

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Catalyst

Catalyst is a network of local churches committed to mobilizing the Church of Lake County for spiritual revolution across Chicagoland.

What is a “spiritual revolution?”

We believe that when the church is renewed in its passion for God and the lost are reconciled to a relationship with God — spiritual revolution occurs! The Bible provides the model in Acts chapter 2 for a unified church working together to bring about a spiritual revolution that results in the transformation of the communities where we live.

What are the underlying values of Catalyst?

Transformation — We value the worth of every human being.

Collaboration — We value doing together what we cannot accomplish alone.

Volunteerism — We value the whole church serving the whole community.

What are the components of the Catalyst vision?

With Acts 2 as our guide, we long to see...

Renewal of the hearts of God’s people

“everyone was filled with awe...” (v.43)

Repositioning of the church to move with our communities

“all the believers were together...” (v.44)

Restoration of the reputation of Christ in our communities

“enjoying the favor of all the people...” (v.47a)

Reconciliation of lost people to God

“the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved...” (v.47b)

How is the Strategic Plan from Acts 2 being implemented?

We want to bring a spiritual revolution to our region by connecting people and resources for greater Kingdom impact. We have various Strategic Initiatives to accomplish our four-fold vision from Acts 2. They are listed and explained on our website, www.catalystweb.org.

How did Catalyst begin?

In 2001, a handful of pastors in Lake County began meeting and praying together. They began to dream about what they could do together that could never be accomplished alone. Out of that growing group of church leaders Catalyst emerged in 2003.

How is Catalyst organized?

There are nearly 400 congregations in Lake County and they have been organized into 8 local districts. Each district has “anchor churches” that help mobilize and unite the churches of that district. Anchor church pastors meet regularly and serve as the advisors to the Director of Catalyst.

How is Catalyst funded?

Catalyst is a non-profit, tax-deductible organization that operates through the gifts and donations of local churches and individuals. Catalyst Partners stand with us in mobilizing the Church of Lake County for greater Kingdom impact.

What are the benefits of joining Catalyst?

United, we can make a greater impact for good in our region!

- Our corporate witness is enhanced and the prayer of Jesus is fulfilled when we work together as the Body of Christ in our region (John 17:20-23)
- Just as the followers of Jesus in Acts 2 “shared all things in common,” Catalyst churches strengthen the individual and corporate impact of all that God has entrusted to us.
- Our impact multiplies exponentially through the synergy that occurs when we collaborate (Ecc. 4:9-12)
- Together we can accomplish things that would not be possible separately
- God is pleased when His church is working together as one Body (Eph. 4:3, 1 Cor. 12:12, Ps. 133:1).

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Is there a Catalyst membership?

Partner churches commit to building relationships with other local pastors by attending regular gatherings, contributing 0.5% of their annual budget (doesn't have to exceed \$12,000 a year), and by becoming involved with one or more initiatives.

Participating churches and individuals become a part of the Catalyst network by participating in one or more initiatives. They are welcome to attend all Catalyst gatherings.

How do I join Catalyst?

You can apply online at catalystweb.org by selecting the "Join Us" button, or calling 847.201.2771 and requesting an application. Sign up for email alerts on our website.



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