



IDW Mission Grant Evaluation Report Form

Grant recipients are to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort. If this is a continuing ministry, please submit a report by January 31st of the following year, in which the grant is received. Include pictures/videos that help share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their own ministry. Final grant funds will be sent upon receipt of this evaluation.

Contact Person, Congregation, and email address:

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1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort:
A community Christian concert hosted by Zion Lutheran in partnership with other Christian churches of the community.
2. What goals were established for this effort and what did you hope to accomplish?
To provide a high quality Christ-centered and grace-based event for the entire community.
3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?
Yes, we had a fantastic turn-out with approx. 300 individual in attendance.
4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?
Work with the other area churches for them to develop more ownership.
5. What lessons were learned through this effort?
Plan early and focus on children and families. Approximately 1/3 of the audience was children.
6. Will this outreach effort continue and be sustaining? Did a new outreach opportunity present itself?
Yes, this was the 5th annual concert. To be sustaining we plan on staying at the same outdoor venue (weather-permitting) so many town people outside of the church become familiar with the event. Develop a long-term funding plan; seek grants; develop more ownership by the other community churches.
7. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?
Plan early, focus on children and families, get a Christ-focused, high energy, children-connecting Christian vocalist (like Jennie Williamson).