

## Lessons and Opportunities from the President's Chair

**CNH President Michael Lange will be joined by Pacific Southwest President Michael Gibson and Northwest District President Paul Linnemann to share insights and opportunities that God is presenting on the West Coast.**

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The Pacific Southwest District is comprised of 300 congregations and 168 Lutheran Schools in Southern California, Arizona, and Southern Nevada. It is one of 35 Districts within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. With an office on the campus of Concordia University in Irvine, CA, the District Staff seeks to “effectively resource congregations and schools for transforming lives and making the Great Commission REAL!”

The congregations of the Pacific Southwest District are called by God and placed in their community to bring the saving news of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament Ministry as well as through Christian Education in Lutheran Schools (Preschools, Elementary and High Schools, as well as Lutheran Universities).

Within the District, many congregations have at least one worship service in a non-English language. God is giving us the privilege of reaching across languages and cultures with the Good News of Jesus and his love. Following the teaching of I Peter 2:9-10, The Pacific Southwest District is a gathering of men and women, professional church workers and lay leaders, in an exciting mission field where God has placed us to serve: “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people but now you are the people of God, once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”



The Northwest District exists so that congregations and church workers live fully as committed followers of Jesus to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and be essential participants and witnesses in their communities.

The ministries of the Northwest District are located in the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. We are also connected to several international schools in the Pacific Rim.

The Northwest District helps leaders do their best work together - congregations becoming essential participants in their communities sharing Christ!



The CNH District consists of pastors and specific or site-specific leaders who are engaged in the mission of Christ and are equipped to lead it.

The CNH District has a growing number of congregational leaders engaged in the mission of Christ and well-equipped to lead it.

Basic congregational and school support services are provided in an efficient and cost-effective way, not necessarily by staff.

The CNH District seeks new funding for the support of our shared mission.

A high percentage of financial resources of the district are allocated to in-the-field ministries and the giftedness and expertise of individual leaders throughout the district are used to accomplish these outcomes.