

## THE KANSAS DISTRICT ABLAZE!



### KANSAS MISSION ABLAZE!

PROCLAIMING  
THE MESSAGE  
TODAY,  
TOMORROW,  
FOR ETERNITY

I DO  
EVERYTHING TO  
SPREAD THE  
GOOD NEWS  
AND SHARE IN  
ITS BLESSINGS.  
I CORINTHIANS  
9:23

NEVER LET THE  
FIRE IN YOUR  
HEART GO OUT.  
KEEP IT ALIVE.  
SERVE THE  
LORD.  
ROMANS 12:11

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### Help! How Do We Get Started?

Are you a member, leader or pastor of a Kansas congregation that would like to be involved in *Fan into Flame*, but haven't begun your appeal yet? Are you wondering how to get started? Below are some easy steps to follow to begin the implementation of *Fan into Flame* in your congregation.



- Step 1:** Pray for God's guidance and blessing.
- Step 2:** Present *Fan into Flame* to your congregation's leadership. A short PowerPoint presentation and other resources are available on the District website, [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org), click on Fan into Flame.
- Step 3:** The congregation agrees to take part in *Fan into Flame*.
- Step 4:** Educate members about *Ablaze!* and *Fan Into Flame* – use bulletin inserts, pulpit announcements, weave *Ablaze!* themes into sermons. Many resources are available at [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org) or [www.lcms.org/ablaze](http://www.lcms.org/ablaze).
- Step 5:** Determine a goal for your congregation in dollars to be raised. A common benchmark is 10% of last year's operating budget to be paid over 3-5 years. Boldly commit to your goal amount by making a written pledge. A [Congregational Pledge Agreement](#) is available from the *Fan into Flame* page on the District website, [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org).
- Step 6:** Fax/email a copy of the completed pledge agreement to the Kansas District Office at 785-357-5071 or [lori@kslcms.org](mailto:lori@kslcms.org).
- Step 7:** Decide which of these appeal plans will work best for your congregation to reach or exceed your goal and when you will conduct your appeal:
- 1. Adopt an education and stewardship plan with:**
    - ◆ An appeal that has personal visits
    - ◆ Cottage/Small Group meetings that ask for pledges
    - ◆ A "Commitment Sunday" for *Fan into Flame*
  - 2. Come up with your own idea, suited to your congregation**
  - 3. Pledge a percentage of a current or upcoming capital campaign**
  - 4. Agree to add new funds to the budget and make special contributions to *Fan into Flame*.**
- Contact your Circuit Coordinator or the District Office for assistance – we have lots of resource materials and tools to help you conduct your appeal. We can even schedule a visit to your congregation.
- Step 8:** Invite members to support this effort – give every member in your congregation the opportunity to support this local and global effort for God's mission, both spiritually and financially.

Remember, *Fan into Flame* gifts are above and beyond normal giving to Synod, District, and World Mission. We are starting new outreach ministries by God's grace, and you and your congregation are invited to be a part of this exciting mission effort.

The world is ripe for harvest now but the laborers are few. We can do something about that! *Fan into Flame* gives us the opportunity to directly support mission work all around the world, including our own community. May God bless your congregation's prayerful consideration to participate in this life-changing and life-giving mission opportunity.

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