



CNH District LCMS . . .

17 By 17 . . . An Ablaze! For God's Mission Update

**A Bi-Weekly Ablaze! publication from the CNH District - LCMS
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Ablaze! for God's Mission, in partnership with **Fan Into Flame** is a movement to inspire individuals and congregations in the CNH District to respond as recipients of God's abundant grace through the sharing of resources in the work of mission.

Fan Into Flame

LCMS Fan Into Flame Goal:
\$100,000,000.
CNH District
Goal: \$3,500,000.

Campaign Update
Commitments from
individuals
& congregations to date:

CNH District:
\$856,070.
LCMS Worldwide:
\$25,817,797.

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK . . .

An article of encouragement from Rev. Dr. William Diekelman, Campaign Spokesman - LCMS First Vice President

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings on behalf of the global *Ablaze!* movement of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and its 30 partner churches around the world.

The campaign is proceeding with energy and life! Brother pastors are encouraging brother pastors to give witness to the faith one-on-one. Brother pastors are rejoicing over the witnesses shared. Brother pastors are encouraging each other as we share what is the *Ablaze!* movement.

Ablaze! was endorsed by the 2004 Synod convention in two parts. One part, the witnessing part, is a movement. It is messy. It is un-programmed. It is Spirit driven. The other part is programmatic. While we pray it may also be Spirit led and blessed, it is much more structured.

The Synod adopted a goal of \$100 million to under-gird the *Ablaze!* movement, to be received by the 2010 convention. The name given to this national capital campaign is ***Fan into Flame***. The campaign is being coordinated by the Board for Mission Services and has been set into motion in consultation with CCS Fundraising.

*Next time we will explore the structure of the **Fan into Flame** campaign.*



Ablaze! and Fan Into

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Circuit Convocations - Mark Your Calendars!

DATE	CIRCUIT #
Feb. 9	1
Jan. 26	2
Mar. 1	3
Jan. 5	4 & 19
Mar. 9	6
Jan. 20	7
Feb.10	8 & 18
Jan. 19	9
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Dec. 1	16
Feb. 2	17
Feb.10	18 & 8
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A "**Get To Know Your Neighbor**" Harvest Festival was held Sunday, September 30th at Zion Lutheran School, Terra Bella, CA - More than 250 people from the community gathered at the school's park to eat, visit and listen to the music by members of the Mariachi Academy Foundation in Porterville, CA and the Porterville High School Fabulous Studio Band.

The entire event was free to the public with grilled hot dogs, beverages and desserts for everyone. Activities for the children included a bounce house, cake walk, snow cones, grab bags, face painting and much more.

Members of the *Rollin' Relics* were there with some wonderful classic cars and Carl Ross of Fountain Springs, CA, was on hand to give a demonstration of his vintage one cylinder gas engine.

From the smiles on the faces of the crowd, everyone was enjoying the afternoon of music, food and friends.

Some who attended the event asked why the celebration was being held. "We just wanted to open our church and school to the community and let our presence be known," said Zion's pastor, Rev. Daniel Conrad. "This has been a great way for people to have fun and get acquainted with their neighbors in a Christian environment," Rev. Conrad added.

The 72 Now Receiving Applications for 2008 Assignments . . .

Have you ever wished that someone could come to your town and work with your congregation for the purpose of expanding, revitalizing, or beginning your congregation's outreach ministry? The 72-Partners on the Road may be an answer to your wish.

The 72-Partners on the Road, a ministry of LCMS World Mission, is now receiving applications from congregations to request a team of The 72 to partner with them for this exact purpose. Typically, these teams serve within a congregation for three to four weeks helping congregations reach people in their local communities with the Gospel and then welcome them into their churches.

The 72 teams are often retired couples, who are experienced laity and church

workers. These volunteers have received special training for this ministry to help the members of our LCMS congregations reach those who do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

A congregation's expense for this partnership would consist of team meals, housing, and transportation. Additional information about the ministry and congregation responsibilities are available on the Internet at [www.lcmsworldmission.org/The 72](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org/The72).

The ministry's director, Rev. Al Tormoehlen, is also happy to personally explain more about this ministry. Call (800) 433-3954 or send an [email](#) to inquire about this ministry, or to request an application to partner with a team.

Rev. Tormoehlen said, *"It is important for congregations to allow at least two to four weeks for gathering the information to complete the application, and returning it to The 72's office. Once an application is submitted, it will be approximately three months until the team would arrive at the congregation."*

Under the blessings of God's Holy Spirit, congregations who have partnered with this ministry have added 14.5 percent new adult members into their membership, according to the data from LCMS Rosters and Statistics 2007.

The 72 ministry has served an average of 15 congregations a year through its 11 years of service to the LCMS. Tormoehlen said, *"It is our goal that we will partner with 30 congregations during 2008! This can be accomplished by congregations taking advantage of partnering with a team from our ministry. We look forward to accomplishing this goal!"*



Happy Thanksgiving!

What has God Blessed your congregation with this year? . . . Please share your stories with the us. Please [email](#) your stories to the editor for future publication.

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