

The Florida-Georgia District, in concert with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, seeks to share the saving gospel of Jesus Christ with 100 million people, 50 million or more in North America, by the year 2017. Ablaze is a movement beginning in the local church, at the grass roots. We together seek the power of God the Holy Spirit to ignite in our hearts and congregations a passion for the lost and a winsome love for all people. Our prayer is that the entire Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod would be ablaze with the love of God in Jesus Christ and that a missionary and evangelistic movement and culture would begin. May God bless these efforts!

- **Sowing Seeds** – seeks to connect church and community through prayer, visitation and community surveys. This is a highly interactive and visible approach that is especially good for new missions or churches wanting to become more visible in their community. The goal is to become good neighbors by providing ministry that touches the real needs of the people we seek to reach and gain gospel opportunities to share our faith in both word and deed. This can be done as a one to five day workshop.
- **Community or Circuit Demographics** consultation. Call to set up a visit.
- **My Story of His Story** provides a personal way to use everyday conversations as opportunities to share your life and witness to what God has done. This training is based off of 1 Peter 3:15b which says, “always be prepared to give an account of the hope that is in you.” This is a winsome way to share your faith easily and effectively.

- **Planned Acts of Kindness and Random Acts of Kindness** show the love of Jesus Christ in a kind and practical way. CD available for free from the District Office.
- **Friendship Sunday** encourages members to invite their unchurched friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers to a special Sunday.
- **Adjusting Your Congregational Climate** evaluates your church from a visitor’s perspective, makes recommended changes following either a self evaluation or a consultation. Suggestions are also made on how to advertise your church.
- **Preaching/Teaching/Reaching (PTR)** occur over 2-5 days and provide an evangelistic opportunity for the church to provide dynamic preaching and inspirational worship together with teaching for God’s people that motivates them to reach out to their unchurched friends, neighbors and relatives inviting them to attend the special nightly worship services and teaching.
- **Mission Festivals** highlight what is happening in missions and also provides opportunities to raise additional funding and support for missions.
- **Share Life** provides personal evangelism training for laity and the church professional alike.
- **Dialog Evangelism or Evangelism Explosion** training can be offered by several church leaders throughout out District. In depth training and support are provided.
- **Groups Ablaze (SG-2)** is a small group strategy to reach the yet unreached. It is compatible with other discipling and bible study material.
- **Direct Mail Lists from LCEF** can be targeted by zip codes/new move ins as well as other personal target demographics that you would choose.
- **Phones for You** uses the law of large numbers to find unchurched and dechurched people in your community that are open to an invitation inviting them to come to your opening worship service or the launch of a special new ministry. This approach uses 20,000 phone dialups, 7 mailings sent to 2000 of those whom you connected with on the phoning with approximately 200 people showing up for an opening worship service. Follow up is key to this program and results very however an active prospect list is formed.
- **Visitation follow up** strategies workshop (1½ -3 hours) outlines effective visitor follow up and contact that include pastor and laity.
- **Discipleship Map-** what happens after membership? Where do leaders come from? What is it that a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ should know and be equipped to do? This workshop is intended for the church professional and laity involved with Christian education, assimilation of new members and the like.
- **Assimilation and the use of Spiritual Gifts** resources available from the District Office library and in workshop form.
- **Ministry to the Delinquent** provides a look at ministering to those who have left, finding out why they left and making needed changes to help provide more effective ministry to the entire membership.

- **Crossways Int'l** or the shorter See Through the Scriptures can be used to provide biblical teaching in basic Christianity.
- **Prayer Warriors** prepare the way for evangelistic efforts and should be included in any evangelism program.
- **Prayer Walking** uses prayer and walking through the neighborhoods your church is seeking to reach, canvass or invite.
- **The Unchurched Next Door**, **Unchurched Harry and Mary**, and other books like these give those who have been churched for many years a fresh look at those whom they are seeking to reach.
- **Natural Church Development (NCD)** focus on Needs Oriented Evangelism. This material could be used independently of the entire NCD process and could be done with or without an NCD coach.
- **Vacation Bible School**
- **Block Party Evangelism** is an open house that invites the neighborhood in to your church or home. Small group ministries and interest groups may be started from such activity.
- **Start a pre-school, mother's day out** or other such ministry to reach young families.

These materials are a beginning list of resources that are currently available and can usually be adapted to your personal situation.

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