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

**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 first fruits of all he created.

TOTAL DISTRICT  
COMMITMENTS:

\$126,783

FROM JUST 31  
HOUSEHOLDS!!!

NATIONAL  
PLEDGE TOTAL:

\$21,600,000

***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.

# Atlantic Flash

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## Continued Success!

ALL around the country congregations are raising money for missions, realizing personal spiritual growth and growing *the Kingdom!* Already the national **Fan into Flame** Campaign has raised an amazing **\$21,600,000** in pledges!

"Our members really responded to this appeal for new mission money", says Rev. Alan Stuckmeyer, Senior Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Temple, Texas. "We didn't push **Fan into Flame** on them. We simply presented it to our members and let them make a decision about whether they wanted to support this effort. The Lord moved our congregation to raise over \$150,000."

How are successful congregations participating? With the following simple steps:

- Recruiting a small Leadership Team to lead **Fan into Flame** in the congregation
- Receiving a few early gifts to set a pace for giving
- Personally educating congregation members about **Fan into Flame** and *Ablaze!*
- Personally inviting members to make a stewardship pledge
- Holding Commitment Sunday(s)

## Mission Focus: Training Youth for Mission Work

Your very own Atlantic District is hard at work engaging people with the Gospel of Hope. In order to broaden its scope and bring even more people to God, the district has created a great mission plan that includes a youth ministry component.

**Goal: Raising up 200 home-grown mission workers by 2017.**

The Atlantic District is a unique ministry setting. Although called workers from the seminaries and colleges will continue to be utilized, training home grown church workers who understand this area and our people is a smart direction for mission and ministry staffing in the years to come. To capture the hearts and inspire the commitment of future workers, we should begin when they are young and open to this career path. Working with the young also equips them to be in service to their peers now. It's like building a little league for church workers. From now until the "big leagues," we want to equip our young people to be fully engaged as they connect their world with the Gospel of hope.

*Total Funding Needed: \$100,000*

