

September 3, 2023

“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” – Luke 10:2

Dear Pastors & Ministry Leaders,

We trust you have enjoyed this beautiful summer and have had ample rest as you prepare for an exciting season of ministry.

Since our last communication, many meetings, surveys, and listening sessions have taken place to further understand the spiritual temperature of North Dakota. A common thread in discussion is desperation and the need for hope. This need can only be met through prayer and the hope we have in Jesus.

Further, reflections were made about past regional and statewide evangelistic meetings that united our churches and communities with a message of hope—namely, the outreaches in 1987 with Billy Graham, and in 2000 with Luis Palau. Is it possible to unite the Church once again? With both the Graham Crusade and the Palau Festival, the foundation was prayer, leaders, and the Church. We believe the path forward to provide for every person in North Dakota to hear the Gospel needs to be based on these same foundational principles.

To begin the process:

- Prayer for North Dakota:** A daily prayer plan is enclosed to encourage prayer for North Dakota, and to also pray for five people who need to hear the hope of the Gospel.
- Council of Reference:** This Council has been formed to give guidance for planning Pulse North Dakota. Additional names will be added to the Council.
- Regional Leadership Teams:** We’ve divided North Dakota into eight regions. In each region, teams are being formed consisting of leadership positions for pastors, prayer, students, children, and fundraising. If you are interested in serving on one of these Leadership Teams, please register on the website and/or contact jake.sullivan@pulse.org. Included is a state regional map and a description of the Leadership Team positions.
- The Reason:** Planning has begun for this family-focused, Christmas evangelistic outreach event. This tour will take place in each of the eight regions, beginning November 30 and running through December 10, 2023. Schedule will be forthcoming.
- Pastors, Church Mobilizers, and Ministry Leaders:** Gatherings to learn how to maximize the impact of The Reason will be held in each of the eight regions October 2-5, 2023. The schedule is at pulsenorthdakota.com. Please RSVP by Monday, September 25.

On mission with you,

The ND Council of Reference, Nick Hall, and the Pulse Team