

# Fan Into Flame Organizing in Florida-Georgia

The Fan Into Flame endeavor is taking root in the soil of the Florida-Georgia District. A Steering Committee has been appointed; initial meetings have been held; and plans are taking shape to involve District congregations.

Fan Into Flame is the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod's endeavor to raise \$100,000,000 in and above budget gifts to undergird its endeavor to strengthen its mission outreach at the local, district, national and international levels.

Through a special covenant relationship with the Board for Mission Services of the LCMS, and in recognition of the many opportunities for mission in the Florida-Georgia District, 50% of the net campaign receipts from District donors are earmarked

for work in the District, with the other 50% earmarked for international mission expansion.

Early conversations in the Steering Committee are highlighting the goals of strengthening outreach on the local and circuit level; of transforming existing congregations for growth in mission; and of starting new congregations and ministries.

Heading this effort are co-chairs Rev. Dr. Dennis Glick, first vice president of the District and recently retired as pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church-Boca Raton, FL; and William Arndt, long-time member of the District Board of Directors and a member of Rivercliff Lutheran Church-Atlanta, GA.

Other members of the committee include Gerry Poppe of Zion-Fort Myers; David Schmitt, St. Paul-Weston; Rich Robertson, St. Paul-Peachtree City, GA; Margie Smith, Good Shepherd-Gainesville, GA; John Frerking, Faith-North Palm Beach; and from the District staff, Gerhard

Michael, Doug Kallesen, Richard Neubauer and Stuart Craig.

Circuit leaders are currently being recruited. They will assist in telling the Fan Into Flame story to District congregations and leaders, with a goal to raise at least \$5,000,000 in new money for District and

international missions. The goal is to complete the solicitation phase by the District convention, June 12-14, 2009.

Gerhard Michael, Jr., District president, emphasized that Fan Into Flame "will enable us to respond more fully to the missionary challenge in our own District, keeping the momentum going generated by *Forward Together - Servants in His Mission*, as well as support endeavors throughout the world." □



## Education Is Imperative

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all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" Col. 2:3). "In him all things in heaven and on earth were created. . . in him all things hold together. . . through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:16-20). He is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6). The richness of his person—and the grace and wisdom for living he offers in his word—is incentive more than can be imagined for continuing to learn to know him.

The longer one is married, the better one gets to know his partner, but does one ever fully understand his spouse? Given the wealth embodied in the Lord Jesus, can we ever outgrow our need to learn to know him better and what it means to follow him?

Through a positive attitude

**To be a disciple of Jesus is to be His student, to learn who He is, what He stands for and to follow Him.**

toward ongoing Christian education and actual involvement in it, we will discover strength, wisdom, and encouragement for living — and experience why Jesus encompassed education in the Great Commission, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." It's not just about accumulating knowledge! It's learning to know him, that we may follow him, for that's really living!

By knowing Jesus Christ well, we will undoubtedly be able to do a better job of reaching out to others, in short, being better witnesses for him!

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## CAPSULES

by Rev. Gerhard Michael Jr.  
President, Florida-Georgia District

### Calling Congregations Pastor

Bartow FL ..... Redeemer  
Boca Raton FL .... St. Paul (Senior)  
Brunswick GA ..... (Mission Developer)  
Clearwater FL First Ev. (Associate)  
Clewiston FL ..... Faith  
Crawfordville FL ..... Trinity  
Estero FL Estero Lutheran Mission (Mission Planter)  
Gainesville FL ..... Abiding Savior (Associate)  
Gainesville GA ... Good Shepherd  
LaBelle FL ..... Christ the King  
Middleburg FL ..... St. Peter's (Associate)  
Naples FL ..... Grace  
New Port Richey FL. Caring Christ  
Newnan GA ..... Zion  
North Dade County (Miami Shores FL). Redeemer (Mission Developer)  
North Miami FL ..... Holy Cross  
Perry GA ..... Christ  
St. Cloud FL ..... Grace  
Sarasota FL ..... Good Shepherd (Associate)  
St. Petersburg FL ..... Our Savior (Assistant)  
Tavernier FL ..... Immanuel  
West Palm Beach FL .... Redeemer

### DCE/DCO/Music

Boca Raton FL ..... St. Paul  
Largo FL ..... Christ the King  
North Palm Beach FL ..... Faith  
Orlando FL ..... Trinity  
Plant City FL ..... Hope

### Calls Extended

Good Shepherd-Titusville FL, extended a call to Rev. Bruce Alberts, First-Tahlequah OK, as pastor.  
Faith-Eustis FL, extended a call to Rev. Marc Kappel, St. Peter's-Middleburg FL, as pastor.  
Trinity-Delray Beach FL, extended a call to Mr. Timothy Leinberger, Our Redeemer-Overland MO, as Assistant Principal.  
Trinity-Orlando FL, extended a call to Mr. Benjamin Vineyard, Mt. Calvary-Holdrege NE, as DCE.  
Orlando Lutheran Academy-Orlando FL, extended a call to Mr. William Rach, Orlando FL, as teacher.  
St. John-Ocala FL extended a call to Ms. Rebecca Shaffer, Westlake OH, as teacher.  
Rivercliff-Atlanta GA extended a call to Ms. Rebecca Matson, Ann Arbor MI, as teacher.  
Trinity-Delray Beach FL, extended a call to Ms. Sandra Berns, Hamilton OH, as teacher.  
St. Paul-Boca Raton FL, extended a call to Mr. Jeremy Becker, Kirkwood MO, as Director of Christian Education

Christ the King-Largo FL, extended a call to Mr. Jacob Youmans, Orange CA, as Director of Christian Education.  
St. Paul-Peachtree City GA, extended a call to Ms. Rachel Vrudny, St. Paul-New Orleans LA, as teacher.  
Grace-Jacksonville FL, extended a call to Mr. John Leimer, Kansas City MO, as principal of Jacksonville HS.  
Faith-North Palm Beach FL, extended a call to Mr. Tim Richter, Brooksville FL, as Director of Christian Education.

### Calls Received

Rev. Thomas Pfothauer, St. Paul-Boca Raton FL, received a call from Woodbury-Woodbury MN, as pastor.  
Mrs. Danielle Schaeffer, Bethlehem-Jacksonville Beach, FL received a call from St. Mark-Battle Creek MI, as Director of Christian Education.  
Mr. Mike Hardies, St. Paul-Boca Raton FL, received a call from Detroit Urban Lutheran School-Detroit MI, as teacher.  
Mr. Tim Richter, Christ-Brooksville FL, received a call from Faith-North Palm Beach FL, as Director of Christian Education.  
Mr. Nick Moss, St. Paul-Lakeland FL, received a call from St. Mark-Houston TX, as Director of Christian Education.

### Calls Accepted

Rev. Bruce Alberts, First-Tahlequah OK, accepted the call from Good Shepherd-Titusville FL.  
Rev. Marc Kappel, St. Peter's-Middleburg FL, accepted the call from Faith-Eustis FL.  
Mr. Robert Reed, Tampa, FL, accepted the call from Holy Trinity-Tampa, FL.  
Mrs. Danielle Schaeffer, Jacksonville Beach, FL, accepted the call from St. Mark-Battle Creek MI.  
Mr. Timothy Leinberger, Our Redeemer-Overland MO, accepted the call from Trinity-Delray Beach FL.  
Mr. James, Clinton, Township MI, accepted the call from St. Paul-Peachtree City GA.  
Mr. William Rach, Orlando, FL accepted the call from Orlando Lutheran Academy-Orlando FL.  
Ms. Rebecca Shaffer, Westlake OH, accepted the call from St. John-Ocala FL.  
Ms. Linda Sasse, Living Word-Rochester MI, accepted the call from Grace-Jacksonville FL.  
Ms. Rebecca Matson, Ann Arbor MI, accepted the call from Rivercliff-Atlanta GA.

Ms. Sandra Berns, Hamilton OH, accepted the call from Trinity-Delray Beach FL.

Mr. James Richards, Trinity-Clinton Twp. MI, accepted the call from St. Paul-Peachtree City GA.

Ms. Rachel Vrudny, St. Paul-New Orleans LA, accepted the call from St. Paul-Peachtree City GA.

Mr. John Leimer, Kansas City MO, accepted the call from Grace-Jacksonville FL.

Mr. Tim Richters, Brooksville FL, accepted the call from Faith-North Palm Beach FL.

### Transferred from Other Districts

Rev. Norman E. Steinke transferred from the Texas District.  
Rev. Dr. James W. Balke transferred from the English District.  
Rev. Christopher J. Patterson transferred from the Southeastern District.

### Transferred to Other Districts

Mr. Harold Boldt transferred to the Texas District.  
Mr. Burge Smith transferred to the Texas District.  
Mrs. Beverly Smith transferred to the Texas District.  
Ms. Candice Ann Bicondoa transferred to the Minnesota North District.  
Ms. Rachel Elizabeth Tapling transferred to the Michigan District.

### Ordained Minister Assignments

Candidate Eric M. Estes  
- Concordia-St. Louis MO  
- Redeemer-Columbus GA  
Candidate Peter D. Grana  
- Concordia-Fort Wayne IN  
- Trinity-Toccoa GA  
Candidate Aaron J. Neugebauer  
- Concordia-St. Louis MO  
- Beautiful Savior-Lehigh Acres FL  
Candidate Roland Vega  
- Concordia-St. Louis MO - St. Andrew-Hialeah FL  
Candidate Gene E. Johnson  
- Concordia-St. Louis MO  
- Grace-Port St. Lucie FL  
Candidate Jeremy Lucke  
- Concordia-St. Louis MO  
- Grace-Jacksonville FL

### Commissioned Minister Assignments

Ms. Laura Seutter - Concordia-Seward NE - St. Paul-Peachtree City GA  
Mr. Timothy Guelzow  
- Concordia-Austin TX - Trinity-Delray Beach FL

Ms. Kristina Kolstedt - Concordia-Mequon WI - St. Paul-Boca Raton FL

Mr. Jeffrey Potter - Concordia-Mequon WI - Trinity-Holly Hill FL

Ms. Lynn Mook - Concordia-River Forest IL - Trinity-Delray Beach FL

Ms. Jennifer Keller - Concordia-St. Paul MN - Trinity-Delray Beach FL

Ms. Megan Hunt - Concordia-River Forest IL - Faith-Eustis FL

### Resignations/Removals

Rev. Keith E. Bowman, Jr., resigned from Faith-Merritt Island FL, February 1, 2008. (Candidate)  
Ms. Amanda Halpin, teacher, Ocala, FL, was removed from the Commissioned Minister Roster of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, June 4, 2008.  
Mr. John Dresser, teacher, Swanzy, NH, was removed from the Commissioned Minister Roster of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, June 4, 2008.

Mrs. Sarah Czaplowski, teacher, Fort Lauderdale, FL, was removed from the Commissioned Minister Roster of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, June 12, 2008.  
Mr. Andrew Novy, teacher, Delray Beach, FL, was removed from the Commissioned Minister Roster of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, June 12, 2008.  
Ms. Laurie Eriksen, teacher, Boynton Beach, FL, was removed from the Commissioned Minister Roster of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, June 12, 2008.  
Mr. Phillip Frahm, DCE, Merritt Island, FL, resigned from the Commissioned Minister Roster of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, April 30, 2008

### Emeritus

Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Glick, January 31, 2008  
Rev. Ronald D. Biel, May 31, 2008  
Rev. Dr. Richard E. Bradley, May 31, 2008  
Rev. Carl L. Peterson, Columbus GA, June 22, 2008  
Rev. Roy A. Lidbom, New Port Richey FL, May 11, 2008  
Rev. Stephen C. Krueger, Sun City Center FL, July 1, 2008.  
Mr. Phillip E. Larsen, Lake Oconee, GA, August 31, 2006  
Mr. Richard L. Stadler, Ocala, FL, July 28, 2008

### Church Triumphant

Rev. Edward R. Williams, Dearborn MI, April 8, 2008