

## Strategic Plan - Missions

### Introduction:

**As Atonement matures as a congregation, and as we continue to live out our mission statement “To offer Jesus Christ, a life of discipleship and a faith community for all people”, more and more of our membership longs to reach out to those in need in our local community and through out the world. Jesus becomes our model of mission and service as he speaks to us from Mark 10:45 when he says, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” As his devoted followers we realize that he calls us to serve and give ourselves and our lives in devotion to him.**

### Vision:

Our vision is to develop a mission strategy that offers as many Atonement members as possible mission and service opportunities in our local community, in various parts of our country, and in international locations where they are able to share with those who have both spiritual and physical needs.

### Year #1

- **January-February 2010** – Name a Children’s Weekday Ministry team to work on development of a second site.
- **March 2010** - Develop a missions’ team that will identify where and how we are currently involved in local, national and international missions and who will guide the implementation of the mission’s strategic plan.
- **March 2010** - Develop a business plan for a second Children’s Weekday Ministry (CWM) site to discern and determine: local needs, feasibility, funding, location, staffing etc.
- **June 2010** - Identify and lift up current mission activities at Atonement Lutheran Church, encouraging greater participation through marketing and education.
- **June 2010** - Determine the current percentage of Atonement members currently involved in missions through the church.
- **September 2010** - Determine the scope of where and how Atonement will engage in missions locally, nationally, and internationally over the next 5 years.

### Year #2

- **January 2011** - Investigate and develop strategies for Atonement Lutheran Church to fund current and future mission work. For example... should this be a line item in our general budget, or should it be funded outside of the general budget?
- **May 2011** - 33% congregational participation (including children, youth and adults) in either local, national or international service and mission
- **May 2011** - Open second CWM site (January 2011)

### Year #3

- 50% congregational participation (including children, youth and adults) in either local, national or international service and mission
- Evaluation of second CWM site – charting growth and continuing community needs in child care

### Year #4

- 60% congregational participation (including children, youth and adults) in either local, national or international service and mission

### Year #5

- 75% congregational participation (including children, youth and adults) in either local, national or international service and mission
- 150 Atonement Lutheran Church members (including youth and adults) participating in national and international mission trips

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