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What is Ablaze? *Ablaze!* is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who do not yet know Him. This can take place at the library, in line at the check-out counter, or with your wait staff at a restaurant. It does not cost anything to share the gift of God's grace given through Jesus!

What is Fan into Flame? *Fan into Flame* undergirds the innovative projects and mission goals that will advance the *Ablaze!* movement goal to share the Gospel with 100 million people worldwide by providing new dollars for new mission efforts. Gifts given through *Fan into Flame* will assist in revitalizing congregations to become mission outposts in their communities, developing programs to equip the laity with Bible-based evangelism instruction, calling additional missionaries for work in national and international mission fields, and planting new ministries at home and abroad.

The Nebraska District's involvement in *Fan into Flame* is part of a commitment to heed Jesus' words in John 4:35b, "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields. They are ripe for harvest." We are asking each of the 245 Nebraska District congregations to partner with us and participate in this exciting and unique mission opportunity. After prayerful consideration, the Nebraska District *Fan into Flame* goal was set at \$6 million, contributing to the national goal of \$100 million. With God's blessings, more than \$2 million has been pledged or given to date.

How can your congregation participate in this historic mission effort?

1. Take information and your enthusiasm for *Fan into Flame* to your congregational leadership.
2. Consider making a congregational pledge above current district and Synod mission giving over the next 5 years. We are asking *all* congregations in our district to partner with us.
3. At your approval meeting, vote to make a gift of new money of 10% of last year's budget pledged to be paid over the next 5 years. A pledge form is included for your convenience.
4. Contact the Nebraska District office to apprise them of your decision to participate. Partnering with the district and the leadership throughout the process will allow the District Office to provide the resource materials and support that you may need.
5. Commit to partnering in this mission endeavor by praying for the Lord's blessings on *Fan into Flame*. By giving God's people a chance to support this historic mission funding effort, we will all be blessed to see how God can use individuals and congregations to share the story of salvation through Jesus Christ.

If you need assistance, take time to contact your *Fan into Flame* circuit coordinator or the Nebraska District Office. There are people who are willing to "walk with you" as you develop plans, and as you gather to celebrate the Spirit's blessing through this initiative. To God be the glory as together we grow in our mission to give hope to those not connected by faith to Jesus!