



## Decision 2008!

The Nebraska District, in response to the opportunities for new mission work God is placing before us, joyfully supports *Fan into Flame* to help provide resources for witnessing opportunities in the communities of Nebraska and throughout the world.

**"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops."**  
Proverbs 3:9

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The other day I heard that this presidential campaign has been going on for more than 20 months now. The one thing we are almost certain of is that it will be over next Tuesday.

There is another decision to be made by the congregations of the Nebraska District this November—the decision on how to participate in *Fan into Flame*, the unique mission effort of the LCMS to support *Ablaze!* outreach projects.

Pastors heard at their conference earlier this week how flexible the *Fan into Flame* appeals are and how each congregation can participate in whatever way works best for them. Those who attended the conference also received a **congregational goal agreement** form that congregations are encouraged to complete and return to the District Office by **December 1**.

Following are the simple steps congregations may follow to reach a participation decision. More information and resources are available on the District website, <http://www.ndlcms.org/news/FIF/index.html>.

1. Information about *Fan into Flame* is shared with congregational leadership.
2. A suggested congregational pledge (10% of budget) over the next 5 years is discussed.
3. The voters or other decision-making body approves the pledge of new money to be paid over 5 years.
4. Submit a signed congregational goal agreement to the District Office.
5. Develop the best plan for your congregation to reach your pledge goal over the next 5 years.
6. Commit to praying for *Fan into Flame* in your congregation and throughout the LCMS.

### Trinity, Fremont Pledges \$100,000

The Nebraska District received its first \$100,000 pledge for *Fan into Flame* from a District congregation last week! Praise God that Trinity, Fremont, has prayerfully pledged a tithe of their upcoming campaign to go towards *Fan into Flame*, with the goal of \$100,000.

Congregations around the District are beginning to return congregational pledge agreements after much prayerful deliberation. These pledge agreements allow congregations to be a part of the 2008 *Fan into Flame* campaign in the Nebraska District, while giving them time to plan and implement an appeal next year.

### Campaign Update

Commitments to date from individuals and congregations in Nebraska for *Fan into Flame* are \$2,565,749 as a result of 501 gifts.

National gifts and commitments to date total over \$36.2 million.