



The Future is Now - Campaign preparations continue

The congregational phase of *The Future is Now* continues to progress through its initial period of planning. The month of January was a very crucial month as the circuit coordinators attended one of four workshops that were provided and received the training necessary to be a resource and a support to the pastors and congregations of each circuit. What a blessing it is to have a circuit coordinator for each of our 44 circuits. We praise God for the willingness of each of the pastors who have stepped forward and are providing leadership for their circuits.

The next step in the preparation process for the congregations of the District is to attend one of 15 congregational workshops that have been scheduled to help each congregation prepare for the campaign. The informative two-hour workshop will cover such topics as the state of the Church in the Michigan District and throughout the world, a discussion

on the three initiatives of the campaign, and a practical “how-to” discussion to help congregations determine their campaign goal and suggestions on how to reach the goal.

Presenters at each workshop are President Hoesman, Vice President of Development Ray Zavada, and Campaign Steering Committee Chairman Jack Kidwell. Please pray for good weather as they travel throughout the District between now and March 30.

You may check the schedule for the workshops in the February/March issue of *Michigan In Touch* or on the Michigan District website at www.michigandistrict.org, click on the logo. All pastors and congregational lay leaders are encouraged to attend.

“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

Congregations of the District are being asked to make commitments to ***The Future is Now*** by Advent 2009 and fulfill them by 2014. Contact your Circuit Coordinator if you have any questions regarding your participation in ***The Future is Now***. A complete listing of Circuit Coordinators can be found on the Michigan District website.

Progress to Date ...

District	\$2,242,000
National	\$44,500,000

Congregation Highlights

We would like to thank **Rev. Paul Naumann and the members of St. Michael, Portage** for their recent commitment to ***The Future is Now***. St. Michael has included ***The Future is Now*** in their capital campaign which is just at its beginning. Also, several other congregations have informed us that planning is progressing very well in their congregations and commitment decisions are in process. Praise God for the enthusiasm that is beginning to stir in the congregations of the District.

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