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A newsletter for the  
Atlantic District  
**Fan into Flame**  
Campaign

# Atlantic Flash

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## James 1: 17-18

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

## TOTAL DISTRICT COMMITMENTS:

**\$121,445**

FROM JUST 23  
HOUSEHOLDS!!!

Fan into Flame is a Campaign to inspire individuals and congregations in the Atlantic District to respond as recipients of God's abundant grace through the sharing of resources in the work of mission.

## District Mission Campaign Underway!!!!

The Atlantic District staff works to assist congregations and agencies to carry out the Great Commission of the Lord to "Go and make disciples of all nations." We do that by supporting the mission efforts of our congregations and agencies with resources, along with initiating some mission work on their behalf. Serving together as God's people, we will continue to engage the world with the Gospel of hope.

**Our Challenge**  
The population living within the borders of the Atlantic District is huge, nearly 14 million, yet the number of people able to express trust in the Gospel, even among American-born people, is woefully inadequate. Millions and millions of our neighbors live in darkness and this weighs heavily upon us. With God's help and guidance, the

Atlantic district is compelled to step out in faithful boldness to convert and disciple the lost.

**Our Needs**  
Throughout the District several areas of need have been identified as strategic, and our Mission Plan requires an influx of new capital to meet those needs. In partnership with the Synod's Ablaze! goals for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, the following mission projects provide a pathway to achieve the Atlantic District Mission Plan.

1. Training Youth for Mission Work
2. Hispanic Ministry Initiative
3. North Country Mission Strategy
4. Manhattan Project

## AT A GLANCE:

- 149 million "unchurched" Americans await the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Every minute 83 people die without knowing Christ
- A new urban church start attracts 125 new members within its first 5 years!



## How do I find out more?

Every congregation is being invited to participate in this district-wide effort. Between now and Advent congregations are signing up to run four to eight week appeals to educate their members about Ablaze! and request their financial support.

To find out more about how your congregation can make an impact in this historic endeavor attend a **Fan into Flame Rally** this June. Keep an eye on your mailbox and the website [www.ad-lcms.org](http://www.ad-lcms.org) to find out when we will be in your area!

The Atlantic District is a leader for the Ablaze! Movement and by participating now your congregation can be a mission leader as well!

If your congregation would like a special meeting to learn more-please call 914-337-5700.