



## Ignite's History

**WHO WE ARE...** *Ignite Church Planting: Chicagoland* (formerly Chicago District Evangelistic Association) was established to plant Christian churches across the region as we know the best way to bring the message of Jesus to a community is by planting churches.

**WHAT WE DO.** *Ignite's mission:* We exist to accelerate the spread of Jesus' mission across Chicagoland by starting new churches.

### OUR COMMITMENT:

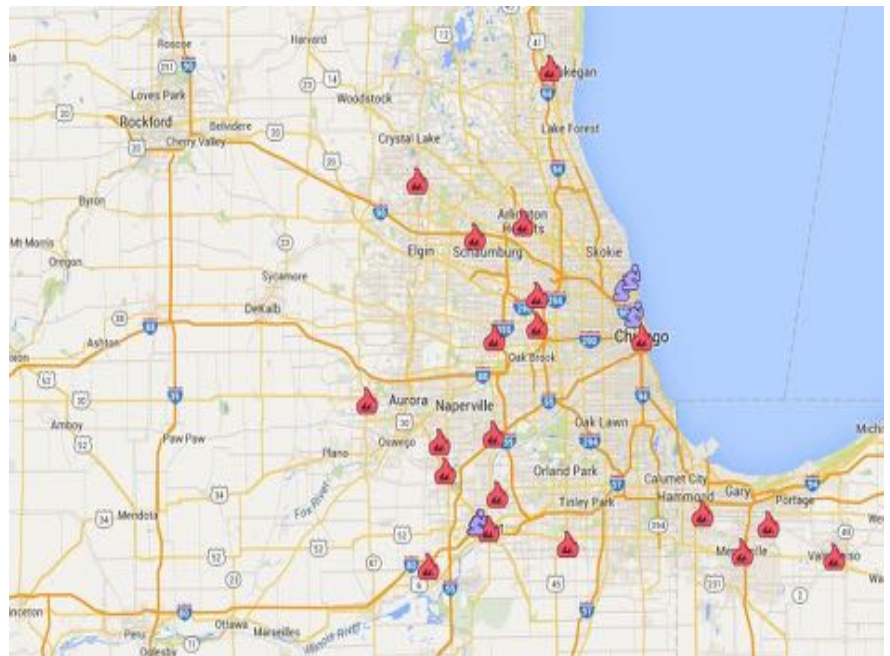
- ◆ Catalyzing a movement of church planting in Chicagoland and beyond.
- ◆ Caring for the church planters that God brings to us.
- ◆ Spreading Jesus' message by starting new churches.

### SINCE 2001:

Ignite has started or partnered in starting 26 churches across Chicagoland. Of these 26 starts, 75% of them are still active in spreading the message of Jesus to their communities. Each week, over 3,500 people attend one of these new churches in Chicagoland. We have two more plants planned for

## Communities impacted by Ignite

<b>ILLINOIS</b>	Glenwood	Rochelle	Crown Point
Addison	Grayslake	Sauk Village	DeMotte
Algonquin	Hazel Crest	Skokie	Dyer
Arlington Heights	Herscher	Streamwood	East Chicago
Aurora	Joliet (2)	Sugar Grove	Gary
Belvidere	LaGrange	Summit View West	Griffith
Bensenville	Lansing	Tinley Park	Highland
Blue Island	Lockport	University Park	Hobart
Bolingbrook	Manteno	Vernon Hills	LaCrosse
Bradley	Matteson	Villa Park	Merrillville
Calumet City	Minooka	Warren Township	Michigan City
Carol Stream	Morris	Waukegan	Plymouth
Chicago (9)	Mundelein	West Chicago	Portage
Chicago Heights	Naperville	Wilmington	Rensselaer
Crystal Lake	New Lenox	Winthrop Harbor	St John
DeKalb	North Plainfield	Woodstock	Valparaiso
Elgin	Oregon	Zion	Walkerton
Elmhurst	Oswego		
Frankfort	Plainfield	<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>WISCONSIN</b>
Geneva	Plano	Cedar Lake	Milwaukee
Glen Ellyn	Prospect Heights	Chesterton	

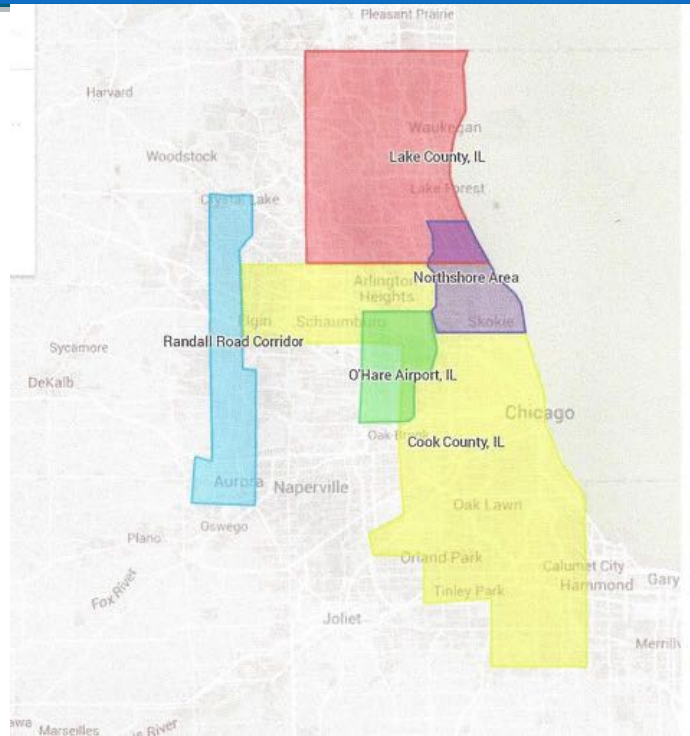


### THE VALUES WE LIVE BY:

- ◆ Creating a movement of planting by developing key partnerships
- ◆ Caring for our church planting leaders
- ◆ Growing a prayer ministry that focuses our efforts and seeks God's heart
- ◆ Embracing innovation to bring Jesus to more people

**5 “HOTSPOTS” we are currently investigating for future planting.**

1. O’Hare Airport Region—8 cities around the airport have a combined population of over 250,000 people. There are 187,000 unreached people in this region.
2. Lake County, IL—There are over 700,000 people living in this county and this means that over 500,000 people are unreached by any church.
3. Cook County, IL—This county is home to Chicago and over 5 million people. Many different ethnic groups are represented in the county and we know that almost 4 million are unreached.
4. Randall Road Corridor in western Chicagoland—This section of the region, stretching from Aurora to Elgin, has over 200,000 people living in four cities. This presents us with 150,000 who are unreached.
5. Northshore area of Chicagoland—This area, which is made up of 5 cities on the lakefront north of the city has a population of 100,000. This represents 75,000 who are unreached at this time.



**Ignite’s Planting Process**

Ignite is committed to helping planters reach the people that God has called them to reach. With this goal, we have a proven process of discernment and placement for the planters called to work with us.

