



## Why Do We Need a Capital Campaign?

In order to carry out the mission of the Michigan District, new money – money above current levels of congregational funding – is necessary. Current levels of congregational support simply do not provide funding at a level which will allow two to three new mission congregations to be planted a year, or provide much needed funding for increasing scholarships to our future professional church workers.

*Mission Planting* - The Michigan District has always been a mission congregation planting district. In fact, since 1985, about 45 congregations exist today that were planted during that 24 year period. Planting new churches remains an important goal of the Michigan District, because in Michigan alone there are approximately 6 million unchurched people, representing about 60% of our state's population.

*Professional Church Worker Support* - As our forefathers before us fulfilled the early purpose of the church to disciple the saved and evangelize the lost; this need continues to increase today. As fewer young men and women choose to enter full-time church work, we are only a few short years away from having a shortage of trained church workers. With the costs of attending a Concordia University approaching \$30,000 and the seminaries exceeding \$35,000 annually, we feel that it is our responsibility to help offset these costs through increased scholarships.

*Fan into Flame* - Walking together with our brothers and sisters across the LCMS, the Michigan District will support this mission capital campaign to add missionaries in the field, to build new ministry starts, leadership training centers, new schools and seminary facilities. Additionally, an *Ablaze!* Mission Fund will meet unexpected opportunities and urgent needs around the world to reach out with the Gospel.

We have a wonderful opportunity before us and we invite you to participate through a personal and/or congregational commitment. Please contact Ray Zavada, VP-Development or visit [www.michigandistrict.org](http://www.michigandistrict.org) for more information.

*"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



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### Were you unable to attend the congregational workshop you were planning to attend?

If not, the good news is there are several workshops remaining in March that you can still attend: March 17 (*Our Savior, Lansing*), March 19 (*Immanuel, Macomb*), March 22 (*Christ Our Savior, Livonia*), March 26 (*Cross of Christ, Bloomfield Hills*), and March 30 (*St. John, West Branch*). Please call Jenna at the District office at 888.225.2111 for workshop times or to register.

### Congregation Highlights

The congregational workshop held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Faith, Grand Blanc was "bursting at the seams!" Over 65 pastors and church leaders attended the workshop representing 20 different congregations. Thank you to all who attended a workshop to date. You have helped to make the workshop series a great success!

### Progress to Date ...

<b>District</b>	<b>\$2,243,000</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>\$45,300,000</b>