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

Plan now how your congregation can be involved in the Fan into Flame Campaign.
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The total of gifts and pledges received Synod-wide to date is \$44,185,311

Total pledged for IDW: \$320,470
Praise God!

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Fan into Flame Questions?

Peter Black has the answers!

Peter Black, the Campaign Director for Community Counseling Service, is in Iowa District West to help congregations develop a Fan into Flame campaign that is just right for them. He has spent two years working on the Fan into Flame campaign in the Southeastern, Atlantic, New Jersey, New England, Minnesota South, and North Wisconsin Districts.

He is now ready to help congregations in Iowa District West. His role in the campaign is to introduce a congregation's leadership to Fan into Flame, listen to the specific situation a congregation is in, and help them to develop a program that would allow them to participate in Fan into Flame in a way that would support mission work and also leaves the congregation excited and energized.

Black, in talking about the response of the campaign, says, "It is exciting for me to see leaders, individuals, and congregations continuing to support this campaign in significant ways even though times continue to be hard for everybody throughout our nation."

Since working on this campaign, Black hasn't had much free time. But when he takes time off he enjoys music, playing guitar and cycling. He grew up in that great Midwestern state of Kansas. Meet Peter Black and allow him to answer your Fan into Flame questions.

Be a part of the *Big* picture

We are approaching the halfway point in raising the \$100 million needed to support *Ablaze!* activity through 2010—the end of the campaign. So far, campaign funds have provided for a dozen new missionaries working in four U.S. urban ministries and globally in countries such as Uganda, Peru, and Turkey, with more to be sent in 2009. Churches that were returned by the government to Lutherans in Russia have been restored as active worship centers. Lutheran seminaries are being built or renovated in China, Argentina, Russia, Ghana, England, and India. A Lutheran International school will be opening in Hanoi, Vietnam. Fifty new churches and a dozen mission centers are being built in India and Sri Lanka, respectively. To date, 30 percent of LCMS Lutheran school children have been provided free digital Bibles to listen to God's Word and then pass it on to a friend. More than 150 congregations have covenanted to plant up to four new congregations each, and, to date, 25 of those congregations have been awarded \$50,000 grants toward church planting.