

2025 Our Ministries, Our Story



Our Vision:

Guided by scripture, heritage and the Holy Spirit, we are committed to creating spiritually healthy New Testament congregations who covenant and network together to further the Kingdom of God.

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT,

WITH GREAT JOY, WE SHARE THIS REPORT HIGHLIGHTING THE MEANINGFUL WORK GOD IS ACCOMPLISHING THROUGH OUR DISTRICT MINISTRIES. THESE STORIES REFLECT HOW WE CONTINUE TO LIVE OUT OUR SHARED VISION—FAITHFULLY OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS, AND RESOURCES IN SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER AND OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

MORE THAN BUDGETS, BYLAWS, AND BUILDINGS, WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST—LIVING HIS STORY SO THAT ALL MAY COME TO KNOW HIS LOVE, GRACE, AND THE ABUNDANT LIFE HE OFFERS.

ACROSS THE DISTRICT, CHURCHES ARE BEING REVITALIZED, NEW MINISTERS ARE ANSWERING THEIR CALL, THOSE IN NEED ARE RECEIVING CARE, AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH ARE EMERGING. WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO READ ABOUT THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU MIGHT ALSO BE CALLED TO SERVE.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRIES THROUGHOUT THE ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT. YOUR PRAYERS AND PARTNERSHIP MAKE A VITAL DIFFERENCE.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO REMAIN IN PRAYER FOR EACH MEMBER, EVERY CONGREGATION, AND ALL ASPECTS OF OUR DISTRICT'S WORK—THAT WE MAY REMAIN FAITHFUL TO OUR SHARED PURPOSE IN CHRIST. OUR MISSION IS ONGOING, AND WE LOOK FORWARD WITH HOPE AND ANTICIPATION TO ALL THAT GOD HAS IN STORE FOR US.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE WAYS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE DISTRICT, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO ANY MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT STAFF OR BOARD.

*thankful
& grateful
blessed*

From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. ~Ephesians 4:16

Church Development Commission

OUR MISSION:

WE ARE COMMITTED TO CHURCH PLANTING, REBIRTH, AND REVITALIZATION OF EXISTING CONGREGATIONS BY CONNECTING AND RESOURCING TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURES OF ALL DISTRICT CONGREGATIONS.



OUR FOUR GOALS ARE - PLANTING NEW CHURCHES RESOURCING (EXISTING CONGREGATIONS & CHURCH PLANTING), REBIRTH (CLOSED CONGREGATIONS), REVITALIZATION (EXISTING CONGREGATIONS & CHURCH PLANTING), AND CONNECTING (EXISTING CONGREGATIONS & CHURCH PLANTING)

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE COMMISSION AND DIRECTOR DURING THE PAST YEAR:
TRANSITIONS AND NEW LOCATIONS:

- **UN NUEVO RENACER** IS PREPARING TO TRANSITION OUT OF MOUNTVILLE CoB. D.E. PETE KONTRA AND I HAVE ASSISTED PASTOR EPI COSME AND THE LEADERSHIP TEAM IN VISITING POTENTIAL SITES. A PROMISING LOCATION IN EPHRATA HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, WITH FINAL ARRANGEMENTS EXPECTED THIS MONTH.
- **OASIS DE ESPERANZA** HAS SUCCESSFULLY RELOCATED FROM LEBANON CoB TO A NEW DOWNTOWN LEBANON SITE ACROSS FROM CITY HALL. THE GRAND OPENING ON APRIL 13 WAS SPIRIT-FILLED AND WELL ATTENDED.
- **ARBOR PARK** HAS MOVED FROM ITS FORMER LOCATION DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS. THE NEW SITE IN LANCASTER OFFICIALLY OPENED ON APRIL 12.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO LIFT UP OUR SPANISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATIONS AS THEY SERVE FAITHFULLY IN THEIR NEW SPACES.

OTHER UPDATES:

- THE **CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCE** WAS UNFORTUNATELY CANCELED DUE TO LOW REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL CONCERNS FOR THOSE ATTENDING.
- **EBENEZER CoB** IS PREPARING TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR CONGREGATIONAL STATUS. THANKS TO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE KAY WEAVER FOR HER DILIGENT WORK ON THE BYLAWS.



ANE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: DON MITCHELL (DIRECTOR), LEXI ALIGARBES (CHAIR), RYAN BRAUGHT, JAZMIN QUIJANO, JEFF KELLER, SHAWN O'BRIEN

HISPANIC & LATINO MINISTRIES



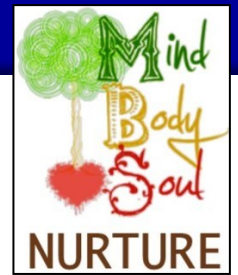
THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SEEKS TO OFFER SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR ANE DISTRICT ETHNIC & MULTICULTURAL CHURCHES.

ON MAY 31, 2025 OF OUR LEADERS FROM OUR VARIOUS ETHNIC CONGREGATIONS GATHERED AT THE ALPHA & OMEGA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN FOR WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND A TIME OF GROWTH LEAD BY FOUNA BADET, CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN DIRECTOR OF INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES. THE DAY BEGAN WITH WORSHIP PROVIDED BY THE ALPHA & OMEGA PRAISE TEAM AND THE WORD BROUGHT BY SISTER FOUNA ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CENTERED IN CHRIST AND

HIS PURPOSE. AND ENDED WITH A SESSION ON: "WHAT IS IT TO BE A FAMILY IN CHRIST? A CHRIST CENTERED FAMILY". A FAMILY CENTERED IN CHRIST IS A BEAUTIFUL AND AN ILLUMINATING EXPERIENCE THAT BRINGS A SENSE OF UNITY, LOVE, JOY, PURPOSE, LONG-SUFFERING TO EVERY ASPECT OF FAMILY LIFE. ALLOWING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT TO GUIDE, WILL KEEP THE FAMILY CLOSER TO THE WILL OF GOD.

Nurture Commission

The Nurture Commission shall provide opportunities and encouragement for Christian education within the congregations of the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren. The Commission shall also facilitate support and advocate for the spiritual, emotional, physical and relational health and vitality of the district's congregations.



ANE NURTURE COMMISSION: MARY ETTA REINHART, (INTERIM DIRECTOR), KAREN HACKETT (CHAIR), JAMIE NACE (VICE CHAIR), PAT LEITER (SECRETARY), SAM FRANKHOUSER , AND ALLISON HUBER

SPRING INTO SWATARA 2025

WE ENCOURAGE AWARENESS OF ALL THE RESOURCES OFFERED BY CAMP SWATARA FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN THE ANE DISTRICT.



"SPRING INTO SWATARA" WAS AN AFTERNOON/EVENING OF FUN AIMED AT SHARING ALL THAT THE FAMILY CAMPGROUND AND RESIDENT PROGRAMS HAVE TO OFFER. THIS EVENT WAS HELD ON APRIL 26 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPRING WORK WEEKEND WHERE FOLKS GATHERED TO SPRUCE UP AND PREPARE THE FAMILY CAMPGROUND FOR THE SEASON.

TABLES WITH INFORMATION FOR CAMP AND BVS WERE DISPLAYED WITH STAFF AVAILABLE TO ANSWER

QUESTIONS. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A HIKE OR MINI GOLF. A CRAFT TO WORK ON WAS SET UP AT THE CAMP STORE AND THE PLAYGROUND WAS FULL MOST OF THE DAY. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE ACTIVITIES, FOR SURE, WAS BABY-GOAT SNUGLING!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

WE ARE SHARING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH THE CHURCHES IN THE DISTRICT.



THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER IN LANCASTER OFFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF TRAINING SESSIONS BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL. EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUS TRAINING SESSIONS INCLUDE: MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR ADULTS, IMMIGRATION VOLUNTEER TRAINING, REIMAGINING GRIEF, AND CREATING EFFECTIVE FUNDRAISING MATERIALS

IN ADDITION, WE ENCOURAGED CHURCH LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT** WHICH TOOK PLACE ON AUGUST 7 AND 8, 2025.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

WE ENCOURAGE FELLOWSHIP AMONG OUR ANE DISTRICT WOMEN THROUGH OUR ANE DISTRICT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENTS.



THE ANE **WOMEN'S SPRING'S FELLOWSHIP** TOOK PLACE AT THE MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025. PASTOR DAVE WEISS FROM THE SPRINGFIELD CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN SPOKE ABOUT "A NEW CREATION". HIS MESSAGE SPOKE TO US ABOUT BEING A MASTERPIECE OF GOD'S CREATION. HE ALSO USED HIS ARTISTIC SKILLS DURING HIS TWO SESSIONS AS HE SHARED WITH US. THE HARRISBURG FIRST PRAISE BAND LED OUR MUSIC. THERE WERE OVER 100 WOMEN AT THE EVENT.



THE ANE DISTRICT WOMEN'S CABINET ALSO HOSTED A TWO-DAY WOMEN'S CAMP ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AUGUST 15-16 AT CAMP SWATARA. ANN BACH SERVED AS THE SPEAKER FOR THIS GATHERING. THE WEEKEND WAS FILLED WITH WORSHIP, GROUP SINGING, BIBLE

STUDY, CRAFTS AND MORE.



2024 Women's Camp

OLDER ADULTS IN THE ANE DISTRICT

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE ANE DISTRICT OLDER ADULT COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE EVENTS FOR THIS GROWING SEGMENT OF PERSONS IN OUR DISTRICT.



THE **3RD ANNUAL OLDER ADULT COFFEE HOUSE** TOOK PLACE LAST FALL ON OCTOBER 15 AT LANCASTER COB WHERE THE ATTENDEES ENJOYED THE MUSIC OF RON BELLAMY, A LOCAL EXPERT HAND BELL MUSICIAN. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE AFTERNOON WAS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND AS THEY WERE ABLE TO PLAY HAND CHIMES TO THE TUNE OF SEVERAL FAMILIAR TUNES WHILE ALL IN THE ROOM SANG ALONG.



Coffee House

THE **ANNUAL OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON** WAS HELD ON MAY 14 AT YODER'S RESTAURANT IN NEW HOLLAND. MATT MISKIE, A LOCAL SINGER AND MUSICIAN, ENTERTAINED THE ATTENDEES WITH MUSIC FROM THE 1950'S TO THE EARLY 1970's.



Spring Luncheon

ANE BUS TRIP TO NOAC

August 31-September 6



THE OLDER ADULT COMMITTEE HOSTED BUS TRANSPORTATION TO THE NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC) IN LAKE JUNALUSKA, NC, HELD EVERY OTHER YEAR IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE BUS PICKS UP AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, INCLUDES AN OVERNIGHT STAY, AND RETURNS PARTICIPANTS HOME AFTER THE WEEKLONG EVENT.

ANE DISTRICT YOUTH ACTIVITIES

WE OFFER SUPPORT TO OUR ANE DISTRICT YOUTH AND YOUTH ADVISORS BY OFFERING A VARIETY OF YOUTH EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

A GROUP OF 23 YOUTH AND ADVISORS TRAVELED TO DC THE WEEKEND BEFORE THANKSGIVING 2024 TO SERVE A THANKSGIVING MEAL TO OVER 50 PEOPLE AT AN ADAMS PLACE SHELTER. THEY CONCLUDED THE WEEKEND WITH A SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP EXPERIENCE AT ST. STEPHENS BAPTIST CHURCH IN WASHINGTON D.C.



Washington DC Service Weekend Participants

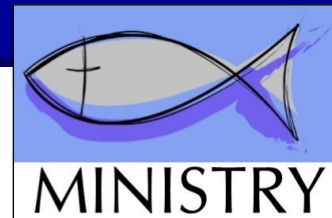
IN JANUARY, LANCASTER HOSTED A WEEKEND YOUTH REPEAT RETREAT



Lancaster Repeat Retreat Participants

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE INTERDISTRICT YOUTH CABINET – A GROUP OF BRIDGEWATER AND BLUE RIDGE COLLEGE STUDENTS. ON FRIDAY EVENING THERE WAS A PERFORMANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK BY AARON HOUSE FROM PIERCING WORD MINISTRY. ON SATURDAY THERE WERE 3 LEARNING SESSIONS WITH THE IYC TEAM BASED ON HOW WE USE OUR DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL GIFTS AND TALENTS IN CREATING THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE CHURCH.

Ministry Commission



THE DISTRICT MINISTRY COMMISSION ACTS IN ALL AREAS RELATED TO CALLING, CREDENTIALING, AND SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN MINISTRY IN THE ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT. DURING THE COMMISSION'S MONTHLY MEETINGS, MEMBERS INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR LICENSING AND ORDINATION TO MINISTRY AND REVIEW THEIR WRITTEN STATEMENTS, PLAN EDUCATIONAL EVENTS, RECEIVE UPDATES ON PASTORAL PLACEMENTS, PRAY IN SUPPORT OF MINISTERS IN THE DISTRICT AND THEIR NEEDS, AND CONSIDER AND STREAMLINE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD ORDINATION OF INDIVIDUALS, ORDINATION RENEWAL, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTIONS.

SERVING ON THE COMMISSION THIS PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN RAY DOTTER (CHAIR), ENTEN ELLER, NANCY HESS, BOB KETTERING, ARLYN MORALES (THROUGH 2/2025), AND DANA STATLER (3/2025-PRESENT). WE MEET MONTHLY WITH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE PETE KONTRA AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR KRISTA DICKSON.

THE MINISTRY COMMISSION COLLABORATES WITH CONGREGATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS WHO ARE EXPLORING A CALL TO MINISTRY. WE PROVIDE RESOURCES GUIDING A TIME OF DISCERNMENT AND GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR TRAINING. AN ANNUAL LICENSED MINISTER REVIEW AND RENEWAL PROCESS ALLOWS LICENSED MINISTERS TO REPORT ON THEIR EDUCATIONAL AND MINISTRY JOURNEYS AND RECEIVE AFFIRMATION FOR THEIR CONTINUED CALL TO MINISTRY.

THIS YEAR OUR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ORDINATION REVIEW FOR THE DENOMINATION'S FIVE-YEAR RENEWAL OF ORDINATION CREDENTIALS, ETHICS TRAINING EXEMPTIONS, AND APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU) FOR TRAINING THAT HELPS MINISTERS MEET THEIR EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS TO CONTINUE ORDINATION.

DURING THE PAST YEAR (AS OF JUNE 10, 2025), WE HAD REVIEWED ORDINATION RENEWALS AND RECOMMENDED OR APPROVED THE FOLLOWING:

- RENEWAL OF ORDINATION OF 71 MINISTERS WHO HAVE MET ALL REQUIREMENTS
- ORDINATION OF SIX MINISTERS
- TERMINATION OF ORDINATION OF 13 MINISTERS — ALL AT THEIR OWN REQUEST
- LICENSING OF TWO MINISTERS
- TERMINATION OF THE LICENSING OF TWO MINISTERS — AGAIN AT THEIR OWN REQUEST.

THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS OUR MINISTERS WITH PRAYER EACH MONTH. WE RECEIVE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY FOR A GROUP OF MINISTERS, RECOGNIZING INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS AND JOYS, THEN SEND A CARD TO EACH MINISTER FOR WHOM WE PRAYED. IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSION HOSTED A MINISTERS' APPRECIATION EVENT FOR ALL MINISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES JUNE 13 AT THE EPHRATA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN. 60 PEOPLE REGISTERED.

THE MINISTRY COMMISSION CONTINUES TO:

- EXPLORE WAYS TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE LICENSED MINISTERS
- PLAN AND PREPARE FOR A GIFTS DISCOVERY SEMINAR IN THE SEPTEMBER
- PLAN FOR A RETREAT/SEMINAR TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND GUIDANCE FOR PART-TIME PASTORS — A SOMETIMES DIFFICULT AND INCREASINGLY COMMON MINISTERIAL ROLE.



Jim Bridgeman was ordained at Lancaster COB in December 2024. At 93 years of age, he is the oldest person in the history of the COB to be newly ordained.



Commission Members: RAY DOTTER (CHAIR), ENTEN ELLER (VICE CHAIR), BOB KETTERING, NANCY HESS, ARLYN MORALES, DANA STATLER, PETE KONTRA (DISTRICT EXECUTIVE), AND KRISTA DICKSON (RECORDING SECRETARY AND STAFF SUPPORT)

WE CELEBRATE, ALONG WITH THEIR CONGREGATIONS,
MINISTRY ACTIVITY
AUGUST 2023-JULY 2024

LICENSED

EPIFANIO COZME-RODRIGUEZ (UN NUEVO RENACER)
DESIREE WEAVER-SPIDEL (ELIZABETHTOWN)

ORDAINED

SELMA GAMBOA (LANCASTER)
JIM BRIDGEMAN (LANCASTER)

SEBAH GRADUATE

WILFREDO MUÑOZ (EBENEZER)

ACTS GRADUATES

C. FRANKLIN IYASERE (PROVIDENCE)
MATTHEW KRAMER (LANCASTER)
KEVIN ZURIN (FLORIN)

INTERIMS SERVED

BRIAN BERKEY, WILMINGTON
KIRBY DUBBLE, PAXTON
ENTEN ELLER, RIDGEWAY
MARY ELLER, INTERIM PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT
PALMYRA
REBECCA FUCHS, LANCASTER
KAREN HACKETT, WILMINGTON
SARA HALDEMAN SCARR, AMBLER
NANCY HESS, LANCASTER
DAWN LARE, POTTSTOWN
SCOTT MAJOR, SKIPPACK
CYNTHIA SCHULER, EAST COCALICO
KAY WEAVER, BROOKLYN FIRST

PLACEMENTS

LIZ BIDGOOD ENDERS, PASTOR OF CONGREGATION-
AL CARE AT ELIZABETHTOWN
MARY ELLER, PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE
AT PALMYRA
DAWN LARE, PASTOR AT POTTSTOWN
LAURA MEISER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT HEMPFIELD
CYNTHIA SCHULER, PASTOR AT EAST COCALICO
TOM WEBER, PASTOR OF CARE AT FLORIN

10 YEARS IN ORDAINED MINISTRY

JON BRENNEMAN (HARRISBURG FIRST)
MATTHEW HERSHEY (CORNERSTONE)
MARY ETTA REINHART (MECHANIC GROVE)
ALIX SABLE (LANCASTER)
KAY WEAVER (BROOKLYN FIRST)

50 YEARS IN ORDAINED MINISTRY

JAMES EIKENBERRY (CORNERSTONE)
EARL FOSTER (BROOKLYN FIRST)
ERVIN HUSTON (MOUNT WILSON)

IN MEMORIAM

GLENN HASSINGER (MYERSTOWN)
JIMM ROLAND (DISTRICT OFFICE)
VERNON STINEBAUGH (MOUNTVILLE)

Witness and Outreach Commission



ANE WITNESS & OUTREACH COMMISSION: MARY ETTA REINHART (DIRECTOR), TIM SPEICHER (CHAIR), C. FRANKLIN IYASERE, GINA STROUSE (SECRETARY), DONNA PARCELL (VICE CHAIR), ADAM ULM.

THE ANE DISTRICT WITNESS AND OUTREACH COMMISSION SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE AND NETWORK WITH CONGREGATIONS TO PROCLAIM THE LOVE AND POWER OF GOD, THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, AND THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH THE WITNESS OF THE FAITH AND OUTREACH TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND WORLD. WE JOIN HANDS WITH CONGREGATIONS TO FAITHFULLY LOVE GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH AND TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES (LUKE 10:27).



BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries

THE ANE DISTRICT CONTINUES TO BE A STRONG SUPPORTER OF BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES. THE 2025 WORK SITE HAS BEEN IN LETCHER COUNTY, KENTUCKY. DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2022, A SINGLE STORM SYSTEM MOVED ACROSS MULTIPLE STATES CAUSING FLASH FLOODING FROM MISSOURI TO PARTS OF VIRGINIA

AND WEST VIRGINIA. THE FLOODING RESULTED IN DAMAGED HOMES AND BUILDINGS, LOSS OF LIFE AND SHORE TOWNS LEFT UNDERWATER, ESPECIALLY IN THE GREATER ST. LOUIS, MO AREA AND A LARGE AREA OF SOUTHEASTERN KY.

IN 2024, FOURTEEN CHURCH GROUPS AND 111 VOLUNTEERS FROM THE ANE DISTRICT SPENT A WEEK SERVING WITH BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES IN TORNADO RECOVERY IN DAWSON SPRINGS OR FLOOD RECOVERY IN LETCHER COUNTY, KY.



Volunteers from Spring Creek serving in Dawson Springs March 2025

PEACE AND JUSTICE

WE PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE WORK OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLE.



THE ANE DISTRICT PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE WAS RE-FORMED THIS YEAR, WITH LISA KRIEG SERVING AS INTERIM PEACE AND JUSTICE COORDINATOR. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE DONNA BENSON, GERALD RHOADES, PEGGY RASMUSSEN, SUZANNE SCHADEL, AND DAVE SOLLENBERGER.

ARTICLES IN THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER THIS YEAR HAVE CONTAINED RESOURCES FOR MAKING A COMMITMENT TO CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION, DEALING WITH IMMIGRATION ISSUES, BECOMING A CHURCH FOR ALL ABILITIES AND OTHER PEACE AND JUSTICE CONCERNS.

WE ALSO SUPPORT THE WORK OF CHILDREN'S DISASTER SERVICES (CDS), A



MINISTRY OF BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES. CDS WILL OFFER A TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS OCTOBER 17-18, 2025, AT ELIZABETHTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE TRAINING TO CARE FOR CHILDREN DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY DISASTER, THROUGH ACTIVITIES THAT STIMULATE IMAGINATIVE PLAY.

Witness and Outreach



WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OUR ANE DISTRICT CHURCHES THROUGH OUR FUNDS. THE **ANE DISTRICT BARNABAS FUND** HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO SHARE THE BLESSING OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES WITH THOSE WHO EXPRESS A MINISTRY-DRIVEN NEED. THE FUND SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE THE MINISTRY OF CONGREGATIONS THROUGH A GRANT-BASED MINISTRY INVESTMENT STRATEGY THAT SEEKS KINGDOM-BASED MINISTRY RESULTS THROUGH SHARED RESOURCES, FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY, MINISTRY PLANNING, AND ECONOMIC PARTNERING.

ON MAY 12 THE COMMITTEE MET TO REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND APPROVED A TOTAL OF \$102,400 FOR ANNUAL FUNDING IN 2026. THE CHURCHES WHO WILL RECEIVE THIS ANNUAL FUNDING ARE ALPHA AND OMEGA, BROOKLYN FIRST, GERMANTOWN, AND HARRISBURG FIRST. THE BALANCE IN THE BARNABAS FUND IS VERY LOW. WE ENCOURAGE ANE DISTRICT CHURCHES, SMALL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS TO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT THIS FUND THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT TO THE MINISTRY OF THESE ANE DISTRICT URBAN CHURCHES. A SEPARATE UP TO DATE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THIS FUND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE .



Germantown, Alpha & Omega, Harrisburg First, and Brooklyn First receive annual funding



THE **ANE DISTRICT HELPING HANDS BENEVOLENCE FUND** SEEKS TO ENHANCE LOCAL CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES IN RESPONDING TO NATURAL DISASTERS AND SOCIAL ILLS IN THE ANE DISTRICT.

IN APRIL 2024, LEBANON COB RECEIVED \$5000 FROM THIS FUND AS THEY SUPPORTED A MEMBER OF THEIR CHURCH FAMILY WHO NEEDED

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING A TIME OF RECOVERY FROM KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY.

IGLESIA BERITH, OASIS DE ESPERANZA (OASIS OF HOPE), WHO ALSO MEET IN LEBANON RECEIVED TWO SEPARATE GRANTS FROM THIS FUND IN 2024 TO HELP TWO DIFFERENT FAMILIES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES WHO NEEDED HELP TO REPAIR DAMAGED HOMES.



WE ENCOURAGE OUR ANE DISTRICT CHURCHES TO WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS IN THEIR NEIGHBORING CONGREGATIONS.

CHURCH 2 CHURCH IS A “COMMUNITY BUILDING” MINISTRY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY THAT ALLOWS CHURCHES WITH NEEDS TO PARTNER WITH CHURCHES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN A SERVICE PROJECT. POSSIBLE PROJECTS MIGHT INCLUDE (BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO) PAINTING, LANDSCAPE CLEAN UP, OR CLEANING OUT ROOMS IN THE CHURCH. THE WORK BEING DONE IS MEANT TO OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT AND A SPIRITUAL BOOST TO A CONGREGATION WITH NEEDS IT CANNOT MEET ON ITS OWN. PLEASE BE IN TOUCH WITH THE WITNESS AND OUTREACH COMMISSION IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS MINISTRY OUTREACH EFFORT.

Stewardship Commission



STEWARDSHIP WAY FORWARD COMMITMENT:

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING IMPORTANT ONGOING FINANCIAL SUPPORT/FUNDING TO ALL THE ANE COMMISSIONS AS THEY WORK WITHIN THE COVENANT AND STRENGTHEN IT BY THEIR ACTIONS AND DECISIONS HOLDING US ALL ACCOUNTABLE FOR HOLISTIC STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION — TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL ASSETS AND AFFAIRS OF THE ANE DISTRICT. WE RECEIVE, INVEST, PROTECT AND MAINTAIN THE ASSETS ENTRUSTED TO THE DISTRICT. THIS INCLUDES DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AS WELL AS MONITORING AND GROWING FINANCIAL HOLDINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRIES TO THE CONGREGATIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND PROJECTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ANE DISTRICT.

THE COMMISSION IS COMPRISED OF A TEAM OF FIVE VOTING MEMBERS, AS WELL AS THREE NON-VOTING MEMBERS, CONSISTING OF THE ANE TREASURER, ANE ASSISTANT TREASURER, AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS:

FOUR MEETINGS HELD IN 2025 (THROUGH MAY 12) WITH THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS:

- ♦ SEE TREASURER REPORT INCLUDED IN CONFERENCE MATERIALS
- ♦ CONTINUING TREND OF MONTHLY DEFICITS AND SHORTFALLS TO 2025 MIP BEING FUNDED FROM RESERVES (SEE BELOW)
- ♦ APRIL YEAR-TO DATE (YTD) MINISTRY RESULTS WITH COMPARED TO 2024
 - * CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT \$21,000 LOWER THAN 2024.
 - * TOTAL INCOME— \$25,000 LOWER THAN 2024
 - * TOTAL EXPENSES - \$2,000 MORE THAN 2024
 - * NET INCOME (LOSS) - \$72,000 FUNDED FROM RESERVES
- ♦ \$3.2 MILLION IN ASSETS AS OF APRIL 2025
 - * A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF ASSETS WERE CONTRIBUTED TO ANE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS, EXCEPT THAT ARE USED FOR ANE MINISTRIES. ANE IS UTILIZING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRIBUTOR INTENTIONS.



ANE STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION:
BRIAN RICE (CHAIR & SECRETARY), BARB COFFMAN (VICE CHAIR), KEN RUTT, ERIC RAMIREZ, SAM WEST, RAY FLAGG (TREASURER), ADAM SWARTZ (ASSISTANT TREASURER), AND KAY WEAVER (INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE).



THE SEEDS OF FAITH (SOF) FUND EXISTS TO INTENTIONALLY AND EFFECTIVELY STEWARD RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF MINISTRY GROWTH WITHIN THE ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE). ITS PURPOSE IS TO: BIRTH NEW MINISTRIES THROUGH CHURCH PLANTING, REVITALIZE STRUGGLING CONGREGATIONS NEARING CLOSURE, FOSTER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS WHOSE GROWTH OR EXPANSION DEPENDS ON STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FROM THE DISTRICT. SINCE DISTRICT

CONFERENCE IN 2024 THROUGH MAY OF 2025, THE COMMITTEE HAS GRANTED: \$5100 TO ANE DISTRICT CLERGY WOMEN A RETREAT; \$5000 TO HARRISBURG SHALOM SUMMIT; \$2150 ENTEN ELLER INTERIM PASTOR TRAINING; \$2000 FOR HISPANIC LATINO LEADERSHIP SEMINAR; \$50,000 TO THE COB DEPORTATION DEFENSE TEAM; \$3000 FOR MINISTERIAL STUDENT GRANTS A TOTAL OF \$67,250.

NETWORKING TOGETHER

STEWARDS ESTABLISH AND OVERSEE THE ANE GENERAL OPERATING MINISTRY INVESTMENT PLAN (MIP) AND ALSO SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CONGREGATIONS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT PROJECTS, FELLOWSHIPS, RE-BIRTH AND REVITALIZATION OF CONGREGATIONS, FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL, INNER-CITY CONGREGATIONS.

THANKS TO THE JOHN AND JEAN STONER ESTATE, THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED THE FACILITIES ASSISTANCE FUND IN 2020 TO SUPPORT ANE CONGREGATIONS IN IMPROVING OR EXPANDING FACILITIES THAT ALIGN WITH THEIR MINISTRY-DRIVEN VISION. THIS FUND ALLOWS US TO GIVE BACK FINANCIALLY AND ENCOURAGE GROWTH ACROSS THE DISTRICT. ALL CONGREGATIONS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR SMALL GRANTS.



ANE FACILITIES ASSISTANCE FUND

- FROM DISTRICT CONFERENCE THROUGH MAY 31, 2025, THE FOLLOWING GRANTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED:
GERMANTOWN – \$5,000 FOR HVAC REPAIRS; **LANCASTER** – \$10,000 TO REPLACE CHURCH WINDOWS; **MECHANIC GROVE** – \$10,000 TO UPGRADE AV SYSTEM; **PAXTON** – \$10,000 TO REPAVE PARKING LOT; **MYERSTOWN** – \$5,000 FOR A NEW SECURITY SYSTEM, **WEST GREEN TREE**— \$7,500 FOR HVAC UPGRADE.

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

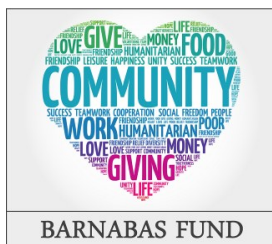
The Germantown Trust

THE GERMANTOWN TRUST BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN'S "MOTHER" CHURCH, THE CEMETERY AND THE HOUSE ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH. ANE DISTRICT TREASURER, RAY FLAGG, SERVES AS CHAIR OF THE TRUST.

The Bucher Meetinghouse

SINCE THE CONGREGATION PREVIOUSLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BUCHER MEETING HOUSE AND CEMETERY HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROPERTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH

THE DEED, NOW FALLS TO THE ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE). ANE HAS ALSO RECEIVED FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR THE UPKEEP OF THIS HISTORIC SITE. ON JUNE 1, 2025, BOB KETTERING AND CAROLYN FITZKEE LED A HYMN SING IN THE MEETING HOUSE, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY 64 PEOPLE. AN OFFERING OF \$900 WAS COLLECTED TO SUPPORT ONGOING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE. THE ANE STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION HAS APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE CARE OF THE PROPERTY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THIS COMMITTEE OR ASSISTING WITH MAINTENANCE EFFORTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.



THE BARNABAS FUND, FORMERLY THE MISSION CHURCH SUPPORT FUND, IS THE ATLANTIC NORTH-EAST DISTRICT'S MOST ACTIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM. EACH MAY, AS THE NEXT YEAR'S MINISTRY INVESTMENT PLAN (MIP) IS DEVELOPED, THE BARNABAS FUND TEAM PLEDGES OVER \$100,000 IN MONTHLY SUPPORT TO FOUR URBAN CONGREGATIONS: ALPHA & OMEGA, BROOKLYN FIRST, GERMANTOWN, AND HARRISBURG FIRST. SUPPORT IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO OTHER CONGREGATIONS SERVING COMMUNITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC CHALLENGES. TO QUALIFY, THESE CHURCHES MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE OUTREACH MINISTRY, LIMITED RESOURCES DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES

BEYOND THEIR CONTROL, AND COMMUNITY NEEDS EXCEEDING THEIR CAPACITY. BECAUSE THE FUND'S BALANCE NEARLY DIMINISHES WITH EACH ANNUAL COMMITMENT, CONGREGATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BARNABAS FUND—ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR MIP GIVING—IF THEY ARE ABLE. A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND CONGREGATIONS WHO FAITHFULLY GIVE TO THIS FUND. SEE WITNESS & OUTREACH REPORT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE COMMISSION

- APPROVED 2026 MIP OF \$499,535 FOR EXECUTIVE TEAM CONSIDERATION.
 - * THIS REPRESENTS AN \$20,732 (4%) DECREASE FROM THE 2025 MIP, LARGELY DUE TO REMOVING BARNABAS FUNDING FROM THE MIP. (BARNABAS GRANTS WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH OTHER DISTRICT FUNDS). EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THEN APPROVED A \$53,346 ADDITION TO THE MIP FOR A NEW DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES STAFF POSITION.
- THE STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION CONTRACTED WITH TROUT CPA TO COMPLETE A COMPILATION OF OUR 2024 FINANCES. THIS AS BEEN COMPLETED AND REVIEWED BY THE COMMISSION, ANE

TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER, AND INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. A COPY IS FILED IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

- WE DEVELOPED AND APPROVED A POLICY DOCUMENT FOR THE WITHDRAWING CHURCHES FUND.
- AT THE REQUEST OF THE COB GLOBAL MINISTRY DIRECTOR, WE APPROVED A GRANT OF \$5000 TO HELP PURCHASE A VEHICLE FOR A PASTOR IN BURUNDI.
- IN MARCH, WE CLOSED ON THE SALE OF THE LONG RUN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
- SO FAR IN 2025, WE REVIEWED, APPROVED AND FUNDED THREE REQUESTS FROM THE FACILITIES ASSISTANCE FUND, FOR A TOTAL OF \$22,500.

MOVING FORWARD

OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS AS WE PAUSE TO REFLECT ON OUR BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS AND THE GIFT GIVEN TO HUMANITY, PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A FAITHFUL FINANCIAL PARTNER IN ANE MINISTRIES. TAKE TIME TO CHALLENGE YOUR CONGREGATION TO JOIN IN AND PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL YEAR-END GIFT - NOT ONLY THOSE CONGREGATIONS WHO HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF THEIR PROJECTED GIVING AMOUNT, BUT EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR GOAL.

MANY HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL CONGREGATIONS THAT HAVE PROVIDED FUNDS, BUT ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO GAVE AT OR ABOVE THE \$55 PER MEMBER FAIR SHARE AMOUNT!

THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS AND ANE'S MINISTRY INVESTMENT PLAN, WE ARE NETWORKING TOGETHER IN THE TASK OF KINGDOM-BUILDING WELL BEYOND WHAT ANY ONE CONGREGATION CAN DO ALONE!