



“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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Future is Now Facts and Figures by Ray Zavada

The Future is Now campaign has made outstanding progress since its inception, and continues to advance each week. We praise God for the hearts He has opened which has allowed the campaign to have the success it has had in spite of the economic barriers that continue to confront us as individuals, families, and congregations.

This campaign has served as one of the most inspiring and encouraging events I have ever participated in. It is truly a privilege to be welcomed into someone's home when they know the purpose for my visit is to ask them to make a gift or a pledge to help further the initiatives of the campaign. It is equally a privilege to be invited into a congregation of the District and given the opportunity to make a presentation to congregation members during a worship service, church council meeting, or voter's assembly. Only people from the family of God could be this welcoming.

I would like to share with you how God's people have responded to date. Our newsletters always report the total campaign dollars gifted and pledged, but I thought it would be interesting to

share with you campaign results with a little more depth and detail.

At the conclusion of the week ending May 14, 2010, a total of 192 congregations have indicated their participation by making gifts or pledges or setting goals. These 192 congregations (over 51% of District congregations) are included in the 1,524 donors to the campaign thus far. New congregations and individual donors continue to be added each week. These acts of faithful generosity have committed over \$5,457,652.

Approximately \$2.87 million in cash has been received, while an additional \$2.58 million currently remains in outstanding pledges and goals. Further analysis shows that congregations have committed \$2,733,304 and individuals have committed \$2,724,348. Interestingly, these amounts are very similar.

Campaign progress is adjusted daily as new gifts and pledges arrive. Up to date progress can be obtained by calling the Development Office of the Michigan District. I hope you found this campaign summary interesting and helpful. Please call me at 734.665.3791 if you have questions or would like information about participating as a congregation or individual donor.

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Progress to Date ...

**District - 5.46 million
Synod - 56.5 million**

Congregation Highlights

We would like to thank the following congregations that have recently become participating congregations in *The Future is Now* campaign: St. Paul, Milan.