



**Grants for Congregations of
Iowa District West of
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

The Mission of Iowa District West: is Connecting, Resourcing, and Partnering with the member congregations for the extension of the Gospel throughout the District and into all the world.

Program Goal: To assist congregations in sharing the Good News of Jesus with the unreached or uncommitted of their communities as part of the Ablaze movement.

Timetable: Applications are to be received by March 31. The Mission Committee of Iowa District West will review all applications and award grants. Remaining funds, if available, may be dispersed later in the year by action of the Mission Committee.

Criteria: Grants will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Targeted toward the unchurched or unbeliever
- Providing the greatest opportunity for occurrence of “critical events” (A Lutheran Christian sharing the hope that is in him or her so that another may encounter Christ)
- Measurable objectives targeting one or more outreach ministries
- Involvement of congregation and lay leaders
- Project budget included
- Commitment to report results of the grant
- Priority will be given to sustainable ministries as opposed to one-time events

Process: Answer each question on the form and send electronically to mark.gerken@idwlcms.org or mail to:

Iowa District West Ablaze Grants
Attn: Pastor Mark Gerken
PO Box 1155
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Date _____

Name of congregation _____

Street address _____

City, state, zip _____

Contact person's name _____

Position _____

Signature _____

Telephone () _____ Fax () _____

E-mail address _____

Pastor's name _____

Signature _____

I. Proposal (Please use other side or separate sheets of paper to describe.)

• Describe the

1) Vision (clear, compelling picture of what will result):

2) Plan (include target group)

3) Measurable objectives for the next three years: (whichever apply)

Critical Events

Individuals involved in Bible study

Attendance at worship

Individuals helped in community

Other (describe)

- 4) If existing ministry, what has been the result, especially as it relates to reaching the unchurched or unbeliever and do you anticipate this to change?

II. Community Description

- Describe the population to be served.

- Are any other churches or groups providing similar efforts? If yes, please describe.

- What demographic changes are expected in the next five years?

III. Description of Congregation (or Proposed Mission)

- Year incorporated or proposed organizational date:

- Current worship attendance:

IV. Size of Grant

One Year Grant: up to \$ 5,000.00

Longer-term (3-5 years) partnership grant:
