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What is *Ablaze!* *Ablaze!* is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who do not yet know Him. This can take place at the library, in line at the check-out counter, with your wait staff at a restaurant, etc.. It does not cost dollars to share the gift of God's grace given through Jesus!

What is *Fan into Flame*? *Fan into Flame* undergirds the innovative projects and mission goals that will advance the *Ablaze!* movement goal to share the Gospel with 100 million people worldwide. Gifts given through *Fan into Flame* will assist in revitalizing congregations to become mission outposts in their communities, developing programs to equip the laity with Bible-based evangelism instruction, calling additional missionaries for work in national and international mission fields, and planting new ministries at home and abroad.

The Southern District's involvement in *Fan into Flame* is part of a commitment to see a kindling vision and heart for mission outreach. We are counting on your congregation's participation to help achieve the Southern District's goal of \$1.1 million and our national goal of \$100 million.

How can your congregation participate in this historic mission effort?

1. Take *Fan into Flame* to your leadership for approval/support.
2. Consider making a pledge over the next 5 years – above current district and Synod mission giving. We are asking *all* congregations in our district to partner with us.
3. At your approval meeting, vote to make a pledge/gift of new money that totals 10% of your annual giving budget (2%/year in gifts for five years). A pledge form is attached for your convenience.
4. Partner with the district and the leadership throughout the process to apprise them of your decision. The District Office can provide the resource materials and support that you may need.
5. As always, pray for our success. By giving God's people a chance to support in this historic mission funding effort, we will receive the blessings of the Holy Spirit upon us all.

If you need assistance, take time to contact your *Fan into Flame* circuit coordinator or the Southern District Office. There are people who are willing to "walk with you" as you develop plans, and as you gather to celebrate the Spirit's blessing through this initiative. To God be the glory as together we grow in mission and a heart for those not connected by faith to Jesus!