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Dear Pastor and Congregational President,

The Nebraska District is excited to announce a unique tool to assist congregations in their journey of ministry and mission. "Revitalization" is a journey of faith and commitment under God's grace. It involves both pastors and congregational leaders. It seeks to assist congregations who are ready and willing to gain a focus on where God would have them put their energies as they move into the future to do ministry in their congregation and community.

The enclosed brochure explains the Revitalization process. We ask you and your congregation to look over the brochure, pray as to whether God may be moving you to consider this ministry tool, and to contact us if you want to discuss your possible involvement. (Please feel free to make copies of the brochure.)

This process is not for everyone and will be offered to a limited number of congregations. Which congregations can most benefit from this journey toward revitalization? Certainly it is for congregations willing to look at their past, determine where they are at the present, and how, under God's grace, they will seek to move forward, ever faithful to God and His Word. There are lessons to be learned as each congregation rediscovers how God has been with them through good and bad times. There are insights to be gained as present ministry in the church, the community, and the world are examined. And there is great joy in allowing God to revitalize His people for the ministry He has for them in the future. Pastors, congregational leaders, and members of the churches are asked to make a commitment to this journey as God uses them to do His will.

If you want to discuss further how this Revitalization process can be a tool for your congregation or if you desire further information, please contact Rev. Richard Boring, or one of the pastors listed on the brochure who went through the Revitalization process last year. If you want to be part of the Revitalization process you will need to contact Pastor Boring by February 15. He will be happy to answer any of your questions or come out to your congregation and explain the Revitalization project.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Richard Boring  
Administrative Assistant to the President For District Ministries

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P.S. You will also find a brochure from Acts 1:8 Ministry. This is an outreach resource you might want to share with your congregation. They have great ideas for groups in the congregation to do acts of Christians kindness in your community. The acts of kindness open the door for people to share their faith in Jesus Christ.