

NALC 2020 VISION – *To ensure a legacy of faith today, tomorrow & forever*

At the August 2020 NALC Mission Convocation, Bishop Dan Selbo presented his vision for the NALC and its future. That vision was divided into 10 key points:

- 1) Disciple-Making Cultures
- 2) Congregational Multiplication
- 3) Pastoral Support
- 4) Continuing Education
- 5) Continental Restructuring
- 6) Seminary System
- 7) Technology & Communication
- 8) Ecumenical Relationships
- 9) Financial Strength
- 10) Strategic Planning

He emphasized without a plan and goals to achieve that plan the church would not grow. Along with the four Core Values of the NALC – Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused – the 2020 Vision began to unfold. At the August 2022 Mission Convocation this Vision was presented with four primary objectives – GROW * SERVE * RENEW * FULFILL. To fulfill these objectives, the 2020 Vision fundraising goal was set to raise **\$5 million in three years.**

The members of Immanuel became acquainted with the NALC 2020 Vision in the fall of 2022. With the help of a toolkit made available to each congregation in the NALC, a committee was formed and a plan was developed to present these objectives to church members. Videos were shown, brochures and pew envelopes made available and information about the 2020 Vision was placed in Sunday bulletins, monthly newsletters, poster in narthex and on our church website and bulletin board. This initiative took a backseat in the fall of 2023 as our direction turns to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Flatville – the Cathedral in the Cornfield.

The committee that is planning our celebration of 150 years has presented an anniversary goal of raising \$150,000 in 2024 for the NALC Seminary. While this is separate from the 2020 Vision initiative, the goal does fall under the SERVE objective which is projected to receive the larger percentage of the \$5 million goal. The NALC has received pledges of \$2,105,100 and a monetary amount of \$1,137,992 as of February 2024. Members of Immanuel have supported the NALC 2020 goal with donations totaling \$18,260.80 as of February, 2024. Periodic reminders and progress updates will continue during the 3-year span for the 2020 Vision.

Thank you to those who have contributed to this endeavor. Please continue to pray for the success of the NALC 2020 Vision as well as being an Ambassador to spread the word about the importance of the Vision. Lastly, pledge or give as you are able. All dollars will enable the NALC to live out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. 'Blessed to Bless' continues to be a very appropriate theme for ***Immanuel Lutheran Church of Flatville.***

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