

Congregational Outreach

Idea-Starters for Evangelism

Idea Checklist for Congregations



Organize a Prayer Vigil.

Download and/or view the materials at www.lcms.org/ablaze or call 1-800-433-3954.



Highlight quarterly “Faith-Sharing Tools” (from “Outreach for Individuals” list) during a worship service. Prayerfully distribute these tools at the conclusion of the service, encouraging every member to use them in sharing their faith that same week.



Host an “Equipping to Share” Workshop from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Contact LHM at 1-800-944-3450 or send an e-mail message to equipping@lhm.org.



Promote involvement in short-term mission opportunities.

Call 1-800-433-3954 or visit the LCMS World Mission Web site at www.lcmsworldmission.org.



Contact the District Evangelism staff person.



Encourage attendance at the Great Commission Convocation (GCC)

—current planning is that these convocations would be held every four years.



Encourage and promote electronic subscriptions to

- the “Evangelgram” and other mission lists. Go to www.lcms.org and click on “E-news” button.
- E-“LampLighter”



Order the Congregational Tool Kit from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Learn more from LHM’s Web site at www.lhm.org.



Faith-sharing tools: **share witness stories with other church members.**



Adopt a missionary through the Together in Mission (TIM) program or the Mission Senders program. Call Debbie Feenstra of LCMS World Mission Support at 1-800-248-1930, Ext. 1651 or send her an e-mail at Debra.Feenstra@lcms.org.



Support a mission society each year. Get to know and support that ministry.

Learn more about the Association of Lutheran Mission Agencies, visit www.alma-online.org.



Sponsor an annual mission festival featuring speakers, Bible classes, and presentations.



“Daughter” a new congregation.

Contact the Center for U.S. Missions for more information at www.centerforusmissions.org.

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Annual Outreach Assessment and Planning for Future Involvement.

Annually evaluate the progress on your outreach goals. Helpful guides can be ordered from CPH at www.cpb.org or 1-800-325-3040. Order item #SO1758 *and* #SO1765.



Invite a Harvesters for Christ team to work alongside your congregation.

Learn more at www.lcmsworldmission.org/national or call 1-800-433-3954.



Check out the Outreach seminars available through the Center for U.S. Missions at www.centerforusmissions.org.



Find out more about your mission area. Order an LCEF Demographic Study.

Call 1-800-THE-LCEF (800-843-5233) to find out how.



Host a 'Share Life' Witness Workshop.

Order a kit from CPH at www.chp.org or 800-325-3040. Order item #SO 1744.



Sign up for 'We Can! Pastor and People Planning Big for Rural America'

Go to www.spife.org or call 1-888-463-5127.



Get Educated. Download, print, and use the 'Mission Education Handbook.'

Go to www.lcms.org/?2444.

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Outreach for Individuals

Personal Evangelism Tools



Pocket Cross with Card is a reminder of what it means to be a Christian. Order this item online at www.cph.org <<http://www.cph.org>/ or call toll-free to CPH order center 1-800 325-2040 (local 314-268-1111). Ask for item #SO1487.



John 3:16 Coin is a metal coin with a cross etching. The words of John 3:16 are printed around the edge of the coin. Order this item online at www.creativecommunications.com or call 1-800-325-9414.



For by Grace You Have Been Saved—This bronze metal piece has Luther's Seal etched on one side and Ephesians 2:8-9 on the other. Order this item online at www.creativecommunications.com or call 1-800-325-9414.



A Pumpkin Prayer—At Halloween, give the rhyming pumpkin prayer and have a unique way to witness to your Christian faith. Order this item online at www.creativecommunications.com or call 1-800-325-9414.



The Gospel According to John (NIV)—This is a handy, conveniently-sized carry along Gospel to keep and refer to or hand out as a witnessing tool. Order online at www.ibs.org or call 1-800-524-1588.



God's Word Translation (New Testament)—This is a pocket version of the New Testament easy to carry and share with others. Order online at www.godsword.org.



Ablaze! Bracelets are a visible reminder of our mission as Christians to share the Good News of Christ with those who do not yet know Him. Learn more through the *Ablaze!* Resource Exchange at www.lcms.org/ablaze.



Gospel Story by Colors is a colored silicone bracelet complete with laminated card for an easy and fun way to share the Gospel and Good News of Christ's saving grace that takes us from sin to heaven. Order online at www.ctainc.com or call 1-888-285-3598. Be sure to use item code #SSGOSP.



'You Can Be Sure' Brochure.

Order from CPH at www.cph.org or 1-800-325-3040. Order item #09-2311.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Evangelism Tools

Learn more at www.lbm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.



Questions Worth Asking—A pamphlet addressing the seeker that encourages faith dialog. References Web site designed for seekers/unchurched.

Order online at www.lbmgift.org/storefront or call 800-876-9880.



Discovering Hope—A pamphlet presenting the Gospel to the hurting and discouraged. Order online at www.lbmgift.org/storefront or call 800-876-9880.

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Personal Evangelism Tools continued



Lutherans Believe...—A pamphlet explaining the basics of the Christian faith from the Lutheran perspective. Great follow-up for Gospel witness and encouraging continued dialog. Order online at www.lbmgift.org/storefront or call 800-876-9880.



Personal Witness Cards and Bulletin Inserts—Download personal, wallet sized witness cards and bulletin inserts that equip people for witnessing. Visit www.lbm.org/Ablaze/resources.asp.














Topical Booklets that Link the Gospel to Felt Needs—These booklets touch on stress, parenting, gambling, finances, crisis response, and more. Visit www.lbmgift.org/storefront or www.projectconnectinfo.org.

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Districts Outreach

Idea checklist for districts

-  **Set district goals for Outreach:** “With God’s blessing, this year we will strive to assist congregations in planting ____ new congregations, and will reach ____ million people with the Gospel.”
-  **Sponsor a Daughter Church Planting Workshop.**
Contact the Center for U.S. missions at www.centerforusmissions.org or 949-854-8002, Ext. 1780.
-  **Promote and encourage the promotion of specific outreach/evangelism workshops across the district.**
-  **Set “personal outreach goals”** as individual district staff members and communicate with the congregations, laity, and professional church workers of the district that you have done so.
-  **Determine ways to celebrate** and highlight particularly effective district outreach outposts (congregations) at district events/functions/gatherings.
-  **Encourage congregations to host an “Equipping to Share” Workshop** from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Contact LHM at lh_min@lhm.org or 1-800-876-9880.
-  **Provide every congregation in the district with information on short-term mission opportunities.**
Call 1-800-433-3954 visit the LCMS World Mission Web site at www.lcmsworldmission.org.
-  **Communicate the message of Outreach** (and specific district outreach goals) in district supplements, district newspapers, e-mails, bulletin blurbs, preaching and teaching.
-  **Support Outreach at circuit gatherings, regional meetings and district meetings, gatherings and conventions.**
-  **Promote the use of Harvesters for Christ teams** among district congregations. Learn more at www.lcmsworldmission.org/national or call 1-800-433-3954.
-  **Plan, organize, and promote Outreach seminars** available through the Center for U.S. Missions at www.centerforusmissions.org.

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