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"In His season...seizing any opportunity to bless"

Galatians 6:9-10



2016

Annual District Mission Report

Northern Illinois District
of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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Cover Photo

Toddlers enjoy the opening day festivities at the new Trinity Early Childhood Center opened by Trinity, Lisle, in Naperville, in May 2015.



Working Together, in Mission

Dear Pastors, Leaders and Members in NID Churches,

We are pleased to once again bring you the Annual Mission Report from the LCMS Northern Illinois District. Through these stories and numbers you will learn a little more about what “the district” is and does. I hope that’s important to you; after all, district isn’t “them”—it’s “us”—all the girls and boys and men and women in our 211 chartered congregations plus the multi-sites and new missions of congregations scattered across the district.

We continue to face challenges in our level of congregational support and our stewardship of members and resources in our churches and schools. Our focus on New Starts...New Believers is needed now more than ever. The LCMS is abundant with God’s gifts—given for the benefit of his kingdom, those who have heard, and those waiting to hear. He calls us to use them for his kingdom purpose. Let’s do just that.

Rev. Dan Gilbert, District President



Breakfast with Baby at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mount Prospect

Moms come with the whole family for this once-a-month Saturday morning event. Moms enjoy the opportunity to obtain donated supplies and services for help with new infants in the household. St. Paul members enjoy their time with the families and building relationships – it does not go unnoticed. Recently a mom commented, “You treat us like family.” A number of the families being served are Hispanic, a population previously unreached by the congregation. Clothes, diapers and other baby supplies are donated by the Mount Prospect congregation.

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Support from Day 1

Our Savior, Carol Stream, was chartered as an NID congregation and called their district missionary-at-large, Rev. Andy Koschmann, as pastor in 1985. From Day 1, the congregation has tithed offerings back to the district, not to try to repay the grants that helped them get started, but to set an example for families and individuals within the congregation. While the congregation has been blessed by district guidance and resources, they don't support the district for that reason, their pastor explains. "It's about firstfruits giving - if there is an expectation of members to tithe (even though we know they don't all do that but rather it's something to strive for), then that has to be modeled." Our Savior Lutheran Church has modeled support for the church-at-large to such a degree they are consistently among district's Igniter congregations recognized each year. **Igniter congregations** give more than \$50,000 a year for the Lord's work through district and Synod.



Small Church Initiative

NID Mission Facilitator Rev. Mike Mast (below) presented at an outreach workshop, held in the NID in collaboration with Synod's office of Rural and Small Town Missions in May 2015. Small churches face unique challenges and opportunities, whether rural, small town or urban. Responding to these needs, in August the district engaged Rev. Dr. Gerry Schalk, part-time, to provide attention and options for churches asking the questions: What now? What next? Whether it be planning for a new mission, new partnerships with other congregations or new staffing, he is working to help smaller congregations face the future with intentionality.



Congregations Fund the Mission

Congregational offerings (both unrestricted and designated) are the primary source of district revenue to fund our outward-focused mission in northern Illinois and fulfill our ecclesiastical and bylaw-mandated responsibilities as an entity of Synod. Additionally, the district sends part of this in for the support of Synod. Thank you to the district congregations listed below who provided support for FY 2015 (this was about 85% of our congregations).

SACRIFICIAL STEWARDS (in bold)

are recognized for exceeding more than \$46.44 per communicant, which is twice the district average.



Igniter Congregations

Congregations that support district at a level of \$50,000 or more per year are recognized through the "Igniter" award. Grateful thanks are extended to their senior pastors who, like men of Issachar, had understanding of the times, to know what "Israel" ought to do (1 Chronicles 12:32). The leadership of such congregations is a blessing to the entire district. Igniter congregations for FY 2015 are:

- Cross, Yorkville (Rev. Eric Gauss)
- Immanuel, Batavia (Rev. Ron Weidler)
- Immanuel, Downers Grove (Rev. John Prohl)
- Our Savior, Carol Stream (Rev. Andy Koschmann)
- St. Paul, Mount Prospect (Rev. Kris Whitby)
- St. Peter, Arlington Heights (Rev. Micah Greiner)
- Trinity, Lisle (Rev. Mark Schulz)
- Trinity, Roselle (Rev. Chuck Mueller)

Thank You

Addison, St. Paul
Algonquin, St. John's
Antioch, Beautiful Savior
Arlington Heights, Living Christ
Arlington Heights, St. Peter
Aurora, Emmanuel
Aurora, Hope
Aurora, St. Paul
Barrington, St. Matthew
Bartlett, Immanuel
Batavia, Immanuel
Beecher, St. John
Beecher, St. Paul
Beecher, Zion
Belvidere, Immanuel
Berwyn, Good Shepherd
 Our Redeemer
Blue Island, Salem
Bolingbrook, Divine Shepherd
Bonfield, Zion
Bourbonnais, Good Shepherd
Bourbonnais, St. Paul's
Burbank, Holy Trinity
Burlington, St. John
Burr Ridge, Trinity
Byron, Risen Savior
Calumet Park, Mount Calvary
Carol Stream, Our Savior
Carpentersville, Faith
Cary, Holy Cross
Chicago Heights, St. Paul's
Chicago, Bethany
Chicago, First Bethlehem
Chicago, First Immanuel
Chicago, First St. Paul
Chicago, Gloria Dei
Chicago, Messiah
Chicago, Mount Greenwood
Chicago, Nazareth
Chicago, Our Saviour

Chicago, Resurrection
Chicago, St. Matthew
Chicago, St. Paul (Austin)
Chicago, St. Paul (Dorchester)
Chicago, St. Paul (Norwood Park)
Chicago, St. Peter
Chicago, St. Philip (Bryn Mawr)
Chicago, Trinity (Meade)
Crystal Lake, Immanuel
Crystal Lake, Prince of Peace
Darien, St. John
DeKalb, Immanuel
Des Plaines, Good Shepherd
Des Plaines, Immanuel
Dixon, Christ Our Savior
Downers Grove, Immanuel
Dundee, St. Peter
Dwight, Emmanuel
Dwight, Trinity
East Dundee, Immanuel
Elgin, Calvary
Elgin, Good Shepherd
Elgin, King of Glory
Elgin, St. John's
Elizabeth, St. Paul
Elmhurst, Immanuel
Evanston, Bethlehem
Forest Park, St. John
Frankfort, Good Shepherd
Franklin Park, Mount Calvary
Freeport, Immanuel
Freeport, Our Redeemer
Geneva, Faith
Genoa, Trinity
Glenview, Immanuel
Grant Park, Zion
Grayslake, Lord of Glory
Gurnee, Bethel
Hampshire, St. Peter's (North Plato)
Hampshire, Trinity

Harvard, St. Paul
Hawthorn Woods, St. Matthew
Herscher, Trinity
Hillside, Hope
Hillside, Immanuel
Hinckley, Immanuel
Hinsdale, Zion
Hodgkins, Immanuel
Homewood, Salem
Huntley, Trinity
Itasca, St. Luke
Joliet, Our Savior
Joliet, St. Peter
La Grange, St. John's
LaFox, Lord of Life
Lake Forest, Faith
Lake Villa, Good Shepherd
Lemont, St. Matthew
Lena, St. John's
Lindenwood, Immanuel
Lisle, Trinity
Lockport, St. Paul
Lombard, Peace
Lombard, St. John's
Lombard, Trinity
Manhattan, Sanctuary

Manteno, Risen Savior
Marengo, Zion
Matteson, St. Paul
McHenry, Fellowship of Faith
McHenry, Zion
Melrose Park, Apostles
Melrose Park, St. Paul
Mokena, Immanuel
Montgomery, St. Luke
Morris, Friends in Christ
Morrison, St. Peter
Mount Prospect, St. John
Mount Prospect, St. Paul
Naperville, Bethany
Naperville, Word of Life
Naperville, Zion
Northbrook, Grace
Northbrook, St. John
Oak Lawn, Faith
Oak Lawn, St. Paul
Oak Lawn, Zion
Orland Park, Christ
Orland Park, Living Word
Ottawa, Zion
Palatine, Immanuel
Palatine, Prince of Peace

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Pecatonica, St. John
 Plainfield, Peace
 Plano, Living Heritage
 Prospect Heights,
 Our Redeemer
 Richton Park, Immanuel
 River Forest, Resurrection
 River Grove, Bethlehem
 Rochelle, St. Paul
 Rock Falls, Good Shepherd
Rockford, Christ the Rock
Rockford, Mount Olive
Rockford, Redeemer
 Rockford, St. Paul
 Rockton, St. Andrew
 Roselle, Trinity
 Schaumburg, St. John
 Schaumburg, St. Peter
Skokie, St. Paul
 St. Charles, St. Mark's
 Steger, Immanuel
 Sterling, Messiah
Sterling, Our Savior
 Streamwood, Grace
 Summit, Zion
 Sycamore, St. John
 Thornton, St. Paul
 Tinley Park, Trinity
 Union, St. John
 Walnut, Holy Trinity
 Waukegan, Redeemer
 West Chicago, Trinity
 West Dundee, Bethlehem
 Western Springs, Grace
Westmont, Bethel
 Wheaton, St. John
 Winfield, Christ Our Savior
 Wood Dale, Calvary
Yorkville, Cross

Multi-Year Financial Comparison

	2012 FY Actual	2013 FY Actual	2014 FY Actual	2015 FY pre-Audit	2016 FY Budget
SOURCES OF DISTRICT REVENUE					
Congregational Tithes & Contributions	\$2,005,359	\$2,087,631	\$1,965,024	\$1,832,969	\$1,717,256
New Starts New Believers Gifts ¹	\$168,800	\$192,004	\$151,856	\$209,231	\$203,256
Restricted Gifts	\$284,662	\$352,657	\$220,044	\$159,082	\$263,759
Reimbursements & Other Revenue ²	\$472,868	\$533,051	\$996,076	\$525,154	\$697,078
Net Asset Reserve Change in Market Valuation ³	\$6,205	(\$7,869)	(\$49,059)	\$24,141	(\$10,000)
Total District Revenue	\$2,937,894	\$3,157,474	\$3,283,941	\$2,750,577	\$2,871,349
DISTRICT EXPENSES BY CATEGORY					
Direct Support of Synod	\$601,608	\$626,289	\$589,507	\$549,891	\$515,177
District New Starts & Mission Support	\$963,522	\$1,015,932	\$1,186,843	\$1,139,453	\$1,150,107
District Ecclesial & Operational Expenses	\$1,316,184	\$1,491,238	\$1,237,588	\$1,273,318	\$1,479,868
Total District Expenses	\$2,881,314	\$3,133,459	\$3,013,938	\$2,962,662	\$3,145,152
District Net Operating Results	\$56,580	\$24,015	270,003	(\$212,085)	(\$273,803)
Real Estate Gain (Loss)	\$0	\$204,279	\$0	\$0	\$0
District Net Gain (Loss) ⁴	\$56,580	\$228,294	270,003	(\$212,085)	(\$273,803)
Restricted Gifts to Other Ministries⁵	\$605,394	\$702,194	\$607,006	\$661,591	\$522,000

Footnotes to Financial Statement

- Since 2006, the Northern Illinois District has had an intentional effort to raise awareness and support for New Starts...New Believers.
- Reimbursements include convention assessments, registrations, fees and in FY 2014 receipt of 2 trusts.
- Changes in Investment Market Valuation recognizes the NID's long-term investment portfolio fluctuations including downturns and recoveries.
- NID's Board of Directors has strategically passed a deficit budget for FY 2016. This budget does not include the projected sale of property previously used to arrive at a balanced budget. The board also on occasion has included an intentional use of district Net Asset Reserves as an investment in local missions.
- The district regularly facilitates pass-through of designated gifts to outside ministries, including restricted Synod support.

Another Hispanic Pastor Ordained

Walter Ramirez, with his wife Nivea and daughter, pause with District President Dan Gilbert following Concordia Seminary's service in 2015 to recognize completion of his pastor preparation through the Center for Hispanic Studies. Pastor Ramirez was called by Cross, Yorkville, to continue at the Plano Hispanic Mission, which he had helped develop as a vicar through San Pablo, Aurora, and with a grant from New Starts...New Believers. The opportunity for new NID Hispanic missions is great and congregations are asking for help to get started – including more new pastors and trained laity. Iglesia San Pablo's successful Missionary School and training center in Aurora affords us the best opportunity available right now for meeting this critical need. Our district's ¡Enviando! financial campaign to help accomplish this desired expansion in Hispanic missions is over one-quarter of the way to its \$1.2 million goal. Presentations to pastors, church leadership and congregations are being scheduled throughout the coming year.





Annual 'New Starts' Benefit

The district has hosted its Annual New Starts... New Believers benefit dinner each of the past five years through the generosity of a single donor family. The event is for those who have a desire to support local mission outreach and provides fellowship and inspiration. The November 2015 dinner, held at the Burr Ridge Marriott, raised over \$95,000. There were 362 people in attendance. "It is inspiring to see what the Lord is accomplishing through our ministry partnership as we hear stories from new starts," says NID Mission Advocate Sue Green. "It is personally uplifting to offer attendees the opportunity to impact ministry through New Starts...New Believers by inviting them to become donors."

Supportive Individuals Further the Mission

Thank you to these individuals and organization that have used their blessings to provide designated support in 2015 for district mission and ministry, including New Starts...New Believers, Enviando, Giving Tuesday, general missions and operations.

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New Ministry Sites Open

New early childhood centers were being explored in the NID during the past year. Grace, Northbrook, was in the development phase throughout 2015 and just opened its new early childhood center in February 2016. Trinity, Lisle, through collaboration with the pastor and a member from Immanuel, East Dundee, was able to open a third site for the congregation in May 2015. Trinity Early Childhood Center, TECC, at 2244 West 95th Street, Naperville, serves families with children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. This is the third physical location for the ministry of Trinity, Lisle. Trinity Green Trails, on Maple Avenue in Lisle, was added as a worship and ministry site in 2010. A fourth site for worship and ministry is anticipated to open in the coming year at the former Bethany, Chicago, which is located just north of Oak Park, off North Avenue at Narragansett. Trinity Lisle's main campus is at Hwy. 53 and Kimberly Way in Lisle.

Purpose of our district:

Help each other to keep our confession centered on God's perfect Word, the Bible.

Help each other carry out the Lord's mission, to our neighbors and to the nations.

New Starts...New Believers is our mission movement to do just that. ¡Enviando! (which means sending) is our current special emphasis on expanding Hispanic missions in northern Illinois.

NID fast facts:

211 Congregations with 84,756 confirmed members

103 with avg. weekly worship less than 99

56 with avg. weekly worship 100-199

18 with avg. weekly worship 200-299

15 with avg. weekly worship 300-399

4 with avg. weekly worship 400-499

13 with avg. weekly worship 500-999

2 with avg. weekly worship 1,000+

228 Parish pastors

178 Retired or non-parish pastors

506 Active commissioned teachers, deaconesses, DCEs, etc.

52 Early Childhood/Preschool Centers

52 Elementary Schools
(all but 6 include preschool)

4 Lutheran High Schools