



2021 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.

GREETINGS ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

IT IS WITH JOY THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SHARE THIS REPORT ON THE EXCITING WORK GOD IS DOING THROUGH OUR DISTRICT MINISTRIES. THESE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS WE CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO FULFILL OUR VISION TOGETHER, SHARING OUR TIME, TALENTS, AND RESOURCES AS WE SERVE EACH OTHER AND OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. FAR MORE THAN JUST BUDGETS, BY-LAWS AND BUILDINGS, WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST LIVING OUT HIS STORY THAT ALL MIGHT SHARE IN HIS LOVE, GRACE AND ABUNDANT LIFE.

THERE ARE CHURCHES BEING REVITALIZED, NEW MINISTERS BEING CALLED, HURTING PEOPLE BEING SERVED, OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO GROW— SO PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO READ ABOUT THIS AND MORE. AND PRAY HOW YOU, TOO, MAY BE CALLED TO SERVE!

Church Development & Evangelism



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.

4 GOALS:

1. PLANTING NEW CHURCHES RESOURCING
(EXISTING CONGREGATIONS & CHURCH PLANTING)
2. REBIRTH (CLOSED CONGREGATIONS)
3. REVITALIZATION (EXISTING CONGREGATIONS & CHURCH PLANTING)
4. CONNECTING (EXISTING CONGREGATIONS & CHURCH PLANTING)

THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT & EVANGELISM COMMISSION HAS DILIGENTLY BEEN WORKING ON MANY THINGS THIS PAST YEAR. HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- ⇒ UPDATED AND APPROVED THE POLICIES OF THE CCD&E. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KAY WEAVER FOR ALL HER WORK HELPING US TO ACCOMPLISH THIS!
- ⇒ WORKED WITH EBENEZER PROJECT PREPARING THEM TO BE MOVED TO FELLOWSHIP STATUS
- ⇒ PRESENTED TO DISTRICT BOARD OUR UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION FOR MOVING THE EBENEZER PROJECT TO FELLOWSHIP STATUS.
- ⇒ WORKED WITH UN NUEVO RENACER PREPARING THEM TO BE MOVED TO CONGREGATION STATUS.
- ⇒ PRESENTED TO DISTRICT BOARD OUR UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION FOR MOVING THE UN NUEVO RENACER FELLOWSHIP TO CONGREGATION STATUS
- ⇒ DIRECTOR, AND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE VISIT TO LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL, NEW YORK. PARTICIPATED IN ARABIC WORSHIP ALONGSIDE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST.



Commission Members: Steve Hess, Scott Haldeman, Vice Chair, Arlyn Morales, Director– Don Mitchell, Andy Hamilton, Chair. Not pictured: Tim Fleener

DON MITCHELL DIRECTOR CCD&E

- PROVIDED LEADERSHIP IN NEW BEGINNINGS' LOVE FEAST IN NOVEMBER OF 2020
- ASSISTED WITH URBAN MINISTRIES EVENT
- SERVED ON DENOMINATIONAL NEW & RENEW CHURCH PLANTING ADVISORY TEAM
- PARTICIPATED IN THE VIRTUAL CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCE
- ATTENDED VIRTUAL AND IN PERSON STAFF AND COMMISSION MEETINGS
- CONNECTING WITH PROJECTS, FELLOWSHIPS & CONGREGATIONS
- CONVERSATIONS WITH CHURCH PLANTERS
- SEEDS OF FAITH MEETINGS
- SPECIAL ANE BOARD MEETINGS
- COFFEE WITH ANE
- PARTICIPATED IN VIRTUAL ZOOM DENOMINATIONAL WORSHIP

Seeds of Faith Fund

THE PURPOSE OF SOF FUNDING IS TO BE VERY INTENTIONAL AND EFFECTIVE WITH OUR RESOURCES TO:



1. BIRTH NEW MINISTRIES THROUGH CHURCH PLANTINGS THROUGHOUT THE ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT.
2. RE-BIRTH/REVITALIZE ANE CONGREGATIONS THAT ARE ABOUT TO CLOSE.
3. ENCOURAGE LEADERSHIP GROWTH.
4. SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE GROWTH OR EXPANSION OF THE CONGREGATION DEPENDS ON AN INVESTMENT FROM THE DISTRICT.

SINCE 2020 DISTRICT CONFERENCE \$33,150 WAS GRANTED TO CONGREGATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING

- \$10,500 TO SHARE COST FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WORSHIP STREAMING CAPABILITIES AT AMBLER WHICH IS DESIGNED TO SERVE AS A DISTRICT-WIDE PILOT PROJECT TO DEMONSTRATE CHURCH STREAMING CAPABILITIES.
- \$10,000 TO 2 CONGREGATIONS AS SEED MONEY TO ESTABLISH LIVE STREAMING OUTREACH MINISTRY.
- \$12,650 FOR VARIOUS PASTORAL MINISTRY TRAININGS

Nurture

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



ANE NURTURE COMMISSION: SUE EIKENBERRY (CHAIR), RYAN ARNDT (VICE CHAIR-NOT PICTURED), JIM HOLLEN (SECRETARY), JAMIE NACE, PAT LEITER, AND MARY ETTA REINHART, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF NURTURE.

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: INTUITIVE GIFTS & SKILLS, PRAYING IN COLOR, LISTENING ACROSS POWER STRUCTURES AND MINDFUL FAMILIES. THEY HAVE ALSO OFFERED A PARENTING SERIES WITH TOPICS SUCH AS UNPLUGGED AND FAMILY COMMUNICATION. PRC HAS ALSO OFFERED NUMBER OF COMPUTER SKILLS COURSES SUCH AS INTRO TO GMAIL, INTRO TO EXCEL, AND INTRO TO PUBLISHER.



Nurture



IN ADDITION, WE ENCOURAGED CHURCH LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT WHICH TOOK PLACE ON AUGUST 5 AND 6, 2021.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THE ANE DISTRICT WOMEN'S CABINET OFFERED A VIRTUAL SPRING FELLOWSHIP EVENT ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021 FROM 10 TO 11:30 AM. AUDREY WAGNER FINKBINER SHARED A MESSAGE OF FAITH BASED ON HER PASSION FOR GARDENING. THE EVENT ALSO INCLUDED MUSIC FEATURING HYMNS, A CLARINET DUET, AND MUSIC FROM RIDGEWAY BRASS.

THE ANE DISTRICT WOMEN'S CABINET ALSO HOSTED A ONE-DAY WOMEN'S CAMP ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 AT CAMP SWATARA. THIS WAS AN EVENT FILLED DAY WITH WORSHIP, GROUP SINGING, BIBLE STUDY, CRAFTS AND MORE.



THE NURTURE COMMISSION HAS BEEN MEETING WITH DISTRICT YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE HOW THE NURTURE COMMISSION AND THE ANE DISTRICT CAN BEST SERVE OUR YOUTH AND OUR DISTRICT YOUTH LEADERS. WE ARE WORKING ON A TWO-PART APPROACH. WE HOPE TO SPONSOR OCCASIONAL DISTRICT WIDE GATHERINGS FOR OUR YOUTH. WE ALSO WANT TO FIND WAYS TO ENCOURAGE INTERACTION AND COLLABORATION AMONG OUR ANE DISTRICT YOUTH LEADERS.

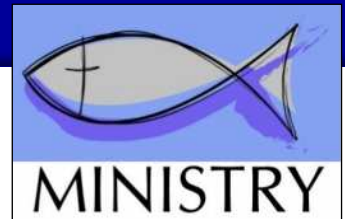
A SERIES OF DISTRICT WIDE ZOOM GATHERINGS WERE HELD IN JUNE IN AN ATTEMPT TO GATHER IDEAS FROM OUR DISTRICT CHURCH YOUTH LEADERS.

COMPELLING VISION BIBLE STUDY

JAMIE NACE (LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN) HAS ORGANIZED A VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY BASED ON OUR DENOMINATION'S COMPELLING VISION BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS. THERE WAS VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE AT THIS WEEKLY EVENT THAT MET FOR 13 WEEKS IN APRIL THROUGH JUNE ON MONDAY EVENINGS VIA ZOOM.



Ministry Commission



THE MINISTRY COMMISSION SERVES THE ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT AS IT COMES ALONGSIDE OF ALL MINISTERS. IN THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS, COMMISSION MEMBERS DEDICATE THEIR TIME TO INTERVIEWS, LICENSING AND ORDINATION CANDIDATES, PLANNING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS, STREAMLINING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, PROCESSING MINISTRY CONCERNS, AND RECEIVING UPDATES ON PASTORAL PLACEMENTS. THE MINISTRY COMMISSION IS MEETING EACH MONTH THROUGH ZOOM, AND HOPE TO MEET IN PERSON IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

- ◇ THE 5 YEAR ORDINATION REVIEW AND RENEWAL HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE ANE DISTRICT IS RESPONSIBLE TO HOST ETHICS TRAINING SESSIONS AND REVIEW THE ORDINATION OF ALL ITS ORDAINED MINISTERS. THERE ARE 191 ORDAINED MINISTERS IN OUR DISTRICT. THE COMMISSION HOSTED 7 ETHICS TRAINING SESSIONS, A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS.
- ◇ THE COMMISSION ALSO MANAGES THE ANNUAL LICENSED MINISTERS REVIEW AND RENEWAL. THIS PROCESS ALLOWS LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR MENTORS TO REPORT ON THEIR EDUCATIONAL AND MINISTRY JOURNEY AND RECEIVE AFFIRMATION FOR THEIR CONTINUED CALL TO MINISTRY. WE HAVE 34 LICENSED MINISTERS FROM 21 CONGREGATIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS. THE COMMISSION CONTINUES FOCUSING ON ITS AFFIRMATION OF THE CALLING COHORT PROCESS AS OUTLINED IN THE 2014 MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP PAPER FOR LICENSED MINISTRY CANDIDATES.
- ◇ THE CLERGYWOMEN GROUP CONTINUES TO MEET AND HAS DEVELOPED INTENTIONAL TIME OF PRAYER FOR EACH MINISTER.

A very important and newly added part of our work is praying over our ANE Ministers each month. Special time is taken during each meeting praying over a list of Ministers and sending a message to each one as gratitude and encouragement for their service.

THE WAY FORWARD TEAM INVITED DISTRICT COMMISSIONS TO THINK ABOUT THE WAY FORWARD WORK AND HOW THE COMMISSION'S WORK CONNECTS TO IT. THE MINISTRY COMMISSION:

- CREATED A NEW LINE ITEM FOR THE 2022 BUDGET TO SUPPORT MINISTERS AND CONNECT MINISTERS TOGETHER;
- SUPPORTS CONGREGATIONS BY CREDENTIALING, SUPPORTING AND PLACING MINISTERS;
- RE-EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CREATING COHORT GROUPS WITHIN CONGREGATIONS, WORKING WITH THOSE DISCERNING AND MOVING INTO MINISTRY;
- WORKS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE CALL TO UPHOLD AND SHARE ABOUT BRETHREN BELIEFS AND PRACTICES, BOTH IN REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED MINISTERS AND IN THE CEU COURSES WE PLAN TO OFFER.

OUR AREA 1 DISTRICTS—ANE, MIDDLE PA, WESTERN PA, So PA, AND MID-ATLANTIC—ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE CALLING THE CALLED EVENTS WHICH ARE TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPLORING A CALL TO SET-APART MINISTRY, AS WELL AS BRING AWARENESS TO OUR CONGREGATIONS AS TO HOW TO BECOME A CALLING CONGREGATION. THIS IS A DAY-LONG EVENT FOR WORSHIP, PRAYER, REFLECTION, TEACHING, AND CONVERSATION. MAY 1, 2021 WAS OUR FIRST EVENT HELD VIRTUALLY, WITH A SECOND IN-PERSON EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 25 AT THE CHAMBERSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN.



NEW TESTING EVALUATOR FOR LICENSING CANDIDATES:

THANK YOU TO DR. JOE ZIMMERMAN FOR FAITHFULLY SERVING THE MINISTRY COMMISSION FOR MANY YEARS IN THIS IMPORTANT ROLE. WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED BY HIS GOOD WORK WITH OUR MINISTRY CANDIDATES. AS DR. ZIMMERMAN HAS RETIRED, WE HAVE CONTRACTED WITH DR. DON BOOZ, PCC, ACPEC, A FORMER DISTRICT EXECUTIVE IN THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN AND NOW AN EXECUTIVE COACH, AUTHOR, AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER, TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE FOR US.

Commission Members: ANN BACH, LIZ BIDGOOD ENDERS, ENTEN ELLER, BRIAN MESSLER AND MARVIN FOSTER, CHAIR.

WE AS A COMMISSION WANT TO THANK KRISTA DICKSON AND PETE KONTRA FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT TO THE MINISTRY COMMISSION.

Ministry

WE CELEBRATE, ALONG WITH THEIR CONGREGATIONS,

MINISTRY ACTIVITY AUGUST 2020-JULY 2021

ORDAINED

ROSE BAER (ELIZABETHTOWN)
RITA CARTER (MECHANIC GROVE)
JEFF KELLER (LEBANON)
DJAY MARTIN (PARKER FORD)
JAMIE NACE (LANCASTER)
BILL WINK (RICHLAND)

LICENSED

MATTHEW KRAMER (LANCASTER)
CRAIG LUCKENBILL (LITTLE SWATARA)
LAURA MEISER (HEMPFIELD)

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT

JAMES BRIDGEMAN (LANCASTER)

INTERIMS SERVED

JOE DETRICK (MOUNTVILLE)
DENNIS GARRISON (MYERSTOWN)
PATRICIA HORST (GREEN TREE)
JOHN HOSTETTER (MT WILSON)
ERVIN HUSTON (LEBANON)
BOB KETTERING (EAST FAIRVIEW/MECHANIC GROVE)
MARY ETTA REINHART (PAXTON)
ROBERT WINTSCH (WILMINGTON)

PLACEMENTS

RYAN CLIFT — PASTOR AT EAST FAIRVIEW
ANGELA FINET — PASTOR AT MOUNTVILLE
JOHN HOSTETTER — PASTOR AT MT WILSON
JEFF KELLER — PASTOR AT LEBANON
AMY MESSLER — ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT PROVIDENCE
JANET MYERS — PASTOR AT PAXTON

10 YEARS IN ORDAINED MINISTRY

MICHAEL WISE (NEW BEGINNINGS)
DORE WORHUN (AKRON)

25 YEARS IN ORDAINED MINISTRY

MARLIN HOUFF (PALMYRA)

ACTS GRADUATE

MICHAEL SHEARER

SEBAH GRADUATE

LEONOR OCHOA (EBENEZER PROJECT)

TRIM GRADUATES

RITA CARTER (MECHANIC GROVE)
JAMIE NACE (LANCASTER)

SEMINARY GRADUATE

SHAWN O'BRIEN (WEST GREEN TREE)

IN MEMORIAM

CARL BASKIN (INDIAN CREEK)
CURTIS DUBBLE (LANCASTER)
ROBERT HEFFLEY (HEMPFIELD)
DONALD HURSH (LANCASTER)
DONNA LEFEVER-HOOVER (ANNVILLE)
ERNEST REISINGER
CLEM ROSENBERGER (LANCASTER)



Above: Rose Baer's ordination service performed by Kay Weaver.
Middle: Rita Carter's Ordination service, officiated by Pete Kontra.
Below: Laura Meiser's Licensing service officiated by Pete Kontra.



Witness and Outreach Commission



COMMISSION MEMBERS: LISA KREIG (CHAIR), MATT CHRIST (VICE CHAIR), DEB KRANTZ (SECRETARY), DAWN WEISS, AND MARY ETTA REINHART (ANE, DIRECTOR). ANGEL GONZALEZ RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM THE COMMISSION. DAVID VASQUEZ RECENTLY JOINED THE COMMISSION TO FILL THE VACANCY.

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).

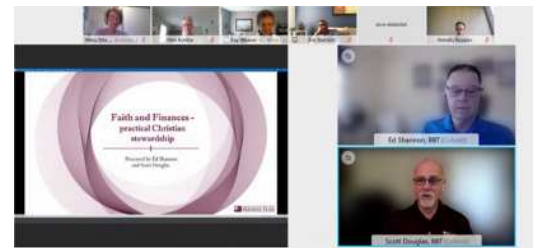


URBAN MINISTRIES INITIATIVE HOSTED MULTIPLE EVENTS:

FAITH AND FINANCES: PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR FAITH IS JUNE 12, 2021

ANE URBAN MINISTRIES INITIATIVE PARTNERED WITH LEADERSHIP FROM THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN BENEFIT TRUST FOR A MORNING OF WORSHIP AND LEARNING. SCOTT DOUGLAS AND ED SHANNON FROM BBT LED THE PARTICIPANTS IN A CHALLENGING DISCUSSION OF BEST PRACTICES FOR HANDLING OUR FINANCES BOTH IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES AND IN THE CHURCH. EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVED A \$10 BILL TO BE USED FOR FAMILY MINISTRY SEED MONEY WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO REPLY BACK WITH STORIES OF HOW THIS MONEY WAS INVESTED IN THE LIFE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY WORSHIP TEAMS FROM ALPHA & OMEGA, GERMANTOWN AND HARRISBURG FIRST.



BEING SALT AND LIGHT

NOVEMBER 7, 2020

OUR ANE DISTRICT URBAN MINISTRIES INITIATIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE HOSTED OUR URBAN CONGREGATIONS AS THEY GATHERED VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM TO ENJOY A MORNING OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

PASTOR LEONOR OCHOA FROM THE EBENEZER PROJECT SHARED A MESSAGE BASED ON MATTHEW 5:13-16 THAT REMINDED US THAT 'JESUS CALLS US TO SEASON HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS SO THAT JOY, TRUST, AND TOLERANCE ARE NOT LACKING.'



PASTOR BELITA MITCHELL, FORMER LEAD PASTOR AT HARRISBURG FIRST, MODERATED A PANEL DISCUSSION, FOCUSING ON HOW EACH OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE COULD HELP OUR CHURCH FAMILY BE SALT AND LIGHT IN EACH OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

Witness and Outreach



THE 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 3 THE COMMITTEE MET TO REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR ANNUAL FUNDING. THE CHURCHES WHO RECEIVE THIS ANNUAL FUNDING ARE ALPHA AND OMEGA, BROOKLYN FIRST, GERMANTOWN, AND HARRISBURG FIRST.

WE APPROVED THE REQUESTS USING A TOTAL OF \$30,000 FROM THE W & O COMMISSION MIP FOR 2022. WE WILL NEED TO USE \$71,000 FROM THE ONGOING BARNABAS FUND. THE BALANCE IN THIS FUND IS VERY LOW. ANE DISTRICT CHURCHES, SMALL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED 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 **HELPING HANDS BENEVOLENCE FUND** SEEKS TO ENHANCE LOCAL CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES IN RESPONDING TO NATURAL DISASTERS AND SOCIAL ILLS IN THE ANE DISTRICT.

THIS FUND WAS USED TO SUPPORT A NEED IN THE AMBLER CONGREGATION WHO SUFFERED A "DISASTER" IN THEIR CHURCH BUILDING. ON JULY 6, 2020 THERE WAS A STRONG STORM THAT DUMPED APPROXIMATELY 6" RAIN IN THE AREA AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING (AT A RATE OF 3" PER HOUR). AS A RESULT OF THIS HEAVY RAIN, WATER ENTERED INTO THE BUILDING WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$26,000 IN DAMAGE TO THEIR FELLOWSHIP HALL.

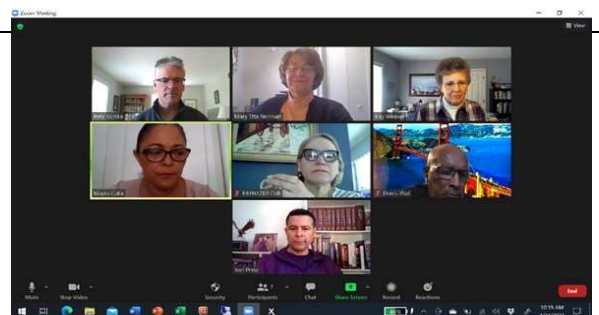


HISPANIC & LATINO MINISTRIES

THE WITNESS AND OUTREACH COMMISSION SEEKS TO OFFER SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR ANE DISTRICT SPANISH SPEAKING CHURCHES. THE CHURCHES HAVE ORGANIZED THEMSELVES AS A GROUP CALLED CLIHDANE. LEADERSHIP OF THIS GROUP INCLUDES:

LEONOR OCHOA - PRESIDENT; JOEL PENA -VICE PRESIDENT;
MAYRA CALIX - SECRETARY

IN APRIL 2021, THE DISTRICT STAFF MET WITH THE LEADERS OF CLIHDANE VIA ZOOM TO CHECK IN AND OFFER SUPPORT TO THE MINISTRY OF THESE CHURCHES.



Witness and Outreach



THE ANE DISTRICT CONTINUES TO BE A STRONG SUPPORTER OF BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES. AFTER CLOSING ALL WORK SITES IN MARCH 2020, DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, BDM RE-OPENED ONE WORK SITE IN BAYBORO, NC IN LATE SUMMER 2020 WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVING EACH WEEK DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS.

BDM CONTINUED TO WORK FROM THIS SINGLE SITE IN BAYBORO NC UNTIL THE END OF APRIL 2021. ED OLKOWSKI, (WILMINGTON COB) WAS ABLE TO SERVE AS A CONSTRUCTION LEADER AT THIS LOCATION FOR 3 WEEKS.



Mobile Home repairs at the Bayboro, NC location

IN MAY 2021, BDM MOVED ITS SINGLE WORK SITE TO DAYTON, OHIO, WHERE THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE. ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2019, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RECORDED RECORD BREAKING TORNADO ACTIVITY OF 19 TORNADOES IN ONE EVENING. THREE OF THE TORNADOS WERE EF-3, WITH WINDSPEEDS BETWEEN 136-165 MPH AND ONE EF-4 TORNADO CARRIED WINDS UP TO 170 MPH. THE TORNADOES SPANNED OVER A ½ MILE WIDE, AND TRAVELED OVER 20 MILES.

GROUPS FROM 8 OF OUR ANE DISTRICT CONGREGATIONS HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO SERVE AT THIS DAYTON WORKSITE OR ANOTHER BDM WORK SITE THIS YEAR.



Work on a home at a Dayton, OH BDM work site.

Stewardship Commission

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION IS 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.



CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS:

ALTHOUGH ANE'S FIRST QUARTER CONGREGATIONAL GIVING IS AT ITS LOWEST IN THE PREVIOUS 15+ YEAR HISTORY (MAINLY DUE TO CONGREGATIONS WITHDRAWING), THERE IS PLENTY TO CELEBRATE! ALL OF THESE HAVE ENABLED US TO GIVE BACK TO MANY CONGREGATIONS IN NEED.

- ESTATE GIFTS
- RECORD INVESTMENT EARNINGS
- CONTROLLED SPENDING

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



Current Team: Ray Flagg, Treasurer; Carroll Kreider, Assistant Treasurer; Kay Weaver, ANE Dir. Of Stewardship; Paul Pintarch, Chair; Ronald Myer, Vice-Chair; Brian Rice, Secretary; Ruby Bean; Todd Stoltzfus (not pictured)

*Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor. (Proverbs 22:9)*

CREATING SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS

IN 2021 STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION PARTNERED IN PLANNING TWO WORKSHOPS

FAITH AND FINANCES: JUNE 12, 2021

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, WE ARE CALLED TO BE SERVANTS OF CHRIST AND STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION (I COR. 4:1). DURING THIS PRACTICAL WORKSHOP ANE DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP, KAY WEAVER, AND BBT REPRESENTATIVES, SCOTT DOUGLAS AND ED SHANNON PRESENTED THE SIGNIFICANT BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF STEWARDSHIP AND SPECIFICALLY THE WAY WE MANAGE OUR MONEY – ALIGNING OUR SPENDING PRIORITIES WITH OUR FAITH VALUES. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON, "HOW DO I PUT MY MONEY WHERE MY FAITH IS?" TO HELP ATTENDEES HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ANSWER TO THIS, **SEEDS OF FAITH** COMMITTEE AGREED TO GIVE EACH ATTENDEE \$10 AS SEED MONEY TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ED SHANNON'S CHALLENGE TO INCLUDE A FAMILY MINISTRY PLAN IN YOUR BUDGET TO BE USED TO BLESS SOMEONE (OTHER THAN FAMILY MEMBERS) WHO IS IN NEED.



STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY

2021 EVENT WAS CANCELLED BUT
**PLAN TO CELEBRATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
AND ATTEND MARCH 5, 2022!**

OVER 30
WORKSHOPS
TO ASSIST YOU
IN GROWING
INSIDE AND
OUTSIDE THE
CHURCH!



*"I've made plans to return and bring family
because it was a wonderful experience that
really does cover all sorts of topics."
Megan Lester, Lancaster CoB*

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

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. AS DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP, KAY WEAVER SERVES AS ANE LIAISON TO THE TRUST BOARD.



The Germantown Trust

STEWARDS OVERSEE THE BUCHER MEETING-HOUSE PROPERTY AND BUCHER CEMETERY IN LEBANON COUNTY. IN 2019, ANE RECEIVED OVER \$116,700 TO CARE FOR THE NEEDS OF THESE TWO ENTITIES. STEWARDS ESTABLISHED A SIX PERSON BUCHER MEETING HOUSE COMMITTEE TO ASSUME THIS ONGOING TASK. THIS COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF ANE TREASURER, ANE STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEMBER, ANE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OR APPOINTEE, AND 3 AT-LARGE MEMBERS APPOINTED AND APPROVED BY ANE BOARD.



The Bucher Meetinghouse

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.

Stewardship Commission



THANKS TO FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE JOHN AND JEAN STONER ESTATE, IN 2020, STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH A FACILITIES ASSISTANCE FUND. THE PURPOSE OF THIS FUND IS “TO SHARE OUR BLESSING OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES WITH [ALL] ANE CONGREGATIONS NEEDING TO IMPROVE OR EXPAND THEIR FACILITIES TO ASSIST IN THE GROWTH OF CONGREGATION’S MINISTRY-DRIVEN VISION”. SINCE INCEPTION IN 2020,

TWELVE CONGREGATIONS HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$53,763 IN GRANTS FOR TECH EQUIPMENT UPGRADES OR FACILITY REPAIRS. THIS IS ONE WAY TO FINANCIALLY GIVE BACK TO OUR CONGREGATIONS. WE ENCOURAGE EACH CONGREGATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A SMALL GRANT. CHECK *THE PARKING LOT* FOR DEADLINE DATES AND MORE INFORMATION.

SINCE 2020 DISTRICT CONFERENCE, \$33,150 WAS GRANTED TO CONGREGATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR SEED MONEY FOR VIDEO STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES AND FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. SEE SOF REPORT FOR MORE INFORMATION.



IN 2020, \$100,080 HAS BEEN GRANTED TO ANE CONGREGATIONS. IN 2021 BARNABAS COMMITTEE HAS GRANTED A TOTAL OF \$101,000 TO ANE CONGREGATIONS FOR 2022 OUTREACH MINISTRIES. SEE WITNESS & OUTREACH REPORT FOR DETAILS.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE COMMISSION

- CONTINUED TO ACTIVELY MONITOR BBT AND VANGUARD INVESTMENTS IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE EARNINGS. WE ARE REINVESTING LOW-YIELD MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS INTO A VARIETY OF CD'S TO GENERATE OPTIMAL EARNINGS.
- FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT OF A REDUCED MINISTRY INVESTMENT PLAN (MIP) CONSIDERING DECREASED CONGREGATIONAL GIVING AS WELL AS IMPLEMENTING FURTHER BUDGET CUTS.
- RECOMMENDED THE DISTRICT MAINTAIN THE “FAIR SHARE” LEVEL FOR CONGREGATIONAL GIVING AT \$55 PER MEMBER.
- RECEIVED AND PLACED INTO TRUST OVER \$374,500 FOR UP TO 3 YEARS’ SUPPORT OF THE MIDDLE CREEK, WHITE OAK AND CHIQUES MEMBERS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO REMAIN PART OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN.
- RECOMMENDED TO THE TRANSITION TEAM CHANGES TO THE WITHDRAWAL POLICY TO ALLOW MORE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS COLLECTED FROM CONGREGATIONS THAT HAVE DISORGANIZED.
- CONTINUED TO ENTERTAIN PROSPECTIVE BUYERS OF THE COCALICO PROPERTY.
- REVISED THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT POLICY (IN CONSULTATION WITH CD&E COMMISSION) AS WELL AS THE STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION POLICY.
- AGREED TO FULLY FUND THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE CHURCH VIDEO STREAMING SPECIALIST FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF THE COCALICO PROPERTY.
- SECURED REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE GERMANTOWN TRUST BOARD.

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!

Church Video Streaming

ANE CHURCH VIDEO STREAMING SPECIALIST REPORT TO ANE DISTRICT CONFERENCE (AS OF JUNE 1, 2021)

THIS REPORT IS BEING PREPARED AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE, SO I EXPECT THAT MUCH HAS CONTINUED TO PROGRESS BY THE TIME THIS REPORT IS IN YOUR HANDS. AS OF THIS WRITING, IT HAS BEEN JUST 2½ MONTHS SINCE I FIRST STEPPED INTO THIS POSITION. DURING THAT TIME, I AND/OR THE VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH ME HAVE ASSISTED AT LEAST 17 CONGREGATIONS, PLUS TWO OF THE BRETHREN RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES, IN THE ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT, AS WELL AS SEVERAL MORE CONGREGATIONS WHO HAVE HAD AT LEAST ONE MEMBER PARTICIPATE IN THE ON-GOING MONTHLY TECH ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATION AND HELP SESSIONS ("MOVING FORWARD WITH VIDEO STREAMING"). WHEN ADDED TO THE 8-10 ANE CONGREGATIONS WE HAD HELPED PREVIOUSLY, WE'VE NOW ASSISTED AT ABOUT 30 ANE CONGREGATIONS SO FAR. SOME OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN MERELY BEING IN TOUCH AND TESTING THE WATERS, AND SOME HAVE BEEN ASSISTING WITH SPECIFIC TECH ISSUES, YET MOST HAVE BEEN MORE SUBSTANTIAL, LEADING TO SUGGESTED TECH INSTALLATIONS AND ORDERS FOR 9-12 CONGREGATIONS SO FAR... AND THAT NUMBER KEEPS GROWING.



EVEN THOUGH THE LIMITING FACTOR TO OUR ABILITY TO HELP SEEMS TO BE NOT HAVING ENOUGH TIME TO DEVOTE TO THIS MINISTRY—BOTH FOR MYSELF AT HALF-TIME AS AN INTERIM, AS WELL AS FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS—WE STILL ENCOURAGE OTHER CONGREGATIONS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ASSISTANCE THAT WE CAN OFFER, MOST IMPORTANTLY TO BE ABLE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AS WE MOVE INTO THIS NEW NORMAL OF TRYING TO DO CHURCH BOTH IN-PERSON AS WELL AS AT A DISTANCE (HYBRID SERVICES). AND WE LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION TO A TIME WHEN WE CAN HAVE A FULL-TIME PERSON FOR THIS POSITION, WHO WOULD THEN BE REALLY ABLE TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD FOR THE CONGREGATIONS ACROSS THE DISTRICT.

I ALSO WISH TO NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE NEARLY THIRTY ANE CONGREGATIONS/COMMUNITIES, WE HAVE ALSO RESPONDED (AT A SIGNIFICANTLY LESSER LEVEL) TO QUESTIONS FROM MORE THAN TWENTY BRETHREN CONGREGATIONS OUTSIDE OF ANE (PLUS HALF A DOZEN MORE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN), PLUS SUPPORTED AT LEAST FIVE MORE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CONGREGATIONS THROUGH THE TECH ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS, AND HELPED TO TRAIN MINISTERS IN THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT AND ELSEWHERE THROUGH HELPING TEACH A WORSHIP CLASS THAT ADDRESSED ALL SORTS OF TECH ISSUES AS WELL. I'VE ALSO BEEN TAPPED TO ASSIST WITH DISTRICT EVENTS WITH ONLINE COMPONENTS, SUCH AS THE UMI FAITH AND FINANCES PROGRAM (JUNE 12), AS WELL AS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

I AM GRATEFUL TO THE ANE DISTRICT BOARD FOR THEIR CHOICE TO BE INNOVATIVE, ADAPTABLE, AND FEARLESS AS THEY EMBRACED THIS VISION OF A CHURCH VIDEO STREAMING SPECIALIST, AND WE ARE SEEING THE FRUITS OF MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT VISION IN THE LIVES OF OUR CONGREGATIONS!

RESPECTFULLY,

ANE Church Video Streaming Specialist, Interim

Thankful
& grateful
blessed

WE THANK GOD FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF ALL THE DISTRICT MINISTRIES. PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP EACH MEMBER, CONGREGATION, AND ALL THE MINISTRIES OF THE DISTRICT IN CONSTANT PRAYER, THAT WE STAY TRUE TO OUR PURPOSE IN CHRIST. WE KNOW THAT OUR WORK IS NEVER FINISHED, AND LOOK FORWARD TO ALL THAT GOD HAS IN STORE FOR US AS THE ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT. PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE DISTRICT STAFF OR BOARD MEMBERS WITH QUESTIONS YOU HAVE AND FOR WAYS TO BE ACTIVE IN THESE MINISTRIES.

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