



**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.

Redeemer, Sioux City, a pilot congregation for Fan into Flame in Iowa District West, recently completed a successful campaign. For information on how your congregation can become involved contact the District Office.

**The total of gifts and pledges received Synod-wide to date is \$40,566,188.**

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

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## Help! How Do We Get Started?

Are you a member, leader, or pastor of an Iowa District West congregation that would like to be involved in Fan into Flame, but haven't begun your appeal yet? Are you wondering how to get started? Below are some easy steps to follow to begin the implementation of Fan into Flame in your congregation.

- Step 1:** Present Fan into Flame to your congregation's leadership. A short PowerPoint presentation and other resources are available on the District Website, [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org), to help you share.
- Step 2:** The congregation agrees to take part in Fan into Flame.
- Step 3:** Determine a goal for your congregation in dollars to be raised. A common benchmark is 10% of last year's operating budget to be paid over 3-5 years. Boldly commit to your goal amount by making a written pledge. A Congregational Pledge Agreement is available from the Fan into Flame page on the District Website, [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org).
- Step 4:** The congregation chooses how and when it will participate to reach, or exceed, its goal:

**1. Adopt an education and stewardship plan with:**

- An appeal that has personal visits
- Cottage/Small Group meetings that ask for pledges
- A "Commitment Sunday" for Fan into Flame

Materials and professional assistance will be provided if a congregation chooses one of the above options.

- 2. Come up with your own idea, suited to your congregation**
- 3. Pledge a percentage of a current or upcoming capital campaign**
- 4. Agree to add new funds to the budget and make special contributions to Fan into Flame.**

Remember, Fan into Flame gifts are above and beyond normal giving to Synod, District, and World Mission. We are starting new outreach ministries by God's grace, and you and your congregation are invited to be a part of this exciting mission effort.

Zion, Manning recently completed a tremendously successful Fan into Flame event. Not only did the campaign raise funds for missions but it also raised awareness of the mission field right here in Iowa.

Pastor Sparling, speaking of the Fan into Flame campaign, shared, "It opened eyes to the mission opportunities around the world and around us individually—and emphasis was made that we're all about mission and witness."

Fifteen percent of the funds raised come back to the congregation to be used for a local mission project decided by the congregation. Zion is exploring the options of enhancing their ability to broadcast into the community through local cable access. Sparling says "We have discovered that we have quite an audience among people in town—even those who don't attend church."

Mission dollars raised through Fan into Flame by Zion, Manning - \$103,970!