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Rev. Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab and Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez Join Board of Directors of Lutherans in Medical Missions.

Bobbie Lautenschlager, Executive Director of Lutherans in Medical Missions announced today that Rev. Yohannes Mengsteab and Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez have joined the L IMM Board of Directors effective immediately.

Mengsteab, a native of Eritrea, East Africa and a former refugee in Sudan, graduated from Concordia College, Bronxville, and did his theological degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He was a parish pastor in Holland, MI for 4 years, and served an Eritrean and Ethiopian immigrant community in the Washington DC area as a missionary-at-large. Mengsteab is a member of LCMS North American Mission staff since July 2001 and serves as the National Director of New Mission Field Development.

Sanchez, born in Chile and raised in Panama, served as a vicar in Venezuela and later as a pastor in San Jose, California. He received his PhD from Concordia, St. Louis in 2003, and has been on the Seminary staff as Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology since 2004. In 2006 he was appointed director of the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) and is a leader in issues related to Hispanic/Latino theology.

“L IMM has been blessed to have these two strong leaders join the Board. Their insights to the needs of Latin America, Africa, and the immigrant world of the USA will be a special asset as L IMM determines program and projects for support,” states Lautenschlager.

Lutherans in Medical Missions (L IMM) was founded in the mid-1990s when a group of medical professionals recognized a need to emphasize medical care as part of Lutheran Mission Outreach. L IMM is a Registered Service Organization of the LCMS World Relief and Human Care.