



Seed, Scattered & Sown

*Reaching Beyond
This Generation*



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TO: Pastors and Contact Persons of Virgina District Congregations

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SUBJECT: Worship/Bible Study Resources for the **"SEED, SCATTERED & SOWN"** Capital Fund Campaign

Enclosed you will find resources to help one prepare worship or lead a Bible study aimed at promoting the **"SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN: Reaching Beyond this Generation"** mission resourcing campaign. Based upon the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13: 3-9, 18-23) and with allusion to the well-known hymn, "Seed, scattered and sown" (Dan Feiten, Hymnal: A Worship Book, 1992, #454), the theme reflects the broadcasting of God's grace and mercy to all persons. We seek to develop resources to fulfill Virgina District's commitment to ministry with our children, youth and young adults; to initiate and continue our new church development and assistance to our smaller, struggling congregations; to encourage development of set-apart ministerial leadership and to provide necessary enhancements to fulfill Camp Bethel's future potential.

Sunday, September 13, 2015, has been designated as **"SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN SUNDAY"** within the Virgina District. We hope that all congregations will be able to participate in this effort to promote the campaign by using the enclosed resources. Written by various persons in the district, the resources highlight the areas of ministry the campaign will help support and grow. The resources can also be used other Sundays in order to cover several topics rather than just one.

As we learn in the Parable of the Sower, seeds need fertile ground to grow. Likewise, our faith and ministries need to be nurtured so that we can bear fruit. May we be guided by the Holy Spirit in our efforts to further the Kingdom of God by sowing seeds that will continue to bear fruit for many years to come!