

“And they shall be My people,
and I will be their God ... I will
rejoice in doing them good, and I
will plant them in this land in
faithfulness, with all My heart and
all My soul.”

Jeremiah 32: 38, 41

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Fan Into Flame Remains Strong

President Stoterau's message regarding *Fan Into Flame* was simple: Give God's good people a chance to participate. He asked every church leader in the room to meet with volunteers and made an appeal asking for their involvement. His message was motivational and will hopefully inspire congregations to take our calls and find out the best way they can participate in *Fan Into Flame*.

Now close to raising \$49 million dollars, *Fan Into Flame* is in the middle of one of the best months since the campaign began. This news is positive and motivating, especially considering the bulk of the new money has come from Michigan, Florida, and Ohio, arguably some of the worst hit states in this recession. Proof, when God's people are given a chance, they respond.

Locally, the campaign has had a great two weeks, raising \$53,600! The bulk came from Peace in Camarillo, a congregation that worships on average just over 200 members per week. They plan on launching an all member appeal to raise their goal of \$45,000., which is just over 10% of their annual budget. According to the congregation's president, Blaine Wanke, even though California has been hit particularly hard by this recession, their congregation has been financially supportive in the past, and so they believe that they will be supportive of this very important program in the future.

We acknowledge and thank Peace Lutheran Church for their faith and conviction to *Fan Into Flame's* mission. They are an inspirational example of stewardship. We invite all congregations who have not had a recent volunteer visit regarding *Fan Into Flame* to heed President Stoterau's message and contact a volunteer. Learn how your congregation can participate in this effort to share the Good News of Jesus with 100 million people by 2017.

To learn more, please contact Amando Balbuena, Fan Into Flame Campaign Director at the PSW District Office (415) 601-8606, or go to the Ablaze! section of the www.psd-lcms.org website.



75 The Pacific Southwest District joyfully joins with other Missouri Synod Lutherans throughout the country in support of **Fan into Flame**. While providing LCMS World Mission needed funds to share the Good News of Jesus throughout North America and around the world, the Pacific Southwest District plans to allocate 15% of net unrestricted gifts offered by our members toward local outreach.