

*"The Lord Jesus Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

Acts 20:35b

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### Fan Into Flame Over \$50 Million Dollars

One month ago President Stoterau presented his message regarding Fan Into Flame with hopes of creating momentum. If you recall, one month ago, the campaign also had \$49 million dollars raised. A lot can and did happen in 31 days.

Locally, the PSW District's Fan Into Flame campaign has raised another \$74,638 from only 5 congregations! From Goleta, CA to Hosanna in Mesa, AZ, the campaign has been receiving inspiring and impactful gifts that have now raised \$597,933 in PSW.

Nationally, the good news is on a larger scale, a scale that has tipped past \$50 million dollars! The month of July was one of the best this year for the Ablaze! mission, with a large bulk of the money coming from districts in Michigan and Ohio. These are arguably some of the hardest hit areas in the recession, but as the campaign has stated repeatedly, incredible things happen when you give God's good people a chance.

We want to thank the following congregations that made their commitment in July. We invite all congregations who have not yet done so to join us today.

- Hosanna: Mesa, AZ
- Trinity: Simi Valley, CA
- Christ: La Mesa, CA
- First: Monrovia, CA
- Good Shepherd: Goleta, CA

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](http://www.psd-lcms.org) website.



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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.