



The Nebraska District *Ablaze!* Update

November 13, 2008

Are You Interested?

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.

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

1 Chron. 29:14

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Congregations Involved

Twenty-four congregations of the Nebraska District have been or are currently involved in *Fan into Flame*. The following congregations have submitted gifts or pledges in support of mission work through *Fan into Flame*.

God is doing amazing things in His mission fields through these few congregations. **Imagine how He can use your congregation to reach more people with the Good News of Jesus!**

Immanuel, Atkinson
First Trinity, Bloomfield
St. John, (Kramer) Crete
Lord of Life, Elkhorn
Grace, Fairbury
Trinity, Fremont
Peace, Grand Island
Zion, Grant
Good Shepherd, Gretna
Faith, Humboldt
St. Paul, Minden
Grace, Norfolk
Bethany, Omaha
Mt. Calvary, Omaha
Mt. Olive, Omaha
Pacific Hills, Omaha
St. Paul, Omaha
Immanuel, Rising City
St. John's, Tecumseh
Immanuel, Tilden
Zion, Tobias
Grace, Wayne
St. John, Waco
Emmanuel, York

By now you know *Fan into Flame* is about supporting *Ablaze!* outreach opportunities to reach more people in Nebraska and around the world with the saving message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Through attendance at orientation workshops, conversations with steering committee members or circuit coordinators, or phone calls to the District Office, we know there are many congregations across Nebraska that have expressed interest in being a part of this historic mission endeavor, but have not committed to being involved.

If you haven't started planning for a 2008 congregational appeal, it's not too late to commit to being involved.

Now is the time for action!

Congregations that feel 2009 would be a better time for their participation are strongly encouraged to return a signed goal agreement to the District Office by **December 1**.

By returning a goal agreement now, it allows you to form a small planning committee before Christmas, giving them the materials they need to prepare for a congregational appeal that best fits your situation.

If your congregation made a decision to participate in *Fan into Flame* at its fall voters' meeting, and you are not listed with the congregations on the left, we haven't been made aware of the decision. Please complete a congregational goal agreement as soon as possible and return it to the District Office.

Congregational Goal Agreements have been mailed to church offices or are available on the Nebraska District website at www.ndlcms.org/news/FIF/index.html.

For more information, contact campaign consultant Andrea Essling at Andrea.Essling@lcms.org or 888-643-2961.

Campaign Update

Commitments to date from individuals and congregations in Nebraska for *Fan into Flame* are \$2,743,434 resulting from 548 gifts.

National gifts and commitments to date total \$37.8 million. This total includes a gift of \$600,000 received this week from a couple in the Midwest who designated their gift for the Bible Listening Project.