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**Fifth Annual LIMM Needs and Resources Forum March, 20-21, 2009**  
*“Reaching Communities for Christ with Health and Education”*

Bobbie Lautenschlager, Executive Director of Lutherans in Medical Missions, announces that Michelle Hoepfner, Executive Director of the Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation, Hong Kong will be LIMM’s featured speaker at the 2009 Needs and Resources Forum, March 20-21, 2009, *Reaching Communities for Christ with Health and Education*. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Airport, St. Louis, MO.

Hoepfner majored in East Asian Studies and Spanish, and has a Masters of Arts Degree in International Development with studies in Public Health and Education Program Management. She has served in Hong Kong as a member of the LCMS Asian Regional Team since 2002. Her recent work has included earthquake relief in Sichuan Province and the implementation of a Community Health Education Program in Cambodia.

The Forum schedule with the list of additional speakers will be posted online at [www.limm.org](http://www.limm.org) after January, 2009. Plan to attend now. Please make reservations through LIMM at [limm@limm.org](mailto:limm@limm.org) in order to get the conference price for rooms at the Crowne Plaza.

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