

The History of O AFC



Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (O AFC) began in **1970** in Brownsdale, MN by Pastor Fred Darkow as a means of anchoring post-Confirmation youth to the witness and ministry of the Church. It quickly spread to many congregations in the LCMS and became a **Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod** in 1980 as a youth and evangelism program

We are called **Ambassadors** because the calling of all of Christ's Church is to proclaim His Gospel of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation on His behalf to His world. The Apostle Peter says to all Christians, **"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light,"** (1 Peter 2:9), and again, **"In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense (lit. apologetic) to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"** (1 Peter 3:15). With such a great responsibility given to the Church, we need to train youth and adults to be prepared to witness Christ and speak about Him and for Him to our world.

We are called **Ongoing** because we seek to gather in local groups each month to grow ourselves, spiritually, and seeking to assist others to grow by God's power through His Word.

Because O AFC engages youth with God's Word in very real-life situations, many of our youth come to realize that the need for professional witnesses to the Gospel is great. A number of our youth go on to fields in **Church work**, like pastors, DCEs and teachers, and many more go on to be church members who know that the Church needs to reach out and not keep the Gospel to ourselves.



Supporting O AFC Prayer Support Financial Support

The ministry of O AFC is supported entirely by gifts of congregations, groups, and individuals like you. Our annual budget supports only 1 called worker and pays for witnessing materials. Please consider supporting this ministry individually and encouraging your church to include us in their mission and outreach budget.



More than financial support, we ask for your prayers. Please pray for the youth who participate, adults who serve, congregations who host, and the people with whom we share. Follow our ongoing Prayer List and News by signing up to receive our email newsletter or LIKE US on Facebook and FOLLOW us on Twitter.



Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ



The Mission of O AFC is to...

Singing

Witness of Christ to All
Invite All into the Church
Train All to Witness

Bible Study

Personal Witness

Puppets

Dramas

Witness Survey

GOOD NEWS! *Put your name in the blanks.*
For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life. *Refer to John 3:16*
This is God's Promise to you! (He Cannot Lie. Titus 1:2)

The Outcome of O AFC is...

The Church's youth are strengthened in the Faith and find a voice to share that Good News of Jesus with their world.





Training All to Witness

Outreach Weekends at local congregations

We train youth to witness by preparing them and then sending them to witness to their peers, their churches, and even to total strangers. And by facing real witnessing situations, with real people and real questions, youth come back asking their pastors and leaders for real biblical, Lutheran answers.



Find an Outreach Weekend near you or invite OAFc into your congregation.

Yearly national training events

For one week, youth from across the country join in Bible study, workshops, worship, fellowship, and fun, and above all: sharing the Gospel.



Follow us on the web to learn more about this year's Summer Training.

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Witnessing of Christ to All Six Witnessing Methods

Jesus made us His witnesses in Baptism, yet many don't know how to put their faith into words. That's what OAFc does.

Bible Studies



Engaging everyone, Pointing to Christ, Applying to life

Singing



Christ-centered, Gospel-focused, Word and Sacraments

Puppet Shows



Catechesis, whimsical, Biblical, kids love it, learning by sharing

Dramas



Engaging real situations to prepare youth to proclaim

Personal Witness



Connecting life to Christ so youth can connect others to life in Christ

Witness Survey



Learning what others believe, Sharing what we believe



Inviting All to the Church

"Faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ." Rom. 10:17

Apart from the Word and Sacraments, faith will starve. That's why biblical evangelism must connect people to the Church. That's what OAFc teaches youth to do.

Religious Survey

Name of Church: _____

Number of Members: _____

1. Would you like to see more youth in your church? (Check "Yes/No/Not Sure")

2. Do you have a youth group? (Check "Yes/No/Not Sure")

3. Do you have a youth group that meets weekly? (Check "Yes/No/Not Sure")

4. Do you have a youth group that meets monthly? (Check "Yes/No/Not Sure")

5. Do you have a youth group that meets quarterly? (Check "Yes/No/Not Sure")

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Over 40 years of ministry, OAFc has spoken with over 700,000 people and connected over 70,000 to local LCMS churches. In the last 10 years, we've shared the Gospel with nearly 6,000 people who didn't go to church.



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