

What makes your congregation an *Active Mission Station*?

Please share your congregation's attitudes, planning, successes and stories about reaching others for Christ so that we might learn and share resources with other congregations.

Intentionality

In your opinion, how willing is your congregation to talk with non-Christians and non-members about Jesus' death, resurrection, and forgiveness of their sins? If it is willing, what kind of discussions or training takes place to prepare people for outreach? If not, what are the obstacles?

Planning and Support

Are volunteers from your congregation personally involved in intentional outreach? _____
Does your congregational financially support various missions (which ones)?

Who heads up your congregation's Gospel Outreach to your community? (Person or committee and how connected to the structure of the parish)

How many "active" participants are involved in your congregational outreach to your community?

Is your congregation familiar with the LCMS Ablaze! initiative? _____

Activities

Does your congregation carry out ministries of *education, care and compassion*? What are they? Are these ministries of love connected to opportunities to "give evidence of the hope that lies within you in word?"

What ministries of *hospitality and community-building* does your congregation possess? On a 1 (low) -10 (high) scale, what is the internal and external impression of your congregation's "joy quotient?" (How do you see yourselves as warm and inviting and how do those who visit see you?) How does this impression impact Gospel outreach?

Outcomes

As defined in synod's Ablaze! initiative: The critical event is when one Lutheran Christian shares with an unbelieving or unchurched person the hope that they have in Christ so that that person could respond.

How many Critical Events have your congregants experienced since September 1, 2006? _____
How do you track Critical Events?

How do you share Critical Events?

How many people have responded in faith to Jesus, as their Lord and Savior, through your congregation's direct Gospel outreach since September 1, 2006? _____

How have these persons been given instruction, incorporated into the faith community, and connected to the mission of the parish?

Please share a story or experience, which exemplifies how your congregation serves as an Active Mission Station (If available, please enclose a photo of that mission experience):

May we share this story with other congregations? _____

_____ **Yes, include our congregation as an Active Mission Station in the Atlantic District and keep us up-to-date on helpful resources!**

Pastor _____

Congregation _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Additional Contact(s) to receive outreach resources and stories from congregations:

Name/Position _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Please Return by May 15, 2006 to:

**Congregational Membership Task Force
Atlantic District
171 White Plains Road
Bronxville, NY 10708**

**Or fax to 914-337-7471
Or complete on line at www.ad-lcms.org
under Task Forces**

General information from this survey, what's working stories, will be compiled and shared with all Atlantic District congregations to strengthen their outreach.