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Dear Partners in the Mission Field,

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

Representatives from many of the 165 Kansas District congregations attended one of the orientation workshops held around the District this past spring. These congregations had the opportunity to begin their consideration or indicate their response to the invitation to be a part of ***Fan into Flame*** in Kansas during 2008. What about your congregation? Has your pastor and lay leadership taken the time to learn what ***Fan into Flame*** is all about? Have you been given the opportunity to put your participation in ***Fan into Flame*** on your fall council and/or voter’s meeting agendas?

A number of flexible appeal plans are available for congregations to examine, modify as needed, and begin planning for. These plans include:

- **Personal contacts** through visits to congregation members
- **Cottage meetings** where a group gathers for *Ablaze!* education
- **Commitment Sundays with publicity** in newsletters, bulletins, special mailings, and coordinated sermons and Bible studies
- **Pledging a gift** from the operating budget or as part of a recently launched or upcoming congregational campaign

A number of Kansas District congregations have committed to holding fall or winter appeals, but there are many congregations that have not yet decided. Please consider including information in your next church meetings about this Synod-wide campaign to start new missions and bolster existing missions in the United States and around the world.

All District congregations are encouraged to decide by November 15 how they will be participating in the ***Fan into Flame*** campaign. Congregations are asked to contact the District Office with the timing of their appeal when the decision is made. The goal is to have all congregational appeals completed by the end of Advent of this year.

Pastors or lay leaders may use a short informational PowerPoint presentation to introduce this opportunity to their council or to the voters. This presentation is available on the Kansas District ***Fan into Flame*** webpage at [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org). Circuit coordinators are also available to visit your congregation and share resources with your leadership. Additional ***Fan into Flame*** resources available on the District website include more information on the flexible congregational appeals and manuals to help guide congregations through their appeal.

*Ablaze!* is about inviting – inviting unbelievers to have a relationship with Christ, and inviting believers to greater mission involvement. ***Fan into Flame*** is the invitation for individuals and congregations to help fund *Ablaze!* projects that spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their communities, in Kansas, in the United States, and around the world. Please share this invitation with your congregation members and give them the opportunity to be a part of this unique mission effort.

This is the opportunity before us. Now is the time for our Holy consideration. Invite your congregation to participate, set a goal and ask God’s help in reaching it, set the parameters for the timing of this goal, and then commit all these things to our gracious Lord of the church to bring them to pass.

Partnering with you in the Lord’s mission field,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KEITH E. KOHLMEIER', written in a cursive style.

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