

Message from Nancy Only, Spiritual Leader, Unity Church of the Redwoods, Eureka:

I wanted to put our prosperity project in writing for you so that you can share it with others in West Central. We based it on Greg Barrette's "Lifting Detroit in Prayer" from last year as it appeared in Contact. Shelley Woods (who was at the conference with us) has known him for years from her YOU days, and she connected me with him via email, so I was able to pick his brain.

We mailed letters to all the churches we could find (about 140) asking them to join us. Ditto for dozens of local service organizations. We arranged radio interviews, ran press releases and included it in our paid radio commercial. We asked everyone to spend the 21 days prior to World Day of Prayer holding the thought for our county's prosperity. If they pray, we asked them to pray gratefully. If they meditate, we asked them to focus their meditation on our prosperity. Whatever their persuasion, we asked for them to think positively.

On World Day of prayer, we invited them all to join us at noon for prayers and then refreshments. We had guest speakers from other faiths address the 30 who gathered -- not a huge number, but a number were people who had never been there before.

In the time involved, one of our mills was reopened and our local dairy association was put back in business. Both of these events mark important economic opportunities for the area, and I'm sure Spirit was very busy in ways we may never know.

We plan to do it again next year and expect it to grow in time. Meanwhile we hope to put it in writing and make it available for other churches.

So that's it in a nutshell. We'll be happy to answer any questions that might arise.

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