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REACHING

PEOPLE

MIDWEST DISTRICT VISION SUMMARY

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

CHURCHES REACHING PEOPLE is a statement that challenges and drives us to be a fellowship of churches accomplishing our purpose for being together. We affirm the EFCA “Multiplying Healthy Churches Among All People” as we in the Midwest District strive for excellence in REACHING PEOPLE.

In the simplest terms we understand:

CHURCHES – This is what makes up the Midwest District. We are a group of 106 churches that have willingly become part of an organization because we believe we can accomplish more together than we can apart. We believe that the CHURCH is the Bride of Christ and therefore central to our Lord’s attention and plan. As a group of CHURCHES we team together in a number of ways because of our common desire to see the purpose of the CHURCH fulfilled from our own Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

REACHING – Each church has a purpose to accomplish. We believe that God calls those who love Him to reach beyond their own needs and desires with all the energy and resources we can bring to bear. It is our conviction that with all the good things a local church does in growing disciples, effective ministry must not be confined to the local group/membership. We have much to offer people outside the body of Christ – Jesus Himself.

PEOPLE – Because God loves people, we love people. As God’s special creation, uniquely crafted in His image PEOPLE are in need of redemption, grace, and love. The local church is made up of PEOPLE who are learning to touch the lives of PEOPLE who live around them. This reflects the heart of Jesus our Lord who came to ‘seek and save that which was lost’. Forms of ministry are temporary tools to achieve the eternal function of ministry, reaching PEOPLE.

THE ARROW – The ARROW is all about directing one’s attention. It implies movement toward something. It is our desire to focus our energy, the energy of our churches, the resources of our church leaders, and the passion of the district staff, in a sweeping movement of action and intentional planning to become better at what God has called us to do.

Imagine every church in the Midwest District reaching people in a way that directly impacts their local community. Imagine these congregations joined together in reaching people in our District and around the world. With God’s help and courageous leadership, imagine what is possible.