



2024 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!

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.

*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:

- ⇒ THE DISTRICT'S NEW PROJECT, ARBOR PARK, LANCASTER, PA WAS RECOGNIZED AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN GRAND RAPIDS, MI IN JULY 2024. THERE WAS A RECOGNITION BREAKFAST AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR NEW PROJECTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND CONGREGATIONS.
- ⇒ SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND OTHERS ATTENDED THE SOLD OUT EXPONENTIAL CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCE IN ORLANDO, FL IN APRIL. ANE HAD 5 ATTENDEES AND THE FOCUS WAS ON DISCIPLE MAKING.
- ⇒ THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH BROOKLYN FIRST AS THEY SEEK TO REORGANIZE. THE COMMISSION APPROVED A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE CONGREGATION TO BEGIN REORGANIZATION, UPON CONGREGATIONAL APPROVAL. LEADERSHIP IN THE CONGREGATION ALSO REQUESTED APPROVAL OF AN ADVISORY LEADERSHIP BOARD TO ASSIST THE CONGREGATION IN PROPOSING NEW BYLAWES FOR BROOKLYN FIRST, HELPING WITH THE PASTORAL SEARCH, AND ASSISTING IN DEVELOPING A LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE FOR BROOKLYN FIRST'S MINISTRIES. THIS BOARD WILL CONSIST OF LEADERSHIP FROM BROOKLYN FIRST ALONGS WITH OTHER LEADERS FROM THE ANE DISTRICT. AS A COMMISSION, WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW CREATION AT BROOKLYN FIRST AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WALKING ALONGSIDE THEM AS THEY DISCERN GOD'S CALL FOR THEIR MINISTRIES.



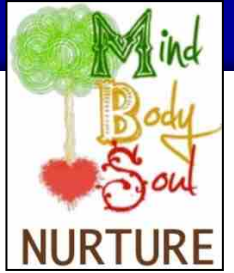
ANE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: DON MITCHELL (DIRECTOR), LEXI ALIGARBES (CHAIR), RYAN BRAUGHT, JAZMIN QUIJANO, JEFF KELLER, SHAWN O'BRIEN

DON MITCHELL, DIRECTOR

AS DIRECTOR, DON PARTICIPATED IN THE INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR EPI COZME, UN NUEVO RENACER AS THEIR MINISTER LEADER. HE ATTENDED THE EXPONENTIAL CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCE. DON CURRENTLY SERVES AS ON THE DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH PLANTING, NEW AND RENEW ADVISORY TEAM WHICH IS PLANNING AN EVENT FOR MAY OF 2025. HE HAS ASSISTED IN THE EXPLORATION OF HATFIELD CoB IN EXPLORATION IN PARTNERING WITH AN AFRICAN GROUP WHO NOW SHARES THEIR FACILITY.

DON HAS ALSO HAD THE PAINFUL EXPERIENCE OF HIS WIFE BELITA MITCHELL'S ILLNESS AND PASSING IN FEBRUARY, AND GRANDDAUGHTER'S STROKE WHILE ASSISTING IN THE CARETAKING OF BELITA. IN ADDITION, DON HAS HAD TO HAVE ANKLE SURGERY AFTER SUFFERING AN INJURY AT HOME IN MAY, AND RETURNED HOME IN JUNE. DON THANKS HIS ANE FAMILY, HARRISBURG FIRST CHURCH, AND THE DENOMINATION FOR MUCH SUPPORT AND PRAYERS.

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), BRANDY LIEPELT, SAM FRANKHOUSER

ANE DAY @CAMP SWATARA

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, A MIXED GROUP OF ENERGETIC PEOPLE GATHERED AT CAMP SWATARA TO SPEND SOME TIME IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER AS THEY ENJOYED THE VARIOUS CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN THAT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CAMP. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED THE CLIMBING WALL AND CHALLENGE COURSE. A TASTY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WAS SERVED. THOSE PRESENT ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE CAMP AND WALK THROUGH THE CAMP ON THEIR OWN AT THEIR OWN PACE.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THE ANE DISTRICT **WOMEN'S SPRING FELLOWSHIP** TOOK PLACE AT LITITZ COB ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024. OVER 110 WOMEN ATTENDED. DONNA PARCELL SPOKE ON THE THEME OF 'JOY' AS SHE SHARED ABOUT 'WHAT ROBS US OF JOY?' AND 'FINDING OUR JOY'.

THE ANE DISTRICT WOMEN'S CABINET WILL ALSO HOST A TWO-DAY WOMEN'S CAMP ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AUGUST 16-17 AT CAMP SWATARA. WORSHIP, GROUP SINGING, BIBLE STUDY, CRAFTS AND MORE ARE PLANNED.



WOMEN'S CAMP 2023 PHOTOS (LEFT) AND SPRING FELLOWSHIP 2024 (ABOVE)

DISTRICT YOUTH ACTIVITIES

LAST NOVEMBER, YOUTH FROM 4 CHURCHES PARTICIPATED IN A **SERVICE WEEKEND IN WASHINGTON DC**, PARTNERING WITH ST STEPHENS BAPTIST CHURCH, WIDOWS PANTRY AND WIDER CIRCLE. THERE WERE 24 YOUTH AND 16 ADVISORS FROM HEMPFIELD, LITITZ, LEBANON AND STEVENS HILL COMMUNITY CHURCHES.



Washington DC Service Weekend Participants



Lancaster Retreat Participants

IN JANUARY, LANCASTER HOSTED A **WEEK-END RETREAT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE INTERDISTRICT YOUTH CABINET**—A GROUP OF BRIDGE-WATER AND BLUE RIDGE COLLEGE STUDENTS. THE WEEKEND FOCUS WAS TO BRING TOGETHER YOUTH FROM THE ANE DISTRICT FOR A FUN, INEXPENSIVE RETREAT FOR BOTH JR AND SR HIGH YOUTH! ATTENDEES SLEPT AT THE CHURCH AND PARTICIPATED IN A SERVICE PROJECT ON SATURDAY MORNING.

YOUTH DAY AT CAMP SWATARA IS BEING PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19. THERE WILL BE A TIME OF WORSHIP IN THE MORNING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ADVENTURE GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON. THE WRAP UP WILL INCLUDE A CAMPFIRE WITH S'MORES!

ANE LIVE STREAM TEAM

THE ANE DISTRICT OFFERS SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO RUN LIVE STREAM SERVICES. WE HAVE AN ANE DISTRICT LIVE STREAM TEAM OF 4 VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE WILLING AND AVAILABLE TO HELP OUR CONGREGATIONS WITH THEIR NEEDS AND QUESTIONS. IN THE PAST YEAR, THIS TEAM HAS REACHED OUT TO INDIAN CREEK, LEBANON, LITITZ, MOHLER, PROVIDENCE AND PARKER FORD. VOLUNTEERS: ENTEN ELLER (COORDINATOR), DAVID VASQUEZ, DENNIS DUETT, ED HEIDINGER



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKSHOP COHORTS



A TWO-DAY TRAINING SESSION FOR OUR ANE DISTRICT LEADERS OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WAS HELD IN LATE OCTOBER 2023. FOLLOWING THAT SEMINAR, A SERIES OF VIRTUAL COHORTS WERE HELD WHERE OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADERS COULD SHARE INSIGHTS FROM HER OWN MINISTRY SETTINGS AND RECEIVE INSIGHTFUL COACHING HINTS FROM OUR MINISTRY ARCHITECTS CONSULTANT.



EXAMPLES OF TOPICS COVERED INCLUDED: HOW TO ENCOURAGE AND USE VOLUNTEERS, HOW TO ORGANIZE A DATABASE OF THOSE IN YOUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, HOW TO ATTRACT FAMILIES TO YOUR CHURCH, AND HOW TO CHOOSE A CURRICULUM THAT FITS YOUR MINISTRY.



OLDER ADULTS IN THE ANE DISTRICT

THE NURTURE COMMISSION HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE ANE DISTRICT OLDER ADULT COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE EVENTS AND TO ENVISION THE FUTURE OF OUR MINISTRY EFFORTS FOR THIS GROWING SEGMENT OF PERSONS IN OUR DISTRICT.



THE 2ND ANNUAL OLDER ADULT COFFEE HOUSE TOOK PLACE LAST FALL ON OCTOBER 17 AT LANACASTER COB USING THE THEME OF 'A CELEBRATION OF THE MUSIC OF FANNY CROSBY'. BOB KETTERING AND AUDREY ESTEP, IN THE ROLE OF FANNY CROSBY, PROVIDED THE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THIS GATHERING WHICH INCLUDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SING MANY OF THE WELL LOVED HYMNS WRITTEN BY FANNY CROSBY!

THE ANNUAL OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON WAS HELD ON MAY 1 AT YODER'S RESTAURANT IN NEW HOLLAND. VICKIE KISSINGER, A WELL-KNOWN LOCAL MUSICIAN AND SINGER, TOOK THOSE IN ATTENDANCE ON TOUR OF POPULAR MUSIC FROM THE 1920S THROUGH THE 1970S. THERE WAS ALSO A SPECIAL PICTURE MATCHING GAME IN WHICH YOUNG PICTURES OF WELL-KNOWN ANE FOLKS WERE TO BE IDENTIFIED.



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: PREVENTING CAREGIVER BURNOUT, DE-ESCALATING CHALLENGING SITUATIONS AND PROTECTING YOUR CONGREGATION: PROACTIVE PLANNING FOR MANAGING THREATS.



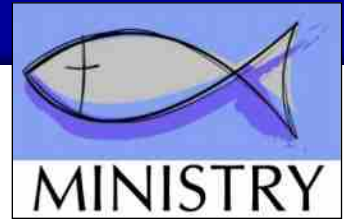
IN ADDITION, WE ENCOURAGED CHURCH LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT WHICH TOOK PLACE ON AUGUST 8 AND 9, 2024.

L.E.A.D. CONFERENCE IS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 15-17, 2024, SPONSORED BY THE DENOMINATION'S DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP FORMATION DEPARTMENT. THE EVENT WILL BE HOSTED AT EPHRATA COB ON THE SCRIPTURE THEME OF 2 TIMOTHY 2:2.



NATE POLZIN OF THE DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP FORMATION DEPARTMENT IS PRESENTING A WORKSHOP ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE WORSHIP SERVICE, AND AN INSIGHT SESSION ON OCTOBER 12. PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE!

Ministry Commission



THIS PAST YEAR, YOUR DISTRICT MINISTRY COMMISSION (DMC) HAS BEEN COMPRISED OF ANN BACH (CHAIR), ENTEN ELLER, BOB KETTERING, RAY DOTTER AND ARLYN MORALES. WE MET MONTHLY WITH OUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, PETE KONTRA AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, KRISTA DICKSON REGARDING MINISTRY CONCERNS, FILES AND PROCESSES FOR MINISTRY.

WE MAINTAIN UP-TO-DATE POLICIES THAT ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DENOMINATION. THIS PAST YEAR, WE HAVE REVIEWED OUR POLICIES AND COMPLETED UPDATING THEM IN MAY 2024.

THE MINISTRY COMMISSION FOCUSES ON 3 AREAS WHICH I WILL HIGHLIGHT AS THE "3 C's": CALLING, CREDENTIALING AND COMPANIONING THOSE IN MINISTRY IN THE ANE DISTRICT.

CALLING: THE DMC COLLABORATES WITH CONGREGATIONS AND PERSONS WHO ARE EXPLORING A CALL TO MINISTRY. WE PROVIDE THEM WITH RESOURCES REGARDING THE STEPS OF ENTERING INTO A TIME OF EXPLORATION. FOR EXAMPLE, IN APRIL 2024, OUR DMC TRAVELED TO GERMANTOWN COB TO MEET WITH 8 PERSONS WHO ARE EXPLORING INTEREST IN MINISTRY. WE SHARED MATERIALS, ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT. WE EXPLAINED THE VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL TRACKS OF ACTS, TRIM AND MDIV. WE CONNECTED THEM WITH THE SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER TO ASSIST THEM IN DISCERNING WHICH PATHWAY TO MINISTRY MEETS THEIR NEEDS. WE ALSO PARTNER WITH CONGREGATIONS WHO ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CALLING MINISTERS TO FILL VACANCIES AND LEADERSHIP NEEDS.



CREDENTIALING: THE DMC MEETS MONTHLY WHERE WE INTERVIEW AND APPROVE CANDIDATES FOR LICENSING AND ORDINATION. AT LICENSING, WE COORDINATE A PSYCHOLOGICAL READINESS FOR MINISTRY EVALUATION. THIS PAST YEAR WE IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR HISPANIC RESOURCES AND THE DMC CONTRACTED WITH LEADER-WISE TO WORK WITH OUR SPANISH SPEAKING CANDIDATES. OUR COMMISSION MANAGES THE YEARLY RENEWAL PROCESS FOR LICENSED MINISTERS. WE MAINTAIN THE CREDENTIALS OF OUR ORDAINED CLERGY. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE 5-YEAR RENEWAL PERIOD. MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING WAS HELD IN MAY WITH AN ADDITIONAL BI-LINGUAL OPPORTUNITY IN NOVEMBER. WE PARTNER WITH SVMC TO PROVIDE ONGOING CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES TO ASSIST OUR PASTORS IN MEETING THE CEU REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING ORDINATION. **THE DISTRICT MINISTRY COMMISSION HAS THE GREAT PRIVILEGE AND OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE MINISTERS AND MINISTRY CANDIDATES OF THE ANE DISTRICT. THERE ARE 210 MINISTERS (LICENSED, ORDAINED AND RETIRED) FROM 58 OUT OF 69 OF OUR CHURCHES. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 24 CANDIDATES IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING LICENSED MINISTERS.**

COMPANIONING: THE DMC ALSO IDENTIFIES AREAS WHERE WE CAN BE SUPPORTIVE TO THOSE IN MINISTRY IN OUR DISTRICT. THE CLERGYWOMEN GROUP GATHERS 2-3 TIMES A YEAR FOR FELLOWSHIP AND LEARNING. JANUARY 16 THEY MET AT THE LANCASTER CoB WITH THE DENOMINATIONAL DIRECTORY OF MINISTRY, NANCY HEISHMAN. ON JUNE 21, A MINISTERS' APPRECIATION NIGHT FOR ALL MINISTERS AND FAMILIES WAS HOSTED BY THE DMC AT THE EPHRATA CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN. OVER 60 PEOPLE CAME TOGETHER FOR DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP. A GATHERING OF RETIRED CLERGY WAS HELD IN APRIL. THE DMC CONTINUES TO ASSESS WHERE THEY CAN BE INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PASTORS TO BE TOGETHER AND RECEIVE SUPPORT IN THEIR MINISTRIES.



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

Ministry

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

LICENSED

JOSEPH BUOHL II (MOUNTVILLE)
NICOLETTE HABECKER (CORNERSTONE)
CHRISTIAN HIDALGO-HERNANDEZ (UN NUEVO RENACER)
ZAIDA ORTIZ (ALPHA AND OMEGA)

ORDAINED

RACHEL BUCHER SWANK (ELIZABETHTOWN)
LAURA MEISER (HEMPFIELD)
CHRISTOPHER REINFORD (EPHRATA)
CYNTHIA SCHULER (EAST COCALICO)
J. MICHAEL SHEARER (ANNVILLE)

PLACEMENTS

JIM GROSSNICKLE-BATTERTON, PASTOR AT LITITZ
JAMIE NACE, PASTOR AT STEVENS HILL
DAVID STAUFFER, PASTOR OF VISITATION AT LANCASTER
JOSH TINDALL, PASTOR AT WYOMISSING

SEMINARY GRADUATE

JASON HALDEMAN, BETHANY SEMINARY (ELIZABETHTOWN)

INTERIMS SERVED

BRIAN BERKEY, WILMINGTON
LIZ BIDGOOD ENDERS, INTERIM PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL
CARE, ELIZABETHTOWN
KIRBY DUBBLE, PAXTON
ENTEN ELLER, RIDGEWAY
KAREN HACKETT, WILMINGTON
SARA HALDEMAN SCARR, AMBLER
BOB KETTERING, STEVENS HILL
DAWN LARE, POTTSTOWN
SCOTT MAJOR, SKIPPACK
CYNTHIA SCHULER, EAST COCALICO
JOSH TINDALL, WYOMISSING
KAY WEAVER, BROOKLYN FIRST

10 YEARS IN ORDAINED MINISTRY

JENNIFER BIEMILLER (LANCASTER)
JOSHUA HOSTETTER (PARKER FORD)
MEGAN LESTER (LANCASTER)

25 YEARS IN ORDAINED MINISTRY

PETE KONTRA (HEMPFIELD)
LEWIS POWELL (MOUNTVILLE)

50 YEARS IN ORDAINED MINISTRY

KIRBY DUBBLE (MOUNT WILSON)
BOB KETTERING (LANCASTER)

IN MEMORIAM

AMOS CUNNINGHAM (MECHANIC GROVE)
HAROLD MARTIN (HEIDELBERG)
BELITA MITCHELL (HARRISBURG FIRST)
QUENTIN RISSLER (BLUE BALL)
DONALD ROBINSON (WYOMISSING)

Witness and Outreach Commission



ANE WITNESS & OUTREACH COMMISSION: MARY ETTA REINHART (DIRECTOR), C. FRANKLIN IYASERE, GINA STROUSE (SECRETARY), LISA KRIEG (CO-CHAIR), DONNA PARCELL, TIM SPEICHER (CO-CHAIR).

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).



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.

BROOKLYN FIRST WAS BLESSED BY VOLUNTEERS FROM SEVERAL ANE CONGREGATIONS WHO SPENT SEVERAL DAYS WORKING IN THEIR CHURCH BUILDING TO REPAIR WATER AND MOLD DAMAGE.

Right: Volunteers who spent several days in February at Brooklyn First COB.



BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries

THE ANE DISTRICT CONTINUES TO BE A STRONG SUPPORTER OF BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES. THE 2024 WORK SITE FOR BDM (THROUGH AUGUST) IS IN DAWSON SPRINGS, KY.

ON DECEMBER 10-11, 2021, A DEVASTATING OUTBREAK OF 61 CONFIRMED TORNADOS SWEEPED THROUGH EIGHT STATES WITH KENTUCKY, ILLINOIS, AND

MISSOURI BEING THE MOST IMPACTED. ESTIMATES ARE THAT AROUND 75% OF THE TOWN OF DAWSON SPRINGS WAS LEVELED, WHICH WAS HOME TO AROUND 2,500 PEOPLE.

IN 2023, 11 CHURCHES AND 109 VOLUNTEERS FROM THE ANE DISTRICT SPENT A WEEK SERVING WITH BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES IN TORNADO RECOVERY IN DAWSON SPRINGS, OR FLOOD RECOVERY IN EASTERN KENTUCKY (BREATHITT COUNTY).



Volunteers from Spring Creek serving in Dawson Springs- March 2024



*Left:
Volunteers from
Lititz and
Wilmington in
Dawson
Springs—Fall of
2023*

PEACE AND JUSTICE



IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, GERALD RHOADES, OUR ANE DISTRICT PEACE AND JUSTICE CO-ORDINATOR, HOSTED A BOOK STUDY ON "COMMON GROUND: TALKING ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA".



GERALD HAS ALSO WORKED WITH SEVERAL OF OUR ANE DISTRICT CONGREGATIONS TO RAISE AN AWARENESS OF THE WORK OF THE HEEDING GOD'S CALL TO END GUN VIOLENCE. HEEDING GOD'S CALL LEADERSHIP HAS MET WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MT WILSON, LITITZ, LANCASTER AND ELIZABETHTOWN CONGREGATIONS WITH VERY ENCOURAGING RESPONSES.

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 APRIL 29, 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 2025. THE BALANCE IN THIS FUND IS VERY LOW, SO WE WILL NEED TO USE \$71,000 FROM OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE ANE DISTRICT TO COVER THE REMAINING PART OF THIS COMMITMENT.

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 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 SEPTEMBER 2023, PAXTON CoB USED \$600 FROM THIS FUND TO FINANCE THE BUILDING OF A RAMP FOR A PERSON IN THEIR COMMUNITY SUFFERING FROM MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY.

IN APRIL 2024, LEBANON COB RECEIVED \$5,000 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.



Volunteers build ramp

HISPANIC & LATINO MINISTRIES

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



ON MAY 4, LEADERS FROM OUR ANE DISTRICT ETHNIC & MULTICULTURAL CHURCHES MET FOR AN ETHNIC LEADERS GATHERING HOSTED BY WYOMISSING COB. AFTER A TIME OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP, FOUNA BADET, CHURCH OF THE BROTHERN DIRECTOR OF INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES SHARED A PRESENTATION ON CLERGY MENTAL HEALTH.



Founa Badet

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 FOUR VOTING MEMBERS, AS WELL AS TWO NON-VOTING MEMBERS, CONSISTING OF THE ANE TREASURER AND ANE ASSISTANT TREASURER. WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING TO FILL THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE POSITION AND A VACANT COMMISSION MEMBER.

CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS:

FOUR MEETINGS HELD IN 2024 (THROUGH JUNE 6) WITH THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS:

- ◆ SEE TREASURER REPORT INCLUDED IN CONFERENCE MATERIALS
- ◆ CONTINUING TREND OF MONTHLY DEFICITS AND SHORTFALLS TO 2024 MIP BEING FUNDED FROM RESERVES (SEE BELOW)
- ◆ MAY YEAR-TO DATE (YTD) MINISTRY RESULTS WITH COMPARED TO: (A) 2022 AND (B) 2023 MIP:
 - * CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT \$9,000 LOWER THAN 2023.
 - * TOTAL INCOME— \$13,000 LOWER THAN 2023 (\$146,000).
 - * TOTAL EXPENSES - \$201,000 (\$11,000 LESS THAN 2023)
 - * NET INCOME (LOSS) - \$55,000 2023 LOSS FUNDED FROM RESERVES
- ◆ \$3.3 MILLION IN ASSETS AS OF MAY 2024
 - * \$3.0 MILLION IN LIQUID ASSETS (CASH, AND EDER FINANCIAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS) AND \$0.3 MILLION IN BUILDINGS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES - IMPACTED BY INCREASE IN UNREALIZED GAIN IN EDER FINANCIAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS
 - * SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF ASSETS 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 (INTERIM CHAIR & SECRETARY), BARB COFFMAN, RAY FLAGG (TREASURER), CARROLL KREIDER (INTERIM ASSISTANT TREASURER), ERIC RAMIREZ, KEN RUTT

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.



ANE FACILITIES ASSISTANCE FUND

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". 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.

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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. ANE DISTRICT TREASURER, RAY FLAGG, SERVES AS CHAIR OF THE TRUST.



The Germantown Trust

ANE STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BUCHER MEETING HOUSE PROPERTY AND BUCHER CEMETERY IN LEBANON COUNTY. 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



THE BARNABAS FUND CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ANNUAL SUPPORT TO ALPHA & OMEGA, BROOKLYN FIRST, GERMANTOWN, AND HARRISBURG FIRST CHURCH. IT NOW EXPANDS TO INCLUDE ALL CONGREGATIONS LOCATED IN AND SERVING A COMMUNITY WITH A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED POPULATION. THESE CONGREGATIONS MUST HAVE A VERIFIABLE ACTIVE OUTREACH MINISTRY, LIMITED RESOURCES WITH CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THEIR CONTROL AND HAVE SIZABLE COMMUNITY NEEDS THAT SURPASS THE CONGREGATION'S ABILITY TO RESPOND ON THEIR OWN. THIS FUND WAS ESTABLISHED TO RECEIVE

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ANE MEMBERS AND CONGREGATIONS TO HELP PROVIDE ON-GOING SUPPORT EXCEEDING THE SUPPORT ALLOCATED IN THE MIP. A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND CONGREGATIONS WHO CONTINUE TO GIVE TO THIS FUND. SEE WITNESS & OUTREACH REPORT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE COMMISSION

- APPROVED 2025 MIP OF \$520,267 FOR EXECUTIVE TEAM CONSIDERATION.
 - * THIS REPRESENTS AN \$10,828 (2.1%) INCREASE FROM THE 2024 MIP, DRIVEN BY STAFF AND OFFICE INCREASES
 - * THE REST OF THE MIP WAS VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED FROM 2024.
- WITH THE GROWING NUMBER OF CHURCHES LEAVING THE DISTRICT, OUR WITHDRAWING CHURCHES FUND IS ALSO GROWING. WE DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE A POLICY DOCUMENT GOVERNING THIS FUND AND ARE WORKING TO CREATE ONE.
- WE ARE ALSO WORKING TO UPDATE THE POLICY FOR THE COCALICO FUND USAGE. THIS FUND WAS INITIALLY SET UP TO SUPPORT THE LIVE STREAMING TECHNOLOGY POSITION. WE CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE POSITION, RATHER THE WORK IS BEING PERFORMED BY A VOLUNTEER TEAM. WE ARE DEVELOPING NEW GUIDELINES FOR USAGE OF THAT FUND.
- WE DRAFTED QUESTIONS FOR THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE TABLE DISCUSSIONS, PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON WAYS TO INCREASE INDIVIDUAL AND CONGREGATIONAL GIVING TO DISTRICT MINISTRIES.
- REVIEWED AND FUNDED TWO REQUESTS FROM THE FACILITIES ASSISTANCE FUND, TOTALING \$8,000 THIS YEAR.

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!