

What is Catalyst?

Catalyst is an organization of individual churches that are committed to mobilizing the Church as a whole for a spiritual revolution across Lake County and around Chicagoland. When local congregations, ministries, and followers of Jesus work together to serve the people of our communities, we can make a greater impact for God.

What is a “spiritual revolution?”

It’s a combination of the faith of believers being energized and nonbelievers coming to faith. It’s when local churches experience renewal and masses of unchurched people experience new life in Christ. When these occur simultaneously, communities are transformed! Our desire is to be a “catalyst” for renewal and spiritual awakening across Chicagoland, beginning with Lake County. We want to “connect the dots,” helping mobilize the tools, resources and events to help bring a spiritual revolution to our region.

What are the underlying values of Catalyst?

- We value the whole church serving the whole community.
- We value doing together what we cannot accomplish alone.
- We value the worth of every human being.

What is the Catalyst strategy for spiritual revolution?

Our strategic plan comes directly from Acts 2.

1. **Renew** the hearts of God’s people, “everyone was filled with awe...” (verse 43)
2. **Reposition** the Church to move with God, “all the believers were together...” (verse 44)
3. **Restore** the reputation of Christ in our culture, “enjoying the favor of all the people...” (verse 47a)
4. **Reconcile** people to God, “the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved...” (verse 47b)

How is the Strategic Plan from Acts 2 being implemented?

We have various Strategic Initiatives to accomplish our four-fold strategy from Acts 2. They are listed and explained on the Catalyst website at www.catalystweb.org.

How is Catalyst organized?

There are nearly 400 congregations in Lake County and they have been organized into ten local districts. Each district has a Key Partner Church that represents Catalyst in that district. These Key Partners are responsible for relationship building among the local congregation and communities of their district. The senior pastors of these Key Partner Churches meet quarterly and serve as the Advisory Team to the Director of Catalyst.

Is there a Catalyst membership?

Yes, there are two types of membership:

Partner churches commit to building relationships by attending monthly Catalyst gatherings, contributing 0.5% of their annual budget (doesn’t have to exceed \$12,000 a year), and becoming involved with at least one Catalyst Initiative.

Participating churches and individuals become a part of the Catalyst family simply by becoming involved with a Catalyst Initiative. They are welcome to attend all Catalyst gatherings.

How do I join Catalyst?

You can apply on line at www.catalystweb.org by clicking the “Join Us” button, or by calling 847.201.2771 and requesting an application.

How can I stay informed about Catalyst news & events?

You can sign up for e-mail alerts on the Catalyst website directly (www.catalystweb.org).