran Church in Hemet, CA - also the location of Large Print Work Center #13. Pastor Herrera has, in addition, recruited his sister to work along side him in this endeavor.

Now that the 2010 school year has ended, a local high school Spanish teacher has also begun to proofread one of the newly formatted Spanish volumes.

We are very grateful to these wonderful people who, through their love of the Lord, make time in their busy schedules to support the ministry of Lutheran Braille Workers.

–Roy Fisher

In Loving Memory

Plaques will be placed on our Memorial Wall in memory of one Work Center Leader and one former Board Member who realized their life long dream when they entered the arms of their Heavenly Father.

† Pete Peterson, Co-Leader of Work Center #91, Inglewood, California was called home on May 1, 2010. Pete and his wife Jean started Work Center #91 in 1975 and served as Co-Leaders until the center closed in 2010.

† Rev. Dr. Richard Schlecht, from Rochester Hills, Michigan was called home in April 2010. Rev. Dr. Schlecht was elected to the LBW Board of Directors in 1984 and served until his term expired in 2007.