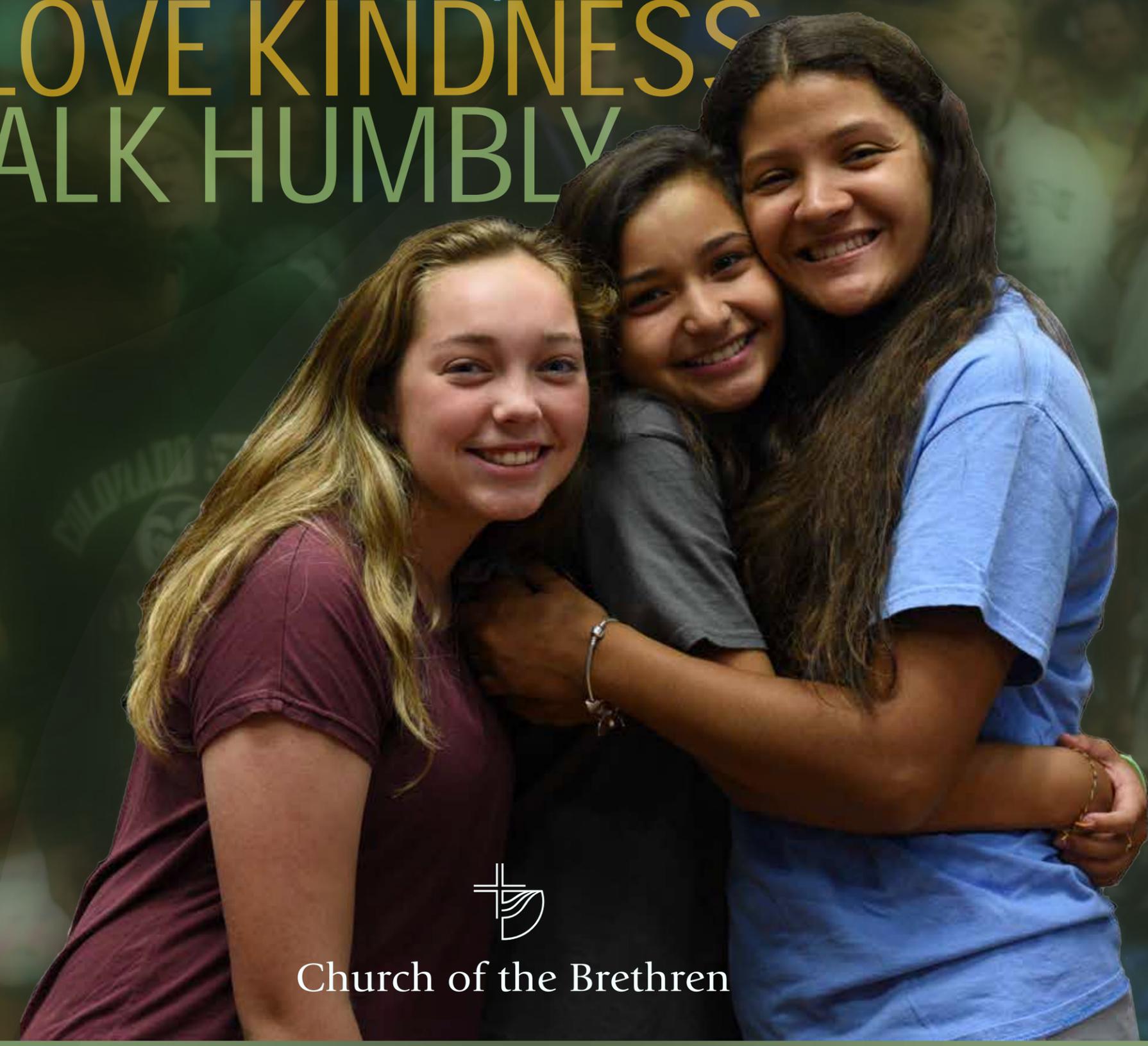


DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, WALK HUMBL

2019 Annual Report of the Church of the Brethren ■ 2020 Calendar



Church of the Brethren

AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU BUT TO **DO JUSTICE,**
 AND TO **LOVE KINDNESS,** AND TO
WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD? —MICAH 6:8



DO JUSTICE. LOVE KINDNESS. WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD. The prophet's answer to this straightforward question is simple.

So the Church of the Brethren seeks to do justice—by representing the Nigerian church's concerns in the halls of government, by examining the history of race in the place where Brethren gather for Annual Conference, by planting seed money in projects that benefit those who lack food.

The church seeks to love kindness—by caring for children in need, by giving a year of service, by practicing compassionate conversation in a world where words are often harsh.

And the church seeks to walk humbly with God—by investing in creative ideas for faith in action, by raising up ministers and teachers, by renewing disciples who live out the good news of Jesus.

Use this report to look back on ways that God has been working through the Church of the Brethren. Then hang this calendar on the wall to inspire you through the coming year.

Yours in the work of Jesus,

David Steele
General Secretary



Gurku, Nigeria



Harrisburg, Pa.



Houston, Texas

TOTAL GIVING to all ministries of the Church of the Brethren was over \$6.2 million in 2018 – the highest total in the last three years.

The Church of the Brethren carried out ministries totaling more than \$11.4 million in 2018. That includes the church's Core Ministries, gross expenses for Self-Funding Ministries, and responses to disasters and other areas of need.

Giving to Core Ministries was down \$188,000 from 2017, but the fund ended with a net surplus of \$109,487. Giving to restricted funds was up from 2017, primarily due to a generous outpouring of additional support for the Global Food Initiative Fund, with continued support for the Emergency Disaster Fund.

INCOME

2018 Total \$7,188,620



2017 Total \$6,956,192



EXPENSE

2018 Total \$9,302,838



2017 Total \$8,677,390



Internal transfers between ministries have been included. Income shown does not include gifts to endowments. For complete financials, see the audited financial report.

Top, left: Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford.
 Middle: Tara Riddle. Right: Brethren Volunteer Service.

WHOEVER **SERVES**
MUST SERVE WITH THE STRENGTH
THAT GOD SUPPLIES, SO THAT
IN EVERY WAY GOD MAY BE
GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS,
THE MESSIAH -1 PETER 4:11, ISV



North Carolina



Honduras



California



January 2020

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Main photo, middle left: Brethren Disaster Ministries.
Top: Joe Warstler. Bottom: Kathy Duncan.

IN PUERTO RICO, relief work transitioned to long-term recovery. Brethren Disaster Ministries is working with a newly created district recovery committee, which is providing case management in communities near the seven Brethren congregations. ■ In North and South Carolina, volunteers helped clean up after Hurricane Florence hit the same communities where they were already rebuilding homes damaged two years earlier. In 2018, BDM volunteers helped more than 80 families rebuild or repair their homes. ■ Children's Disaster Services responded to 11 disasters ranging from Hawaii's volcano eruption to the Camp Fire in California. CDS sent four teams to the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas, which was caring for children seeking asylum. ■ Material Resources sent 628 shipments to 26 states and 25 countries.

I REMEMBER YOU CONSTANTLY
IN MY **PRAYERS** —2 TIMOTHY 1:3



Indiana



ANGELIQUE
DE OUANAMINTI



Haiti



India



Haiti

February 2020

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Main photo, middle: Jay Wittmeyer. Left: Bethany Theological Seminary. Right: Haiti Medical Project.

AN EFFORT TO BRING PURE WATER by 2020 to 20 communities in Haiti is well on its way. The effort is one part of the Haiti Medical Project, which also provides medical care, rural dispensaries, community health education, leadership training, and agricultural projects.

- Alexandre Gonçalves, a church leader from Brazil, graduated from Bethany Seminary, with support from the Church of the Brethren. In addition to his ministry in Brazil, he has provided leadership for Brethren mission meetings in Venezuela.
- The Church of the Brethren in the Dominican Republic hosted a young adult workcamp.
- Global Mission and Service builds relationships with new groups, such as those in the Great Lakes region of Africa, and nurtures long-established relationships in places such as India, Nigeria, and South Sudan.

BEAR MUCH FRUIT AND BECOME
MY **DISCIPLES** —JOHN 15:8



New Church Advisory Committee



New and Renew Conference



National Youth Conference

Ministry Summer Service

March 2020

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Main photo: David Steele. Left, right: Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford. Middle: Wendy McFadden.

THE NEW AND RENEW CONFERENCE gathered those interested in church planting to explore the risks and rewards of embodying Jesus locally. The New Church Advisory Committee is working to extend church planting conversations beyond these biennial conferences. ■ An emphasis on ministry in urban settings is evident through an urban ministries intensive, co-sponsored with Bethany Seminary, and a new membership in the Christian Community Development Association. ■ Brethren are growing in discipleship through collaborative projects such as the Shine curriculum, which is adding intergenerational materials and vacation Bible school to its line-up; the Ecumenical Stewardship Center; Evangelism Connections; and the Anabaptist Disabilities Network. Three interns served the church through a stint in Ministry Summer Service.

SO THAT WE MAY BE MUTUALLY ENCOURAGED BY EACH OTHER'S FAITH —ROMANS 1:12



Rwanda



South Sudan



Rwanda

April 2020

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Main photo: Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford. Left, middle: Josiah Ludwick. Right: Roger Schrock.

IN RWANDA, THE FLEDGLING BRETHERN MOVEMENT has hosted a Pennsylvania family, Josiah and Christine Ludwick and their children. The family's assignment was simply to walk alongside the Rwandan Brethren. They were to be mutually encouraged, as they offered the gospel of peace in a country that knows too much violence. ■ That spirit of learning from each other and walking humbly was present at Mission Alive 2018, a conference for mission-minded church members from across the United States and around the world. They discussed what it means to be Brethren and what a global Church of the Brethren might look like. ■ Whether in the Great Lakes region of Africa, or South Sudan, or anywhere in the world, the Brethren seek to embody the whole gospel, nurturing both spiritual and physical wholeness.

AS MANY OF YOU AS WERE **BAPTIZED** INTO CHRIST
 HAVE CLOTHED YOURSELVES WITH CHRIST —GALATIANS 3:27

International guests at
 National Youth Conference

Colorado State University



NYC worship



Hiking in the Rockies



National Youth Cabinet

May 2020

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NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE, a once-every-four-years highlight for the Church of the Brethren, drew more than 1,800 youth and advisors to Colorado for a week of inspiration, learning, and growing together. The 2018 conference was filled with two worship services a day, small group time, workshops, service projects, recreation, and hiking in the Rockies. ■ Several young people from Brethren groups in other countries were able to get visas to attend NYC. Whatever their home district or country, the crowds of youth were “Bound Together: Clothed in Christ.”

Main photo: Jay Wittmeyer. Left: Glenn Riegel. Middle: Nevin Dulabaum. Right: Youth and Young Adult Office.

LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRIST JESUS —ROMANS 15:5



Franklin Grove congregation



Mission and Ministry Board



Annual Conference



Illinois/Wisconsin District

June 2020

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Main photo, top, left.: Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford.
Middle: Wendy McFadden. Right: Keith Hollenberg.

FOR BRETHREN, A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY MEANS A LOT. The church has taken seriously a plan to gather at tables in settings both large and small to discern a vision that compels us for this time. ■ Worship knits us together, whether it's Sunday morning in sanctuaries across the denomination, or devotions during meetings, or services with thousands of people at Annual Conference. We also share community through activities as varied as repairing a roof or stitching a quilt or responding to a prayer request on social media. ■ Community is a hundred different writers in *Messenger* magazine, and it's a small group at a district meeting. Being together is basic to the way we understand our calling as Christians.

THOSE WHO LOVE GOD MUST **LOVE** THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALSO —1 JOHN 4:21



Brooklyn, N.Y.



Burundi



Washington, D.C.

Camp Harmony in Pennsylvania

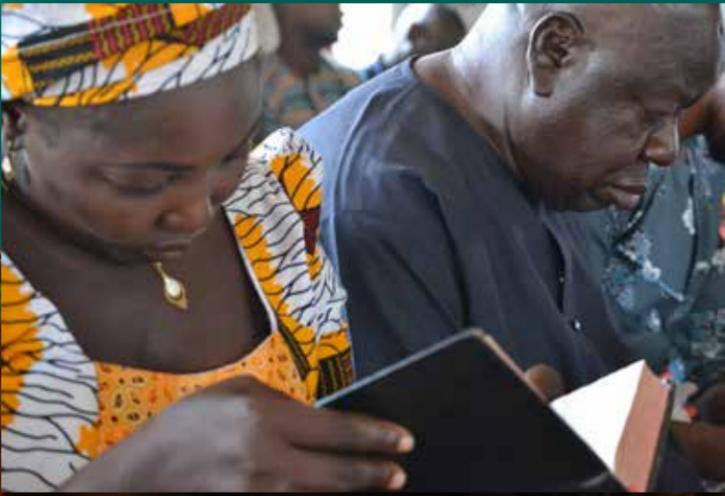
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TAKING PART IN A CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN WORKCAMP may look mostly like physical labor, but participants are exercising their spiritual muscles too. In 2018, workcampers focused on the interconnectedness of loving both God and people, using devotions based on 1 John 4:19-21. ■ Project sites were mostly around the US, but also as far away as the Dominican Republic and Burundi. Young people dug holes, cleaned up brush, painted, prepared meals, and led vacation Bible school. All the while they were putting their faith into action and showing God’s love through acts of service.

Main photo: Emily Tyler. Left, right: Workcamp Ministry. Bottom: Lauren Flora.

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER -1 THESSALONIANS 5:11



Worship at Gurku Interfaith IDP Camp



Lassa, Nigeria



Lassa, Nigeria



Masaka IDP Camp

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Photos by Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford.

EKKLESIYAR YAN'UWA A NIGERIA (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) is surviving and growing in the midst of adversity. As people flee Boko Haram, they are taking the church with them—into new areas of the country. The church at the Gurku Interfaith IDP Camp is one of many that have celebrated “autonomy,” or full congregational status. ■ EYN and the Church of the Brethren in the US, along with other nonprofits, are supporting IDP camps by providing food, pastors, job assistance, trauma healing workshops, and a peace conference with Christians and Muslims. ■ In this fourth year of the Nigeria Crisis Response, the US Brethren provided major relief and recovery programming totaling \$548,662. An additional \$75,382 was spent in Nigeria by Global Mission and Service.

THE FRUIT OF THE **SPIRIT** IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE,
PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL —GALATIANS 5:22-23

BVS orientation in Colorado



L'Arche Kilkenny, Ireland



Good Samaritan Services



Brethren Revival Fellowship unit

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BRETHREN VOLUNTEER SERVICE CELEBRATED 70 YEARS of ministry and the life-changing experiences of 6,478 volunteers over those decades. In 2018, 79 volunteers were serving in 7 countries and 17 states. ■ Several new projects were added: Good Samaritan Services in Ephrata, Pa., helps people who are homeless. The Bernardo Kohler Center in Austin, Texas, provides legal, social, and educational services for the immigrant community. Camphill Community Mourne Grange in Killeel, Northern Ireland, is a community for adults with learning disabilities. ■ Orientations were held at Camp Colorado, Camp Pine Lake in Iowa, and Camp Swatara in Pennsylvania.

Photos from Brethren Volunteer Service.

FOR I WAS **HUNGRY** AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,
 I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK,
 I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME —MATTHEW 25:35

Rwanda



Spain



Puerto Rico



Ecuador

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FOR THE GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE, financial gifts are truly “seed money,” growing quickly to feed people all around the world. Since its beginning in 1983, GFI has raised more than \$8 million for community development projects. ■ In Ecuador, there is mutual joy in reestablishing ties by partnering with Fundación Brethren y Unida (FBU), which the Brethren helped found in 1953. Other overseas grants went to Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Nigeria, Rwanda, Spain, and Tanzania. ■ In the US, grants went to community gardening projects in Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, New Mexico, Ohio, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C. Total allocations in 2018 totaled \$177,874.

I WILL FEED THEM WITH
JUSTICE —EZEKIEL 34:16

BVS orientation



Florida



Annual Conference



Washington, D.C.

November 2020

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Main photo: Jocelyn Siakula. Left: Victoria Bateman. Middle: Glenn Riegel. Right: Office of Peacebuilding and Policy.

THROUGH INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES, Brethren deepened their understanding of justice by engaging in Dikaios and Discipleship, a bus tour to learn about the impact of race in Cincinnati. That paved the way for the church to study indigenous issues through a Native American Challenge. ■ The Office of Peacebuilding and Policy arranged for leaders of EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, to speak with key people in Washington, D.C., about the crisis in Nigeria. Staff joined members of the Haitian Church of the Brethren in Miami in a witness for justice for immigrants. ■ Brethren Volunteer Service sent volunteers far and wide to foster peace and justice and respond to human need. In a statement on gun violence, the Mission and Ministry Board called the church to reclaim its "saltiness."



HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF THE MESSENGER WHO ANNOUNCES
PEACE,
 WHO BRINGS GOOD NEWS,
 WHO ANNOUNCES SALVATION,
 WHO SAYS TO ZION,
 "YOUR GOD REIGNS"

—ISAIAH 52:7

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Burundi

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE • BRAZIL • BRETHREN ACADEMY FOR MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP • BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES • BRETHREN FAITH IN ACTION FUND • BRETHREN PRESS • BRETHREN HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES • BRETHREN SERVICE CENTER • BRETHREN VOLUNTEER SERVICE • BURUNDI • CHILDREN'S DISASTER SERVICES • CHINA CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR • CHURCH PLANTING • COACHING • CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION • CREATION CARE CURRICULUM AND BOOKS • DEACONS • DEATH ROW SUPPORT PROJECT • DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO • DIKAIOS • DOMINICAN REPUBLIC • ECUMENICAL RELATIONS • EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND • EVANGELISM • FAITH FORMATION • FINANCE OFFICE • GENERAL OFFICES • GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE • GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE • GLOBAL WOMEN'S PROJECT • GOING TO THE GARDEN • HAITI • HEALTH AND DISABILITIES • HOME REBUILDING • HONDURAS HUMAN RESOURCES • INDIA • INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES • INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRIES • MATERIAL RESOURCES • MESSENGER MAGAZINE • MINISTRY • MINISTRY SUMMER SERVICE • MISSION ADVANCEMENT • MISSION ALIVE CONFERENCE • NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE • NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE • NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE • NEWSLINE • NIGERIA • NIGERIA CRISIS RESPONSE • NORTH KOREA OFFICE OF PEACEBUILDING AND POLICY • OLDER ADULTS • RWANDA • SHINE • SOUTH SUDAN • SPAIN • SPIRITUAL LIFE AND DISCIPLESHIP • STEWARDSHIP • SOUTH SUDAN • THRIVING IN MINISTRY • VENEZUELA • VIETNAM • VITAL MINISTRY JOURNEY • WEBINARS • WORKCAMP • WWW.BRETHREN.ORG • YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

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