



The Future is Now - Why My Congregation?

"In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

1 Timothy 6:19

Our Michigan District is blessed with almost 380 congregations serving communities with many different characteristics in about every corner of our State. These congregations range in membership from under a hundred to several thousand. We serve in rural as well as urban settings. We are uniquely similar and connected with a common purpose, even as we are independent in our application of ministry.

Our common purpose is rooted in the sharing of the Gospel as we carry out the Great Commission. We do so all for the sake of the Kingdom because regardless of where we are located, the number of unchurched in our presence is significant – almost 60% of Michigan's population – which translates into about 6 million people in our midst who face an eternity without Christ. Our common purpose is to reach them.

This is why it is important every congregation in the District

participates in *The Future is Now*. As we look to the future of the Church, we see an opportunity that can be accomplished through a partnership with LCMS World Mission. This partnership will allow for the planting of new mission congregations in the Michigan District, the equipping of new professional church workers, and reaching the lost through international ministries as our Great Commission responsibility goes well beyond the boundaries of our District.

When a congregation makes their commitment to *The Future is Now*, another step is taken to accomplish the campaign initiatives. Every congregation can and will have an impact and make a difference in the lives of many.

We encourage pastors, lay leaders, and congregational members to attend one of 15 regional workshops in February and March to learn about ***The Future is Now*** and how your congregation can participate. Please visit www.michigandistrict.org/g3a4.html for dates and locations.

Progress to Date ...

District	\$2,151,000
National	\$44,500,000

Congregation Highlights

The congregations of our District are critical to the success of ***The Future is Now*** campaign. Several congregations making early commitments helped to create momentum and have significantly impacted campaign progress in its early stages. A special thank you goes to Rev. Wayne Wentzel and Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc, Rev. Douglas Krengel and Trinity Lutheran Church in Jackson, and Congregational Chairman Ron Luker and Redford Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

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