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ABLAZE!

PROCLAIMING  
THE MESSAGE  
TODAY,  
TOMORROW,  
FOR ETERNITY

I DO  
EVERYTHING  
TO SPREAD  
THE GOOD  
NEWS AND  
SHARE IN ITS  
BLESSINGS.

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## Frequently Asked Questions



### ♦ Is *Fan into Flame* just another fund-raising program of Synod?

*Fan into Flame* is not a program. It's an invitation for individuals to learn about and support the *Ablaze!* movement - a vision of 100 million people in the world hearing the saving message of salvation through Jesus Christ. There is no end date to *Ablaze!* - just the goal of igniting believers' hearts to openly confess the hope they have in Jesus so that others may encounter Christ. *Fan into Flame* is the effort to provide gifts to fund new and exciting mission projects in your community, in the Kansas District, nationally, and internationally. It doesn't take money to personally share your faith, but it does take funds to place a missionary or start a mission effort nationally or internationally.

### ♦ We already support Synod and District, as well as other mission projects. Why should we participate in *Fan Into Flame*?

What a blessing that your congregation has embraced its responsibility as a member church of Synod and provides needed funds to support LCMS ministry. The Kansas District sends 42% of mission commitments received from congregations (about \$1.7 million) to Synod for our common ministry. *Fan into Flame* gifts are new funds, above and beyond the regular congregational gifts to the District and Synod and special support of missionaries and mission projects. These gifts will help establish *new efforts* to reach 100 million people worldwide, 50 million right here in the U.S.A. These new ministries will then call for future ongoing support via congregational giving to District and Synod.

### ♦ Our congregation is already having difficulty meeting our budget; we don't have enough money to support something else. How can we do more?

When people are given the opportunity to hear what God is doing in His mission fields and how they can be a part of it, the Holy Spirit can move their hearts in response. People who may not have contributed to the church's operation fund may be moved by the mission stories of God's actions they hear through *Fan into Flame*, renewing their passion for returning their first-fruits to the Lord. *Fan into Flame* provides new funding for the congregation, District, and World Missions globally to bring Christ to the lost. This includes revitalizing congregations by breathing new life into them with captivating projects and mission-minded programs. The District is not going to forget the needs of existing congregations, nor will it ignore the opportunities for growth. *When we return a portion of His blessings we will receive back new blessings a hundred-fold.*

## Still Considering Whether to Participate?

If your congregation hasn't made a decision about participating in *Fan Into Flame*, it's not too late! Now is the time to gather information, visit with congregational leadership and share the tremendous opportunities God is giving all of us to spread the Good News of Jesus. If you have any questions, our District [Steering Committee](#) and [Circuit Coordinators](#) serve as resource people and voices of encouragement. They have valuable resources to share with your congregation, whether you are deciding if you will participate or when and how to start an appeal. Visit the *Fan Into Flame* web page on our District [website](#) for ready-to-use resources. Many materials are available at the District Office - call Lori at 800-357-4421 ext. 223.

## Kansas Congregations Already Participating

While many congregations in Kansas are still deciding if, when and how they will participate in *Fan Into Flame*, here are some congregations that have completed or are currently conducting their appeals:

- ♦ St. Paul, Haven
- ♦ St. Paul, Leavenworth
- ♦ Grace, Liberal
- ♦ Messiah, Hays
- ♦ St. John, Alma
- ♦ St. John, Easton

Please remember these congregations in your prayers, as well as those still considering how and when they might participate.

For more information about *Ablaze!* and resources for your congregation, visit the LCMS *Ablaze!* website.

[www.lcms.org/ablaze](http://www.lcms.org/ablaze)

You can also access this website and more *Ablaze!* and *Fan into Flame* information from the Kansas District homepage.

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