

THE KANSAS DISTRICT ABLAZE!



KANSAS MISSION ABLAZE!

PROCLAIMING
THE MESSAGE
TODAY,
TOMORROW,
FOR ETERNITY

“BUT YOU
WILL RECEIVE
POWER WHEN
THE HOLY
SPIRIT COMES
ON YOU, AND
YOU WILL BE
MY WITNESSES
IN JERUSALEM,
AND IN ALL
JUDEA AND
SAMARIA,
AND TO THE
ENDS OF THE
EARTH.”

ACTS 1:8

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Kansas Ablaze! Mission Plan



Our Mission

Our mission is simple - to seek the lost, sharing the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Kansas District has been doing that since it was founded in 1887, growing from 30 to 165 congregations. Our congregations, together with their educational institutions and other agencies, are reaching out with the Gospel in urban and rural communities.

The servant mission of the Kansas District is to equip, encourage and empower each congregation in its mission vision and Christ-care ministry. We are partners in the mission and ministry to which God has called us.

Our Challenge

Kansas has experienced an influx of people over the past two decades, many of varying nationalities. As we welcome our new neighbors, we also recognize that this presents us with new opportunities and challenges for sharing our faith with individuals and people groups whose cultures and native languages differ from our own. Confessing that Jesus is the head of the church and gives growth to His kingdom, we ask for the Spirit's blessing on our *Ablaze!* Mission Plan, which includes these goals:

1. New Church & Ministry Starts - \$1,700,000

Our goal is to plant 12 new congregations/ministries by 2017. Areas of current population growth like the Kansas City and Wichita regional areas and the communities surrounding Fort Riley are obvious places to start. *Fan into Flame* gifts will be used to create a revolving loan fund used for new mission starts.

2. Revitalization of 70 Congregations - \$300,000

With funds raised through *Fan into Flame*, we can help congregations, through one or more of these special workshops, to revitalize their mission and outreach to meet the unique ministry challenges in their communities:

- ◆ **Urban Ministry Outreach** – one annually
- ◆ **“We Can” Module Workshops** for rural congregations – four annually
- ◆ **Strategic Ministry Planning Workshops** – four annually

We will also establish a **Foundational Fund** which will provide Revitalization Grants to district congregations to help with coaching fees for the pastor and SMP vicar.

3. Human Care Vision - \$1,000,000

Natural disasters in Kansas – tornadoes and flooding – certainly demonstrated our need to develop resources for disaster readiness and prepare preconceived plans for quick deployment of human and physical resources when the need arises. *Fan into Flame* gifts will be used to provide:

- ◆ **Mobile Command Center** – to provide on site pastoral care and essential communications immediately following a disaster.
- ◆ **Disaster Training** – to hire a full-time worker for one year to do congregational/individual disaster planning in the district
- ◆ **Congregational Preparation Grants** – for congregations to make alterations in their physical plants to ready them to become official Red Cross Shelters (showers, etc).

We also want to create an endowment fund to ensure that all church workers in Kansas will be able to utilize the Kansas District Retreat Center to find needed respite and Sabbath.

Fan Into Flame

Fan into Flame is the mechanism to help raise the needed funds to achieve our goals. While it doesn't take money to personally share your faith with someone, it does take money to plant new churches, revitalize congregations, develop disaster readiness and care for our church workers. We invite you to covenant together with the congregations, schools, ministries, missions and workers of the Kansas District, so that, with the Lord's blessing, we can bring Jesus Christ into the lives of millions – from our own backyards to the ends of the earth.

“You are to go into the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.” Mark 16:15

“Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord.” Romans 12:11