

## **Singles Ministry in Kansas**

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### **Why is This Important to Us?**

The singles ministry is important to us because there is a significant need for Christ-centered, spiritual growth among singles of any age. We need to be “Ablaze” to reach the lost.

### **Assets on Which to Build**

- ◆ The clear mission statement of the Kansas District Singles Ministry which is as follows: the purpose of the Kansas District LCMS Singles Ministry is to encourage Christ-based fellowship and spiritual growth among single adults.
- ◆ The organization of the current Kansas District Singles Ministry.
- ◆ The diversity of the Kansas singles.
- ◆ The activities offered throughout the state.
- ◆ The growing need for singles ministry.

### **Other Discussion of Significance**

- ◆ We need to work on communication problems at the district and local level, emphasize fellowship among singles and start a networking program for the singles ministry whereby each congregation has a networking member that will make sure that singles activities are mentioned in church bulletins and newsletters.
- ◆ We can learn from the successful singles ministries in our state.
- ◆ We need to clear up any misconceptions regarding singles retreats and/or other singles activities.
- ◆ Singles Events
  - Spring retreat usually the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March at a hotel.
  - One-Day Summer Workshop usually the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July at the District Office in Topeka
  - Fall Retreat usually the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of October at Camp Webster – Salina
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**Recommendations**

Our recommendations to improve the singles ministry in Kansas are as follows:

- ◆ establish and expand networking
- ◆ meet the singles at the local congregations by identifying their needs
- ◆ utilizing the Summer 2007 Singles Workshop as a training workshop for establishing new singles ministries and strengthening existing ministries
- ◆ developing better communication at the district level and with the local congregations.