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Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Sunday between the Ascension of our Lord and Pentecost we focus on the High Priestly prayer of our Lord. He prays to His Father that we may be one with God, so that “the world may know that You have sent me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.” (John 17)

In the spirit of Christ’s prayer,

- ***Join me in celebrating Atlantic District Mission Society Sunday on May 16, 2010.***
- ***Prayerfully reflect on your role in helping to achieve the District’s three great goals***  
 ...to make every District congregation an active mission station  
 ...to create and multiply those mission stations to reach those who don’t know Jesus  
 ...to raise up 200 home-grown mission leaders
- ***Read the latest issue of Engage, our annual Mission Society publication,*** which accompanies this letter. It is replete with moving stories by our mission workers and by those who have been inspired by them to come to know the Lord. Read about their efforts to share the Gospel of Hope, and about the amazing transformations undertaken in the past year by some of our congregations and ministries to remain vital and grow. Read about our ongoing disaster relief efforts that continue in New Orleans and South East Asia and that now are focused on long-term plans to assist the earthquake survivors and families of victims in Haiti.
- ***Make a special donation on Mission Society Sunday*** to help us continue in this work and achieve those three great goals. The District needs your generous partnership to accomplish this. If you wish, you can use the tear-off form at the bottom of this letter and the enclosed envelope to return your gift. Or, if you prefer, you can donate safely on-line at [www.ad-lcms.org](http://www.ad-lcms.org)

With love in Christ, our Lord,

Rev. David H. Benke, President  
 The Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Dear Dr. Benke,

Enclosed is a gift to support the Atlantic District Mission Society from...

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Send notice of my honor/memorial gift to (name & address) \_\_\_\_\_

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