



**CNH DISTRICT**

CALIFORNIA NEVADA HAWAII

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

# ONE IN EVERYONE

CNH Commitment to Mission



*GOAL 2025: Intentional CNH Mission Starts*

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# WHAT IS A MISSION START?

**Mission starts have at their core a commitment to disciple people in the Christian (Lutheran) faith through service and witness to their neighborhood or city, always with an eye toward formation of a new community or service group that shares the Gospel message. Mission starts are divided into Faith Community Starts, Education Ministry Starts, or Community Service and Social Ministry.**

- New ministries may/should spring out of existing churches, mission societies, and organizations.
- These ministries need not begin with clergy.
- These ministries could, in fact, begin and continue as satellites of existing churches in the case of ethnic specific congregations or separate and distinct locations and purpose.
- Church plants need not begin with a building.
- Church planting efforts in the CNH are encouraged to include significant lay leadership and involvement from their inception.
- Ongoing partnership with the CNH District and its representatives is expected to continue.



## EDUCATIONAL

- Traditional K-12 Schools
- Preschool or Childcare Programs
- Microschools
- Online schools
- Vocational Technical High Schools
- Home school support
- Learning Pods
- Saturday Language Schools
- ESL Schools (English as a Second Language)

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES (SOCIAL MINISTRIES)

There are a multitude of ways we can serve those in need and follow the words of Christ as he stated in Matthew 25:35 - "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

- Mercy Holistic Ministry - Shower Ministry
- Feeding Ministry - First Immanuel, San Jose
- St. John's Napa Community Gardens/Farms
- HopeWagon, St. Matthew, Rocklin



## FAITH COMMUNITIES

- Word and Sacrament Ministry
- House Church
- Missional Community
- Microchurch
- Multi-Site Ministry
- Cultural Specific Ministry
- CNH Disability Committee

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# ARE YOU READY TO START A NEW MINISTRY?

To ensure that as many of our CNH District's new ministry efforts are successful and sustainable, we have created a list of things that should be considered and should be answered. This process will be helpful in moving your mission and ministry forward, as well as helping the CNH District accomplish its goal of one new mission and ministry in every circuit. This process will also open the possibility of support and resources from the CNH District's Mission Agency.

## PRAYER



- Are you praying for the Lord's guidance in this?
- Are you inviting others to pray along with you?
- What was revealed to you in prayer?
- Are you open to shifting your perspective, knowing that the Lord will bless this ministry?
- Are you willing to move forward knowing that the Lord will bless this ministry?

## POTENTIAL MISSION



- What is the need, issue, and problem that this new ministry will address in your community?
- What have you learned about the need (statistics, resources available, or bigger issues?)
- Who does this affect?
- Have you discussed your plan with anyone from the community that you are trying to reach?
- Have you invited any of these people to "the table?"

## PEOPLE



- How has God equipped your congregation to meet the need?
- Is congregational leadership supportive of this project?
- Is there an individual and group identified to lead this effort?
- What makes this leader (or leaders) the right choice (skills, experience, expertise)?
- Are leaders willing to receive coaching from a District appointed coach?
- Who is willing to support and help?

## PARTNERS



- Have you talked about this project in your circuit or with nearby congregations?
- Have you been in contact with anyone in the CNH District office about this project?
- Are you aware of District resources available to you for this project?
- Are you considering any outside funding (District, LWML, etc.)?

## PLAN



- How will you meet the identified needs?
- What kind of timeline are you assuming for this project?
- Are there start-up costs for this project?
- What are the costs associated with this effort? (Supply basic budget)
- What are the local funding sources for this ministry?



# THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS...

## EDUCATIONAL

- **Traditional Schools** – traditional K-8 elementary schools or 9-12 high schools that are held on a large campus.
- **Preschool or Childcare Programs** – schools or centers that are appropriately licensed for children who can be anywhere from birth to 5 years old.
- **Microschools** – are very small schools that typically serve 10 to 15 students, but sometimes as many as 150. They can have very different purposes but tend to share common characteristics, such as more personalized and project-based learning.
- **Online schools** – An online school teaches students entirely or primarily online or through the Internet. It has been defined as "education that uses one or more technologies to deliver instruction to students.
- **Vocational Technical High Schools** – teaching the study of technologies and acquisition of practical skills for a variety of vocational and occupational skills.
- **Home school support** – Providing support and information to families who desire to be passionately involved in the home education of their children.
- **Learning Pods** – A learning pod is a small group of children who come together to learn and socialize. Learning pods are organized by parents, who take turns teaching or may even split the costs and hire an instructor (popular use during the pandemic).
- **Saturday Language Schools** – language schools that provide instruction for a certain language in a school setting but outside of the regular weekday schools that students attend.
- **ESL Schools** (teaching English as a Second Language) – a program that provides English learners with listening, speaking, reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. The program offers ESL levels, ranging from basic literacy to advanced English language development.

## FAITH COMMUNITIES

- **Word and Sacrament Ministry** – bringing people together in a community to offer corporate worship opportunities where the Word of God is shared, and the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism are made available.
- **House Church** – a group of Christian meeting in a private house or other small setting for worship and study.
- **Missional Community** – A group of people, about the size of an extended family, who are united through Christian community around a common service and witness to a particular neighborhood or network of relationships.
- **Microchurch** – a local community of God's people seeking to love God and its neighbors by participating in God's mission in a simple and relational way.
- **Multi-Site Ministry** – multiple congregations or covenanted communities sharing staff, programming, and mission to have greater impact and reach.
- **Cultural Specific Ministry** – efforts to reach, include, and empower individuals of various ethnic and cultural groups for God's mission.
- **CNH Disability Committee** – purpose is to equip the Church to reach out, include, and encourage full participation of people with disabilities and their families in the life of Christ's Church.



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