

"Is not My word like fire," declares the Lord...

- Jeremiah 23:29

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The mission-inspired fire ignited at the 2004 LCMS Synod convention, called *Ablaze!*, has been spreading across districts and congregations nationwide, including our own Pacific Southwest District. The campaign to support this movement, **Fan into Flame**, is also taking hold here, as churches learn about the ways they can actively participate.

Sharing the Good News of Jesus with 100 million unreached or uncommitted people worldwide by the year 2017 is the bold and inspiring vision of *Ablaze!* While it doesn't take money to personally share your relationship with our Lord with another person, planting new ministries, training and supporting workers in the mission fields of our district and expanding missions around the world requires the new financial support that **Fan into Flame** seeks.

Confessing that Jesus is the head of the church and gives growth to His kingdom, the Pacific Southwest District Board of Directors and **Fan into Flame** Steering Committee asks for the Spirit's blessing on our *Ablaze!* Mission Plan. We have set a goal of raising **\$3 million** in pledges over five years prior to our district convention in June 2009 to fund the following projects:

- *Planting New Churches*
- *Expanding Cross-Cultural Ministries*
- *Increased Funding for School Ministry*
- *Transforming Congregation Grants*

More information on these projects is contained in the District Case Statement, which is available on the PSD website, www.psd-lcms.org.



The Pacific Southwest District joyfully joins with other Missouri Synod Lutherans throughout the country in support of **Fan into Flame**. While providing LCMS World Mission needed funds to share the Good News of Jesus throughout North America and around the world, the Pacific Southwest District plans to allocate 15% of net unrestricted gifts offered by our members toward local outreach.