# **ARLM: Moving Forward Together**

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building" (1 Cor. 3:9, NIV).

The history of resort and leisure missions is a history marked with strong individuals who were not afraid to follow God's call into the secular world of play.

Wonderfully creative ministries have developed across our land because of the willingness of these people to invest themselves for Christ's sake in resort and leisure settings. In the Association of Resort and Leisure Ministers (ARLM), those of us involved in such creative work have come together to enhance our vision for resort and leisure ministries. ARLM stands as a professional effort to accept accountability for our endeavors.

In ARLM, we can find, know, and celebrate the wonderful feeling of being at home. In ARLM, we enhance the total effort of ministering in Jesus' name to the resort and leisure people around us.

From its inception, ARLM has been a working organization that seeks to use every member. We offer a new energy for your ministry and your personal development. We need your wisdom and skills. Together, we will seek to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to those who live, work, and play in resort and leisure settings. Together, we will go forward as the Association of Resort and Leisure Ministers!

#### Vision

Our vision is to encourage and celebrate the revelation of God's presence in resort and leisure settings. As people who minister in such settings, we join together to enhance the effectiveness of our own ministry and to promote the understanding of resort and leisure ministries. We seek to equip, nurture, and challenge those involved in resort and leisure ministries through the sharing of ideas and resources and by strengthening and undergirding professional and personal growth.

## Purpose

Our purpose is to encourage and celebrate the revelation of God's presence in resort and leisure settings. In order to accomplish this, we have joined together as people who minister in such settings to enhance the effectiveness of our own ministry and to promote the understanding of resort and leisure ministries through the sharing of ideas and resources and by strengthening and undergirding professional and personal growth.

# **Objectives**

Networking

To provide a means of contact and fellowship for people who are actively involved in ministry in resort and leisure settings.

#### • Education

To celebrate and promote reaching people for Christ in all of the resort and leisure marketplaces of life; and to increase awareness and understanding of the needs and opportunities for ministry to persons in resort and leisure settings and lifestyles.

#### Professional Development

To strengthen the effectiveness of ministries in resort and leisure settings by providing opportunities for the enhancement and acquisition of professional ministry skills and by the establishment and promotion of standards for professional competence in resort and leisure ministry.

#### Advocacy

To influence decision makers and resource providers on local, associational, state, and national levels to give appropriate consideration and emphasis to resort and leisure ministries.

#### Field Development

To encourage and assist in the development of new and existing ministries and methods for outreach to persons in resort and leisure settings and lifestyles.

## Join Today!

Membership in ARLM is by application and payment of annual dues. Membership is open to professionals and volunteers who support and provide Christian ministry in resort and leisure settings. Benefits include: personal resources, networking, certificate of membership, fellowships, national conference discounts, résumé distribution, membership directory, education and training, quarterly newsletter, and professional journal.

A membership application follows. If you are not a member, make a copy right now, fill it out, and send it in with your check today! And, if you are already a member, make several copies and give them to people who need to be a part of the ARLM family!!