

**TEACHING**

**LEADING**

**GOING**



Iowa District West 2007

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”*  
Matthew 28:19-20

*Iowa District West is your partner in...*

**TEACHING**

*“Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.”*  
Psalm 119:33

TEACHING future pastors, teachers, deaconesses, directors of Christian education, and ministry professionals as we support our LCMS seminaries and universities and provide financial assistance to church work students.

TEACHING lay leaders through the Lay Leadership Institute.

TEACHING children through Camp VBS summer ministry resource and other children’s ministry programs.

TEACHING families to share and live their faith with their children in the home.

TEACHING professional and lay teachers through teachers’ conferences, Sunday school leadership events, and other training experiences.

TEACHING youth counselors to share God’s Word with youth in the local congregation and through special District-sponsored events.

TEACHING the basics of spiritual leadership, stewardship, education, evangelism, caring and aspects of local congregation ministry.

## **LEADING**

*“Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness. Make straight your way before me.”*  
Psalm 5:8

LEADING congregations in mission and ministry as District boards and committees are provided staff and resources.

LEADING congregations through staffing transitions and the call process.

LEADING congregations into a relevant, dynamic future with the values, vision, mission process.

LEADING congregations in Christ-glorifying, Lutheran worship.

LEADING church workers in spiritual and professional growth.

LEADING rural congregations in transitions and in mission.

LEADING the District in response to District convention and Board of Directors' directives.

LEADING youth and adult volunteers in mission through IOWAY and other mission-service experiences.

## **GOING**

*“Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.”* Luke 14:23

GOING into Hispanic, Laotian, and Sudanese neighborhoods in the District.

GOING into the world as we support LCMS missionaries called by the Board for Mission Services.

GOING to college campuses as we support campus ministry and reach international students.

GOING into rural communities sharing the Gospel with an increasing percentage of unchurched.

GOING into hearts and homes with the compassion and care of Lutheran Family Service and other counseling ministries.

GOING into the growing suburbs of Des Moines planting a church with a childcare center and other mission endeavors.

GOING into the homes and communities of the deaf.

GOING into hospital and nursing home rooms through a chaplaincy ministry in Des Moines, Sioux City, and Council Bluffs/Omaha.

GOING into the inner city of Los Angeles through the Nehemiah Project and into the world through mission trips.