

Turning
inwardly focused
Congregations
OUTWARD

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod World Missions, through its National Missions Staff and the cooperation of Ohio and other Districts, has developed this process designed to assist local congregations in revitalizing their sense of mission.



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Transforming Congregations

BECOMING OUTWARD FOCUSED

A transformational process
for plateaued or declining
congregations offered by:

The Ohio District LCMS

Transforming Congregations to Great Commission Churches



Church Consultation

Church Consultation— A weekend event (intervention) preceded by a detailed self-study looking at 20 year history. At this event the congregation determines whether it will make tough decisions that lead to health and growth. The consultation concludes with prescriptive objectives to be carried out within the next 12 months.



Learning Cluster

Learning Cluster—A monthly peer accountability environment. It provides ongoing exposure to new ideas, information and practices for the pastor. It includes reproducible tools for the pastor to use with the leadership of the congregation.



Triads

Triads—Designed to stimulate personal growth in the application of God's Word. A triad includes an unbeliever in reading Scripture and creates an environment in which faith can be birthed.

Groups Ablaze
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Groups Ablaze—Small group resources to energize outreach into the community. They are designed to equip members to connect relationally with those who need Christ. These groups are easily facilitated by lay leaders.

Expected Outcomes

- ✓ **Conversion Growth: more adult baptisms & confirmations**
- ✓ **Worship Attendance: 10% annual increase**
- ✓ **Triads: 2 – 4 Generations of Growth within 24 months**
- ✓ **Lay Mobilization: an increase in the number of Hours Invested in Service to Community**
- ✓ **Small Group Growth**
- ✓ **Stewardship: An increase in the number of members giving significant, sacrificial proportions of their treasure, time and talent.**

**A Transformed Church
is regularly and consistently
“making new disciples
who make new disciples.”**