

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN GENERAL BOARD

VISION STATEMENT

The General Board loves, leads, and challenges the Church of the Brethren to proclaim and live the work of Jesus so the world may be transformed.

MISSION STATEMENT

The General Board is charged by the Annual Conference to be the administrative authority of the denomination and to represent the Church of the Brethren among other followers of Jesus and people of other faiths.

The General Board relates to the whole Church of the Brethren including other agencies, districts, congregations and individuals. As the General Board is responsible for all aspects of Church of the Brethren global ministries.

The General Board supports the Church of the Brethren in creating joyful, Spirit empowered communities of faith that proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. The General Board encourages the community of faith to follow the call of Jesus to cultivate discipleship, respond to human need, seek justice and make peace. As ambassadors for Christ the General Board calls the Church of the Brethren to reconcile all peoples to each other and reconcile all people to God.

CORE VALUES

We, the General Board, strive to be:

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| Christ-like: | Reflecting the love and heart of Jesus. |
| Servants of the Spirit: | Serving with both humility and boldness. |
| Guided: | Following God as shown to us through our Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament. |
| Able to discern: | Seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit through prayer, the gathered community, and scripture centered within the New Testament. |
| Community-minded: | Cultivating relationships and building up the Body of Christ. |
| Stewards: | Caring for all God's gifts and the resources of the Church of the Brethren. |
| Unpretentious: | Living simply so that we have room in our lives for God and for others and so that we might preserve the gift of this planet. |
| Evangelists: | Following Jesus' example of loving and respecting all people and inviting them into his fellowship. |
| Peacemakers: | Acting as Christ in love, reconciliation and justice. |
| Globally focused: | Recognizing that in Christ there are no boundaries of nation, culture, race or geography. |
| Witnesses: | Modeling a life of service and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. |