

What is the next big idea to address one or more of the world's needs?

(Participants entered the following comments)

- 001 Mental health support
- 002 Intercultural events every year
- 003 Refugees helping home, citizenship and train
- 004 Commitment to antiracism
- 005 Open our church building to community programs or needs for use throughout the week
- 006 Resettlement of refugees
- 007 Plant fruit trees in medians to provide fruit for people.
- 008 Centers where families can go and address addiction and other needs like our home complexes for seniors.
- 009 Refuge resettlement program reinstatement
- 010 Community gardens to address food insecurity.
- 011 Nd20
Adopt a widow through 1 time gift. Like operation Christmas child
- 012 A major refugee family hosting program denomination wide.
- 013 Taking some of our vacant parsonages and church buildings and turning them into homeless shelters
- 014 Reinvest our energies into Heifer project
- 015 Purchase one the southern borders private detention centers to run it more ethically and compassionately
- 016 Use or parsonages for refuge resettlement
- 017 For each congregation to sponsor three prisoners on death row
- 018 Alternatives to detention centers
- 019 Hire a professional lobbyist to go to Washington to do our bidding on Brethren values and ideas
- 020 work camp reform with more trained directors
- 021 I would love to see us start a program that buys properties, builds mini homes (tiny houses), to replace trailers or run-down homes for people.
- 022 For creation care, incorporating sustainable practices into Brethren disaster relief to make the new houses energy efficient.
- 023 Every CoB to adopt and bring in youth in the community before their teenage years so as to bring them into community
- 024 Train folks to be immigrant advocates
Providing a safe space for them
- 025 develop an ongoing and comprehensive program to address prison reform through: advocating for the abolition of the death penalty, working with prisons to develop restorative justice practices, advocating for skilled labor training for nonviolent drug offenders, becoming welcoming faith communities for incarcerated families and crime victims, and more!!!
- 026 To make that every congregation have a child safety policy
Emergency response plans for active shooters and other emergencies
- 027 By your own admission these are the lesser heard priorities. Why would we focus on these for the vision instead of those offered more frequently from this body?

- 028 Nd20
Friends for the lonely, being there for drug addicts, don't have jobs, facing depression
- 029 As in the grocery business, home delivery is huge. We need to get out of the church building and go door to door and meet people and build relationships. They will come to our church if they know us
- 030 To be a growing and vibrant church that will live for decades.
- 031 Demonstrate to the world that we can function together through theological differences to make a big difference - on any of these topics
- 032 Turning our churches into community centers. We can partner with our schools to find out services where we could help support local needs. Services could include child care, gardening, youth counseling, etc.
- 033 Movie and media ministry
- 034 Family crisis center for parents who know they're about to harm their children.
- 035 Open our churches to the homeless. Shenandoah County's Family Promise program housed local families who are homeless overnight for a week, four times a year. This program also provides training to parents to help them find work, and takes the children to school. An ecumenical outreach, the program involves multiple churches who help with supplies and financial donations.
- 036 Plant gardens our camps, church properties to grow food for those in need.
- 037 Programs for seniors in the community
- 038 Built a bridge for accessibility
- 039 Hire immigrants to help tend the BDM supply forest
- 040 Working with refugees
- 041 Isaiah 1:17 house for augmenting child services
- 042 Work to provide clean water to the world
- 043 Invest in our youth, give them opportunities to envision and join with the church
- 044 Nd20
Adopt a immigrant child
- 045 a Brethren co-op with a mental health companies to establish
clinics in large cities, start with one
- 046 Mental health and racism
- 047 I think most of our international friends are going to leave this conference extremely insecure with our position as a church.
- 048 Immigrant assistance corp- legal and settlement services for immigrants, sponsorship for immigrant families
- 049 Widely publicize our Brethren Disaster and BVS so that more people (not necessarily CoB) can participate.
- 050 Make annual conference do more rather than meetings. Lets get out and do something
- 051 community gardening project across districts and denomination. produce can be given to food banks.
- 052 Child disaster relief at the Mexican border: minister to children and families at the border, flood that area with caring people
- 053 Be an example for other denominations in our ideas, faith, actions without every person being in full agreement. Being OK agreeing to disagree but still love as Jesus did.
- 054 Build hostels on the Mexican side of the border to house migrants dumped in that side of the border
- 055 TODAY in America...100,000 children need adopted to homes
TODAY in America....300,000 churches

Where is the Problem?

Jesus said, see about the Widows, Orphans and those in Bonds!

The Direction is clear!

- 056 Support of halfway house that transition people from 30 days inpatient programs into the community. these could be for addictions, prisons and mental health. Advocate for human services with @local authorities.
- 057 Professional Christian counseling and transitional housing provided and encouraged, resources made available
- 058 Family promise-helping families that are homeless by providing them shelter at their church for a week in the evenings as well as meals-to go breakfast and lunch. Dinner is provided when the family returns for the evening.
- 059 Table 72--food insecurity---
Sending seeds to those communities affected by food insecurity. Educate on sustainable agriculture. Dig wells if necessary.
- 060 A larger presence of personnel and equipment in areas of great need. Such as family crisis center or immigration
- 061 Nd20
Medicare fraud
- 062 Reach outside of our congregation to bring together the multitude of gifts and resources of Christians. Use this collaboration to reach out to communities in need. Clearing house that pools funds for those seeking assistance to go to rather than jumping around to different churches.
- 063 Conversion of abandoned and unused buildings and develop into facilities for homeless, mental health homes, victims of sex trafficking, etc.
- 064 Help existing mental health facilities by financial contributions and/or volunteers.
- 065 Recruit healthcare people of all aspects of healthcare to create our own hospital and healthcare and insurance system for those in need
- 066 Take an active role in legislation to address gun violence in our country
- 067 Identify programs that are already working and join where God is already doing the work. We do not need to reinvent the wheel.
- 068 Matching Children's disaster ministries with the current border crisis - to lobby for access to these displaced children
- 069 Utilizing land for providing affordable housing
- 070 Provide a safe secure resource for families in crisis both inside and outside our congregations.
- 071 Each congregation takes in family in crisis or child in foster care, and work to provide restoration for that individual(s)
- 072 Cob provide training for people who need to learn a skill to work so that the people can get jobs and become similar. A program similar to what happened after the depression.
- 073 We could encourage reclaiming parts of the rainforest with the planting of forests, sustainable/recyclable work/way for locals to contribute and participate, and live.
- 074 Provide funding opportunities for a network of family support facilities. Endowment fund.
- 075 Intentional workshops on mental health and racism
- 076 Work camps and intentional trips to border to help
- 077 The next big idea is planting thriving and growing churches that are preaching the Gospel. These churches will then be able to address the listed issues.
Revitalization of churches is vital.

Using Nigerian leadership for this.

- 078 Share new building expertise--a suggestion esp. concerning Nigeria; in USA, provide home maintenance, repair help .
- 079 Continue to PUSH through and help "our neighbors", regardless of what the govt does. God knows what WE do on our side.
- 080 Educate congregations on how to be sanctuaries
- 081 every church should participate in a community garden in unison with other congregations to supply larger areas with fresh food products to supplement food banks.
- 082 Nd-1
 - Grow community gardening to serve food needs of all persons.
 - Teach cooking....to local youth from our church kitchens.
- 083 Orphanages connected to old folks homes.. Intergenerational ministry
- 084 Job training, search and cultural adjustment counseling for immigrants, food insecure families.
- 085 What would it take for us to get all of the kids out of the immigration detention centers? Lets do that.
- 086 Mental health resources designed specifically for those in ministry, so that pastors and staff can be supported.
- 087 Meet with community leaders to discover community needs.
- 088 Projects in central American to support economic development
- 089 Develop community programs for those who are not in the mainstream. I.e. Low income children and homework
- 090 Equip ourselves to respond to the list of needs, training
- 091 When meeting needs including the Word of Christ so that while we are meeting physical needs we are meeting the more important spiritual need
- 092 Brethren housing at border for immigrants
- 093 Nd20
 - Sight for the blind
 - Include glasses, vitamins, cataract surgery
- 094 Adoption of an immigrant family through the church congregation.
- 095 Faith based mental health can do things that conventional services can't.
- 096 System of pastoral support so pastors can take part in service projects
- 097 Plant MORE churches globally.
- 098 Open up are church for support programs we can create sponsored by the church of the brethren for people with abuse, drugs use, etc. Use all our church buildings to help other. More accessible. Develop a program or promote church of the brethren based program.
- 099 Basic life skills help. How to make food. How to use basic tools. Immigrants eating our foreign food.
- 100 Turning our buildings into shelters for refugees, drug addiction centers, food pantries, etc.
- 101 BDM be quicker to respond and stay through cleanup
- 102 More resources for adoption and foster care
- 103 Families in crisis: coming up with free health clinic, service and supplies are donated. It could serve those who are addicted and also not documented.
 - Using unused housing for folks who need a place to live.
- 104 Promote peace effectively online - utilize technology to spread our values

- 105 Being a safe place.
- 106 Looking at the environmental sustainability of our churches and properties - solar panels, wind, etc. etc.
- 107 In Harrisburg there are many immigrants. One church has decided to be a welcoming place and the group calls us if they have someone who is afraid to go to market or doctor and our church will help with transportation and getting food
- 108 Some states are providing incentives for solar, etc. Our denomination could provide incentives to help cover the sometimes prohibitive starting cost of greener efforts-and we'll use our extensive roof spaces.
- 109 Provide the community(schools, businesses, etc.) with a crisis response team
- 110 Equip our churches to have space where families in crisis could stay, i.e. unused parsonages or homes purchased specifically for is purpose.
- 111 Congregational support for new teachers...adopting teacher with housing (partner with colleges) to allow the "ministry" of teaching in under funded/ under supported areas
- 112 peer-navigators with in cities: to address the needs of homeless to identify needs of the people of the city
- 113 Housing immigrants
- 114 Changing stations for babies in the conference center.
- In our communities, we could provide childcare for people in our community looking for jobs, who need to go to doctors appointments, etc.
- It would be cool to have every church partner with a congregation that's mostly a different race from them- that could be transformative. It could help us know more about the kinds of problems that other people face.
- 115 Starting homes in high sex trafficked areas that place at-risk people in safety, providing training, education, and jobs to reduce risk
- 116 Every cob adopt or foster a children in the system.
- 117 Boycott all organizations (as a global community) that benefits from private prisons and detention centers. All congregations, the cob organizations and agencies and individual calls for boycott to the congregation members
- 118 We need to educate churches on these needs with people who can express what the need is
- 119 Start a fund to begin providing affordable housing for low income housing.
- 120 Trauma-healing workshops in local communities.
- 121 Use parsonages to consider how it can be used in the local community rather than selling. Perhaps use for housing battered women, or homeless.
- 122 A fund to assist immigrants in the nationalization process
- 123 To further our ideal to live simply by agreeing, creating a plan, for all of us to lower our standards of living in order to have greater resources to share with others.
- 124 Ultrasounds for pregnant women considering abortion
- 125 Provide self-driving cars to shut-ins
- 126 Simple living in an immediate effort to reduce waste and stretch resources
- Reduce by 50 percent for radical results
- 127 We need to understand that we can tithe more than our money. We can tithe our talents and time. We cannot continue to depend on others. It is time for us to step up.
- 128 How do we help people to improve their local economies so they don't feel the need to flee to our borders
- 129 Broaden the use of our own church facilities (daycare, recovery programs, multicultural groups, etc.)
- 130 It's hard to dream when we are living in such conflict.
- 131 Utilize shipping containers, remodeled, as temporary housing use solar panels to provide power.

- 132 Develop a Christian social worker assistance program to assist families in navigating the available resources Including government Community And Christian
- 133 How to nurture and support one parent households? Maybe a mentoring or partner support system?
- 134 We have a global food crisis fund. What about a domestic food crisis fund? To be used either directly or to help local churches in their ministry.
- 135 Challenge each district to choose one of these and address it for a year, bringing the results back to conference to share.
- 136 Encourage financial, personnel, and other support of Christian Peacemaker Teams (get people to join the delegations and 3 month commitments) and encourage other denominations to support this effort and ones like it.
- 137 Trauma response teams like children in disaster needs
- 138 Helping with citizenship and language and nutrition with immigrants.
- 139 All our churches to serve as family crisis centers and we are trained to do this
- 140 Nd20
Church package information so vision can be rekindled
- 141 Emphasis on local missions.
- 142 Table 33
Transitional housing in communities
Engage in habitat for humanity
Housing for children who are removed from their home
- 143 Congregations sponsor dreamers
- 144 Nursing home reform
- 145 Recruiting and training and supporting missionaries within the US
- 146 Don't put limits on our generosity, provide housing for families from unused property. Help them to find jobs, rent, education
- 147 Is it time for a Brethren march on Washington DC to ask congress to legislate a partial solution to one of these problems?
- 148 Get rid of plastics
- 149 organize a system to meet refugees as they come across the border and distribute them to people willing to take them into their homes and churches. Kind of like when the Vietnamese came to the US in the early 70's and churches took them in.
- 150 Families in crisis- Congregational safe houses
- 151 invite encourage financially support and send everyone in the church to serve the denomination for one year in one of the needs
- 152 Community gardens
- 153 We could increase membership of the church by 40 percent in five years if we intentionally welcome people of color, especially migrants and refugees. To do this, we would have to deal with our racism.
- 154 Build low income housing that welcomes all.
- 155 We're such a technological country, and some tech is really not that expensive. What if we send solar radios to S. Sudan, where radio is still a major means of communication? A missionary is currently using radio there to spread the Word, and solar-powered, handheld units could help his work.
- 156 Use BVS to serve in these areas
- 157 Every congregation supports one refugee family resettling

- 158 Refugee and immigration ambassador congregations to provide information in the needs of those communities
- 159 Compile a list from many churches on what works for them. List some data from each of the churches i.e. rural, urban, smaller, bigger etc.
- 160 Table 72--drug addiction-- create faith based in house and out patient rehab centers for those battling addiction. So we are not just helping with the addiction but also give them something-- hope in Jesus-- that will stay with them.
- 161 Back to following the bible
- 162 Every congregation should be trained in conflict transformation skills. That way we have more resources.
- 163 Host weekly (or otherwise regular) meals within the congregations. Reach out to other churches in the community to stagger the nights these meals are offered. Reach out to restaurants for support (e.g., day old bread from Panera). Use this time to sit and talk with people.
- 164 Buy farms, hire people to work them, distribute food to those in needs
- 165 Become experts on de-escalation training and engage law enforcement and communities
- 166 Global Brethren Housing Association.
- 167 Building tiny houses on church land for housing
- 168 Establish regional training facilities to support how to deal with mental health concerns
- 169 We need lawyers willing to help people become legal citizens
- 170 Organize/mobilize/equip to support all families in crisis including refugees
- 171 Partner with USDA to get commodities going
- 172 Supporting churches where the hungry kids are.
- 173 Training on the missional mindset for the church
- 174 Offer counseling and educational programs.
- 175 Being an advocate for nursing home residence
- 176 Create a fund or organization to provide affordable options for adoption
- 177 National cooperative effort to increase food security.
- 178 Partnering with immigration advocacy groups to find out needs near congregations and provide for these needs whether it be transportation, safety, help with filling out forms, etc.
- 179 Have an all out effort to learn how to evangelize and bring Christ to every person - his love will compel them to love others!
- 180 Renovating trailers for housing
- 181 Intentionally and boldly Inviting our entire communities to come together at our church to break bread and share our compelling visions, not just for our church, but for our communities and our world
- 182 Not have conference every year and putting the money toward these activities...
- 183 A stewardship challenge to raise money for these programs: millions of dollars.
- 184 Lobby government to change laws to improve mental health service with aim to reduce homelessness
- 185 We could provide prepaid cell phones to migrant/refugee families, who need a way to contact their relatives.
- 186 How can we find something big enough to unite us (cause us to put the elephant out to pasture to continue our work) when we are questioning the foundation beliefs
- 187 School in our community has sat unused for years. It would be great to turn the school into a facility to house homeless persons.
Or malls that sit empty
- 188 Get COBYS to plant organizations like theirs in every district

- 189 Do more collaboration between COB and other NGOs and other churches in our community.
Helping homeless get ID, get interview clothes, buying more expensive items (steel toed boots),
- 190 A program for every child out of school do service for a year with some supplemental income while they work. CoB serve as mentors for the program. Expanding BVS services.
- 191 Look for abandoned properties in our communities and use them for ministry.
- 192 Grow The garden church model in San Pedro.
- 193 Partnering with a refugee resettlement agency so people in our congregations can directly support refugees who do make it into our communities. If we already have that system, making it more widely known/accessible.
- 194 Denominational wide commitment to anti racism/ anti oppression training and analysis for a common vision
- 195 Give each congregation training and resources to host a refugee or immigrant family.
- 196 Accept furniture donations to give to those in need and displaced.
- 197 Create rehabilitation centers that provide jobs for the attendees and provide counseling for their physical, mental, spiritual, financial, addiction, relational needs.
Sell some of the big churches held by tiny congregations for these purposes.
- 198 Utilize COBYS to help churches aid families in crisis
- 199 Resource churches in adopting a local school to offer mentors
- 200 Have people open up their homes for children of families in crises
- 201 Begin a tree growing program, similar to the model of Heifer Project. these trees would help to stop the encroachment of the desert, the Sahara Desert, and to provide fruit for the people in the area. These trees could also grow fruit for inner city areas where many people have food insecurities. People could also sell the fruit to have income.
- 202 Moving properties in New York or other areas to a new location for renewal.
- 203 Get politically involved, call your representatives.
- 204 Could we as a denomination purchase a property to house refugees that would be supported by us all.
- 205 Offering our buildings as Sanctuary spaces for refugees or immigrants as needed.
- 206 Build a national orphanage/refugee center/crisis intervention center on the vacant denominational land in Elgin
- 207 Perhaps use extra rooms in church buildings as temporary shelter for immigrant families while helping them find housing, jobs etc.
- 208 Advocacy center to train and educate nursing home
- 209 Addiction crisis: partnering with rehab centers to provide family support/parenting support/mentoring with kids of addicted families
- 210 Building a network of funding and donation resources between the church. Having a team of experts for grant writing, helping congregations identify and draw on resources for ministry.
- 211 Churches/districts provide life coach/ mentoring services to individuals and families in need, trauma.
- 212 How about a denominational prayer meeting and a call to fasting for a specific issue...a series of denominational wide prayer meetings to beg God for a solution?
- 213 Job training to help people secure a life. Vocational, technical and otherwise.
- 214 Faith community nursing
- 215 Church hosts a group of community organizers and we bring in people doing the work. We bring in organizations that are doing the work to tell us how we can get involved in the work already being done
- 216 Employ migrant people if you have the ability to hire
- 217 Grants/help for adoption expenses

- 218 Move into the communities with violence and polarization to be a peace presence to help transform these communities.
- 219 Simplify conference to spend monies on these projects
- 220 Nd20
Plastic into cash vending machine, help people on street turn in waste for cash
- 221 The big idea should be saving souls. So that the big idea should be a peaceful division.
- 222 We need a pipeline for young pastors to fill our churches. Providing healthcare is important to get and keep, young pastors and their families.
- 223 our church building is vacation, why not use them for AA, NA, etc.
- 224 Partnership with existing community groups to provide Christian-based support for families in crisis and victims of sex trafficking. Provide prayer groups in within the women's shelters or youth group homes.
- 225 Family ministries - offer curriculum for parenting classes, family reunification, maybe a conference for families, new family classes and child development classes
- 226 Revival within so we can truly reach out for JESUS.
- 227 church world service. set a goal of 200 congregations across the denomination to adopt a refuge family.
- 228 Thrift shop/food pantry- helps the under employed; evolving/add into helping with current needs at that time ex: taxes at tax time.
- 229 Please address creation care Take care of our earth Keep our farmers in our prayers and help them be proactive
Help farmers to feed people with food without chemicals Learn to grow food that's different Use our farmland without damaging our land
- 230 Using our church property and buildings, provide a site a place for these things to happen! Open our churches to all these activities,
Provide office spaces for NGOs
- 231 Looking at the direction that our culture is going with increased secularization and distance from creation, a suggestion was made to expand the use of natural settings would give an opportunity to attract youth and share the good news with them. This could be in our own camps or utilizing state parks.
- 232 Every congregation is called to develop a local effort focused on systemic issues of violence and injustice in their own area... On their area of passion. Developing imagination, skills, and commitment. This can add effort and energy to our necessary service ministries, but go beyond them to work at shifting root causes in your area. CoB denomination builds a massive new fund to give grants and equips churches to create these efforts.
- 233 Denominational office of immigration support
- 234 Reach out in relational support to families in crisis. Train people to recognize signs of abuse/neglect and provide specifically Brethren resources for those interested in social work through things like scholarships. Even further train our pastors and minister to better support and walk with people in crisis situations. We dream of two-week intensive course to teach pastors about these issues.
- 235 What if our higher age is a strength and we can help mentor others in our communities? Esp. with families
- 236 Partner with denominational or local groups serving "the least of these"
- 237 60 COBYS spread that model to other districts
- 238 Homelessness- providing cost free housing for homeless persons
- 239 Resources for mothers experiencing abuse - like Southern Pennsylvania and Children's Aid
- 240 Family ministries that are created by discovering the needs of those in our congregations and even those in the communities around us.

- 241 Family training programs for parenting skills, coaching. Social worker sponsorships, to provide human services to families in need.
- 242 Address food insecurity by helping people build grocery store in community where there is not food available. Establish food pantries in food insecure communities with shopping options. Food delivery for those without transportation. A network of community gardens in these communities
- 243 Every brethren family "adopts" or mentors a family to support them in whatever way they need, or help direct them to services and support their success
- 244 Open our doors, membership, boards, and conferences pulpits to anyone who will come.
- 245 Network with multicultural communities to be more aware of specific needs
- 246 Training program and workshops to equip us
- 247 Drug rehabilitation programs that are free or affordable.
- 248 Find a way to have free adoption service
- 249 D73: A congregation-wise support to adopt a homeless family every year until they can support themselves
- 250 Create family programs or activities with sharing the faith to support family engagement and togetherness
- 251 Grow our lobbyist body to try and influence our government officials to try and make situations like Mexico non toxic so that less people are pushed for their own safety to flee their home country to try and slow down the flow of refugees
- 252 A ministry to PTSD to eliminate suicide
- 253 stay at home for a year and work in your community making this possible by church supporting this individual/family
- 254 Partner with other local agencies already working on food insecurity to provide numbers and additional finances to combat food deserts or food insecurity. Especially during the summer.
- 255 Mental health care and education and support groups
- 256 Helping build housing and rehab program for pregnant women with other children to be able to get help and take their children since most don't have help with kids
- 257 60 build tiny house villages for homelessness
- 258 Education about healthy relationships
- 259 Use education resources to develop free tutoring programs for farming, languages, and business.
- 260 Transforming under-utilized and abandoned warehouses and manufacturing facilities from the past existing in our small towns into homes and community spaces for those that need them.
- 261 Train people to teach English to those who need to learn a language, to immigrants.
- 262 If hosting immigrant/refugee families, we should provide training and support to those families to try to let them know what to expect, since it's such a big scary concept to some people, so it would be good to have that training and support.
- 263 Annual Conference collection for host city families in crisis
- 264 Creating a national mental health advocacy program to provide information and resources to congregations and their community regarding suicide, addiction, abuse and healthy family and personal life
- 265 Life skills to immigrants.
- 266 Table 72--sex trafficking/ human trafficking-- we need more awareness/ education on the prevalence of human trafficking. Then we need to create safe houses for those enslaved.
- 267 Establish a think tank to look at how needs can be met in both the urban and rural settings
- 268 Provide desalination plants for areas near oceans

- 269 Could the denomination help our congregations understand how to adopt a refugee family and bring that family into their community?
- 270 By buying distressed homes and refurbishing them, partnering with Disaster relief teams and community agencies serving the homeless, to provide temporary housing until something more permanent is available. As a side benefit, it would increase the capital worth of the church.
- 271 Creating classes for those in need debt job interviews
- 272 Online COB. Launch an online campus to reach the younger generation. Advertise well.
- 273 Develop an online forum for people to share communication on the issues on this list... Crowd sourcing information
- 274 Family ministry that each church body has that incorporates both our youth and their parents which teaches our parents how to disciple their children in a life of Christ
- 275 Sponsor refugees, nurture and advocate for them.
- 276 Create a CoB nationwide adoption service/care facilities
- 277 Free training for someone in each congregation to become counselors - drug, family crisis, veterans, marriage, etc.
- 278 Anything we choose to focus upon, we need to nurture the passion...
- 279 Rediscover our First Love.
- 280 Provide spaces for addiction meetings,
 Large denominational farm growing food for those in need. Like community gardens but on a large scale. There are many farmers in the denomination that could come together like disaster ministries do.
- 281 Provide a place for folks to come to meet for AA and NA meetings
- 282 Offering basic life skills to those in our local communities
- 283 Community meals with family training by professionals on mental health issues
- 284 Create ministry to receive foster care children and possibly lead to adoption. Develop networks of churches to support those who are looking to adopt. Also, provide housing for mothers etc. who need help and are wanting to raise their own children or perhaps are considering abortion because they have no place to go.
- 285 System to encourage recycling. For example, a cob advocate visiting churches to help them set up the system and connect with local resources. Possible cob fund to enable churches to pay costs with recycling pick up if necessary
- 286 Renovate old homes for housing
- 287 Habitat for humanity but for refugees at camps or secondary locations
- 288 Families in crisis having places to go with churches supporting, such as a COBYS service model attached to each congregation wholistic services to family
- 289 Build housing for refugees while also helping them navigate the system. Having citizenship classes for immigrants. Similar to what we had done for Vietnamese and Cambodians after the Vietnam war.
- 290 Nb-1
 Take fresh produce to the poor.
 Walk with refugees to help become legal.
 Take cooking classes from our refugees.....
- 291 Address and improve marriage and family ministries to address needs. Plug into ministries and support effective current ministries like teen challenge
- 292 Trainings in congregations - abuse, violence, etc.
- 293 We can financially help churches to start community gardens .

- 294 Legal Disaster Relief - Brethren lawyers, judges, and paralegals could donate time and services to those in need along the boarder or elsewhere in crisis.
- 295 Start ethnic stores or other businesses that employ refugees or families in counseling for abuse.
- 296 Reinvest in our Washington office to advocate for our values
- 297 If every congregation in the denomination sold their building and moved into a rent space, we would have hundreds of millions of dollars that we could use for ministry.
- 298 allowing parking lot to be used for homeless
- 299 Bamboo farming - purchase land here and there in small plots - its a renewable resource and easy to grow. We could sell it to fund outreach. Also, could it be grown in our overseas communities for building projects there?
- 300 Be more involved with government and make our voices known on the issues that call to our peacemaking and service passions
- 301 Establish a pregnancy center that advocates adoption and parental assistance for both mommy and daddy
- 302 Life classes for those in need
- 303 Open church kitchens to Other agencies to do cooking of meals in your establishment
- 304 open up unused parsonages for the homeless or persons needing a place
- 305 Create a sermon bank of info around these topics
- 306 Have each church stop mowing grass and use there yards to grow gardens to address food insecurity and climate change.
- 307 Congregations could repurpose their assets, or even sell their old buildings and build a multipurpose facility, to provide family crisis centers, mental health centers, shelters. Might even evangelize others in the midst of it.
- 308 Sadly we have seen a number of churches close, but why do we sell the buildings? We should repurpose the church buildings into shelters or safe homes for families in crisis, immigrants in transition, the homeless, etc. We could also repurpose the parsonages that are no longer needed due to the increase of multi-vocational pastors.
- 309 We need more direct instruction in how to speak about salvation and our faith - we are good at providing the help.
- 310 60 prison ministry support families at holiday time
- 311 Helping families thrive! A positively stated proactive program. Possibly trauma informed education.
- 312 I'd like to see some sort of mentoring program that our congregations can participate in to help addicts trying to stay clean.
- 313 Why do we need another big program? Empower local communities for the work nearby.
- 314 Have the churches who have successfully engaged in refugee/asylum care, etc. educate the denomination on how they have done it. Provide resources on how to go about doing it. With this knowledge, many churches may be able to sponsor a family. Then, how many families are being helped!
- 315 Prison system doesn't have reform, when someone gets out they go back to the same difficult situation...what if COB set up a program to send inmates to a different COB district so that new patterns could be established
- 316 Reduce tax breaks to big corporations that fuel inequality. Advocate for economic justice
- 317 Community garden plots that are either church supported or on church property. Education on gardening.
- 318 Get the responsibility of planting churches back in the hands of local congregations, single or congregational partnerships, share resources to get momentum going to select a site and get started.
- 319 Ministry similar to or in addition to Heifer International to provide better and more accurate farm equipment and training for better farming practices
- 320 Be open to solutions that are not "our way" - for example, Americans expect certain living arrangements, i.e. single family housing units, where other cultures value multi-family/intergenerational arrangements

- 321 Use digital and mobile technology to communicate with young people and connect them with resources and needs, using their language and addressing their concerns.
- 322 Repurpose extra spaces in churches for homeless people, day care, counseling services, etc.
Work with other churches to create and support these spaces.
- 323 Send delegations of volunteers to the border to witness first hand and report back to our congregations.
- 324 Collecting change en mass to fund projects to provide water and food
- 325 Habitat for humanity but for homelessness issues, e.g. tiny home communities supported by townships or counties
- 326 Link families in crisis and criminal justice. Set up classes to help teach personal responsibility....perhaps court appointed classes
- 327 Network churches to do joint ministry
- 328 What if every congregation called, in addition to a pastor, a community contact, whose express purpose was to coordinate services for the community members, not necessarily church members. Examples would be based on need, so perhaps one community would need a job training program, another may need addiction support, and another may need reduced childcare.
- 329 Training in how to create compromise in highly polarized situations. Build on work of On Earth Peace to develop more capacity in every local congregation.
- 330 Pick up perishable food from grocery stores to donate to humans and animals in need. See if food banks and soup kitchens will accept them. If not accepted, let the community know they can pick up rations from church on Sunday mornings.
- 331 Helping ways to utilize of excess foods from restaurants, grocery stores.
Volunteer farms that could help impact hunger. Community gardens On roof tops. Seed banks. Build a halfway house for domestic violence victims on church land.
- 332 Idea to start a Brethren Construction Company-a big non profit corporation, like our own Lowes store, to help people/churches when they need something built. Not volunteer but paid positions. Volunteers could help but there would be a set of employees.
- 333 Develop programs that encourage churches to sponsor families or persons in need in our surrounding communities
- 334 dc central kitchen, warehouse by Georgetown law, the provide housing and schooling.
- 335 Develop templates/"blueprints" for churches that would like to use their buildings to house either refugees/immigrants or folks who are homeless/fleeing domestic violence that would enable churches to follow and understand the necessary processes and paperwork. This could also involve developing programs that could offer meaningful work or volunteer opportunities for those housed at the church-supporting food pantries, or other local needs.
- 336 Establish homes for drug addicts where they can rehab, recover, and come to know Jesus
- 337 Many of these require legal assistance, we need a COB legal agency.
- 338 En
- 339 For families in crisis - free counseling services, respite care for children so parents can get some time to work on their issues, afterschool care, more support homes for elders, teens in crisis, etc.
- 340 Isaiah 1:17 House- staffed with volunteers with in the community
Fostering those children who are in situations- while we are looking at future ideas -- lets address and assist in the those programs that already exist
- 341 Providing day care for families who cant afford it while parents are working
- 342 Programs loving drug addicts into Christ's kingdom. Christ centered recovery for the addicted, released from prison, etc.

- 343 Find out what resources are available in the community for families in crisis and support them, and then for resources that are not yet available, find ways locally and denominationally to address them.
- 344 Invest in drug abuse and prevention.
- 345 Food gardens address relationships, community, creation care, mental health - so many things
- 346 Teaching drama skills to pastors and members to share with others
- 347 Nd20
2 years of service through Brethren education in exchange for college debt
- 348 Habitat for humanity but abroad. E.g. bill hare work in Honduras, lets support that work more
- 349 Start a program to address video game violence and a way to help get children out of the addiction of violent video games and the influence it has on those using them on a regular basis. (program being built by one of table members)
- 350 Start with prayer, what one thing are we called to?
- 351 Teach cooking skills to convicts or people who don't know how.
- 352 Creation care- through OMA investigate and educate the denomination on carbon sequestration.
- 353 Organizing effort with small farmers to help them compete with the monopolistic food cartels and to distribute food where it is needed most.
- 354 Mentoring programs to connect mental health issues, drug addicts
- 355 Make our service more inclusive to 35 and younger by making are services more contemporary and alive.
- 356 Helping to educate churches on the needs of families in crises, including specific needs and ways to help. Churches often don't know how to help in these often underdiscussed needs
- 357 Safe houses
- 358 Resource sharing
- 359 60 children support during disaster, enlarge to address needs daily
- 360 Emergency shelters - list of people across the country who would be willing to house people in crisis
- 361 Creating more community gardens in food deserts and also community collaboration and community building
- 362 Addressing needs of children of incarcerated
- 363 Partnerships with local food banks
- 364 -churches offering a Christian Big Brother/Sister spiritually based program in contrast to secular program
- 365 Connecting family farms with hungry people to address food insecurity- create and support farming cooperatives to maximize food distribution to less food is wasted... Have congregations buy shares to share with the hungry
- 366 Create training that can be shared with churches to teach people to recognize abuse, trafficking, food insecurity, economic issues that are hurting neighbors.. Get support for health clinics, offer support to existing clinics-- transportation, etc.
- 367 Network with doctors, barbers, nurses, business owners, food ministries and businesses etc. to volunteer time to go into homeless communities to meet basic needs.
- 368 College ministry
- 369 Solution to the refugee crisis... women's shelters, safe houses, ecumenical work with partners outside the brethren denomination.
inpatient and out patient mental health facilities sponsored by the COB
Work with the local government, connecting with resources already in place in the community.
Raise awareness to the crisis, time in worship, social media, petitions.

- 370 Developing urban coops for food distribution.
- 371 D73: Providing kibbutz (farms) to bring people in for various assistance: skills, trade, addiction relief, prison reform, etc.
Denomination provide grants for assistance to existing programs or creating programs for people to gain a skill, trade, addiction, etc....
- 372 Find success in partnering with existing programs and organizations. Working with CWS and support refugee families. Work with social services to provide for needs of families in crisis.
- 373 Making safe places for families to be sheltered in churches. In GA there is the interfaith hospitality network. Homeless families would spend a week at a time at a church then rotate to the next church after a week. Provided sheltering/showers/food/ and volunteers allowed people to see God's love. While we were meeting people's physical needs we are also spreading God's love
- 374 Vocational job training.
- 375 These questions started out well creating dialog. Now the questions are too specific.
- 376 Create cooperative communities, like local markets, but for everything, where people contribute and everyone benefits.
- 377 Having a mentoring program our churches can help people transitioning from the prison system back to normal life and be more than just a bus ticket and set of clothes for them.
- 378 Work at providing opportunities for safety and prosperity in the places where refugees are coming from
- 379 Improve and train churches in refugee resettlement programs assist churches in becoming involved. Encourage districts or churches clustering w/ other CoB or denomination
- 380 Transportation services to get those in need where they need to go
- 381 Not just providing food, but getting to the root of why people don't have food...providing job training services and helping people to know what to do with fresh produce and give them literally the seeds to grow some rather than hand it to them and assume that they know what to do with it
- 382 Provide communities with hotlines for prayer, suicide prevention, etc.
Provide sanctuaries for undocumented immigrants and provide assistance for a pathway to citizenship
Using the church facility to address homelessness, hunger, job training, any specific that the community needs
- 383 Aquaponics can be used to grow fish in aquariums, and then use the wastewater as fertilizer to grow vegetables. This could be done in a greenhouse, and the water would circulate, and not be lost to evaporation.
- 384 Challenge every congregation to be in community and do one thing. For example , foster care. Doesn't need to be done by denominational staff.
- 385 Some towns may need the Brethren to start shelters for families in crisis where communication, cooking and life skills are taught.
- 386 Hire social workers/counselors to help in family crises.
Narrow our focus, cannot address all issues.
Combine resources of several districts to meet needs.
Offer food banks, paper products, baby items to those in need.
World-wide radio ministry to address family issues.
- 387 Eliminate our Strong attachment to our church buildings so our energy, money, and passion can be directed to our mission priorities.
- 388 Have a conference concentrated on out reach instead of in reach.
- 389 church in PA, opened church up to the homeless. " mediating, sometimes they snore"
- 390 Hosting immigrant and refugee families in our churches, communities. Helping them with housing, job training, counseling

- 391 Becoming a people of The Book again,
- 392 Allow the church to be a haven to people with mental health issues
- 393 Transforming our lawns into native plant gardens. Reduce mowing and provide a habitat for migrating birds and insects.
- 394 Buy and maintain with several other churches an apartment complex, for the use of homeless to live without rent
- 395 Encourage congregations to look at developing community gardens using abandoned properties or land in rural areas
- 396 Mentoring prisoners that are being released- buy them a suit- get them an interviews
- 397 Conference of people from all over the US come and listen to what each other needs.
- 398 Training churches for prison ministry
- 399 Expand COBYS (Church of the Brethren Youth Services), which works out of Lancaster, PA, nationwide to provide parenting classes, adoption and foster aid, etc.
- 400 A house near district offices for refugees or homeless to escape extreme weather and to have somewhere to live (maybe even done through rotation)
- 401 Establish a design for a mentoring program in congregations between grandparent age and youth, intergenerational.
- 402 Make grants/support available for building projects that would be used for community support and outreach ministries
- 403 Health and dental clinics
- 404 Making quality food available, community gardening...center to provide food, education, play.
- 405 Community gardens can be a salve for the community, particularly in food deserts or in places with food insecurity
- 406 build houses and make disciples, plant new churches at disaster or conference sites, invite ethnic churches and BDM workers and church planters to become new fledgling congregations built off of existing relationships...Combine Evangelism, Discipleship, Service, Ethnic equality, Great Commission/Commandment hand in hand.
- 407 Employment help for those coming out of prisons.
- 408 Districts purchase safe houses for abuse victims, district congregations rotate serving families in those houses
- 409 Phone chains to check in (be a support system) for shut ins, those struggling with addictions or mental health issues
- 410 More evangelical and outreach events
- 411 Take abandoned neighborhood houses, refurbish them, and use them as refuge houses for families in crisis or halfway houses for those in rehab. We can train people in social work or legal processes to further help people break out of oppressive systems
- 412 Having a contact list for people to contact these individuals as a resource about specific resources. Ex: contact for family promise, contact for adoptions
- 413 Encourage organized programs that reach out to families - children's programs to feed and instruct kids.
Create models for small churches to aid community families. Create places where congregations can discuss possibilities and ideas for outreach. Maybe some of the grant money can be used to stimulate more interest for local congregations.
- 414 Build a safe house for those whom are rescued from human trafficking. Help those victims to be renewed through mind, body and spirit.
- 415 Jesus massive feeding of 5000....yet did not keep feeding them....they/we need more than food...

Need new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.....

- 416 Purchase boarder property to extend/expand on current detention centers or create our own. This could also apply to families in crisis.
- 417 Universal basic income. And advocate for living wage
- 418 Network of safe houses for families in crisis
- 419 If we had more training for opioid epidemic within congregations, not just insight sessions at annual conference. Also partner with other churches outside our denomination for intentional prayer over those affected.
- 420 Providing a center for financial training to assist people out of poverty. Providing showers and clothing for homeless folks. Providing local addiction services. Walking with folks through each of these processes to meet the roots of the issues
- 421 Can the denomination have the districts assemble teams to discuss needs in the surrounding communities and think of ways to help those needs through local congregations.
- 422 re previous comment about training for highly polarized conflict, it would need to be created outside the structure of On Earth Peace. Because of Perceptions of OEP in the denomination.
- 423 We need to address the fact that we are not at peace with each other.
- 424 Developing a safe haven for prostitutes
- 425 Agape satyagraha being replicated in urban areas.
- 426 Facilitate a meeting between COB and government officials
- 427 Develop a leadership bank
- 428 Supporting congregations to sponsor refugees and asylum seekers
- 429 Sanctuary & support for refugees wanting to enter the US
- 430 Develop a denominational crisis line for people to call with spiritual and personal crisis....link churches with people in need. Include an immediate response crisis component
- 431 mental health: build antibias cooperate group, to address the needs i.e. mental health, family crisis.
- 432 Marketing plan for Church of the Brethren
- 433 Help trauma victims through education and being involved as a church use scripture to let them know they are loved. teach about what trauma really is through local training.
- 434 Solar panels and windmills installed on and by every church to move to a cleaner energy
- 435 Third world telehealth operations could provide healthcare to people that live in remote areas. A nurse could communicate with a doctor in another locations.
- 436 Women and children's home that can grow them until they can get out on their own
- 437 Brethren crisis line, where people can call in to be heard, and to get help and information about services and resources.
- 438 More intention with drug prevention and reaching out to addicts.
- 439 Churches could adopt an immigrant or refugee family to assist with the journey through citizenship and adaptation to the new lifestyle and society.
- 440 Create a questionnaire to go to each congregation to discover best practices related to various types of ministry named in the previous question and then facilitate training by connecting congregation.
- 441 Help communities establish backpack ministries to help with food insecurity issues for families
- 442 Be a center for discussing polarizing concepts.
- 443 Provide temporary housing in your churches in the community for the homeless. Share with churches that are already doing this program.

- 444 Full-scale implementation of immigration response plan, sending insight groups to address the needs of immigrants and refugees, having New Windsor gather and send out the needs, then send teams to implement needs
- 445 Creatively vision for oppressed folks to help them get jobs, etc. AND then employ them in your community's businesses and organizations.
- 446 Establish and fund COB Christian schools
- 447 Develop teams from colleges that can travel around the country to camps and churches during the summer to teach on church and worship in a modern context. Lots of other Christian colleges form travel bands to do this. It promote the college too.
- 448 Unlock our churches campaign to emphasize our openness to everyone
- 449 Parenting classes/parenting partnership around supporting the role in a complicated world from the church in its local community
- 450 CoB created/sponsored immigration centers at the border to provide shelter and care for families as they attempt to gain legal access to the US. While allowing families to remain safe and intact.
- 451 Whatever we decide to do I would hope that it is done not just in loving kindness but with accountability and critical awareness to the communities we serve. Avoid white savior complex
- 452 Witness at the border
- 453 Creating mental health centers, programs, services that are Christ centered that can help individuals, families, or groups (including Native American Reservations) with many of these issues.
- 454 Get into school-age programs where volunteers create, long-term relationships with youth and provide a model for behavior and living. Open the eyes of our children to the world around us.
- 455 Training and teaching for ministers and others about healthy family, marriage, and parenthood. Address domestic violence, too-rapid divorce, etc. Have denominational or district sponsored marriage retreats.
- 456 Promote community volunteering as a form of discipleship
- 457 Obedience to the call of God for each individual congregation
Search for the one thing that can lead to the bigger things
Encourage the starfish mentality - it makes a difference to that one
- 458 Set up a system of congregational contacts that are all tied to a "concierge" at the denominational level. These individuals would share information and resources via electronics means. This may help meeting family needs by sharing resources that others may not know of. This would also go the other way in that if a congregation had someone with an unmet need or a situation they didn't now how to handle they could reach out to this denominational network for information and ideas and gather support from across the country and world
- 459 Nd-1
Every church family take in house, welcome into your house. teach....love....
- 460 Table 72--homelessness--address some of what could be perceived as the root causes of homelessness. Create spaces and opportunities for those struggling with mental illness to get the care they need, but also access to affordable medications for their well being. Help those battling addiction by getting them help. If we work and eradicate the root causes of homelessness, we can and will address homelessness in a healthier way.
- 461 cross anabaptist co-fund organization
- 462 Support for family ministries. Sustaining the family unit.
- 463 Get God & Christ back in our government and schools
- 464 A foster closet in every town that there is brethren churches. This is a place that foster parents can get things for their new foster children that come in emergency placement situations.

- 465 Partner with an agency that offers sanctuary and protective services. Collect for different shelters- toiletries, bedding, food
- 466 Adoption and foster care centers that provide support to pregnant women and their children, supplementing food and medical care.
- 467 We want to use our church buildings seven days a week.
- 468 Make it a goal to grow a community garden in every food desert we as a denomination can find
- 469 Fleet of tiny homes! Mobile for disaster relief or other specific needs
- 470 Working to minister wholistic in the inner cities. Traveling buses with food and health clinics that are mobile
- 471 Build more church of the brethren churches around the world. That every country can have at least 50 COB churches.
- 472 Sell every church property and with district approval, reinvest these funds in the community. Congregations meet in homes or somewhere else.
- 473 Build a refugee settlement
- 474 Open your church as a shelter.
- 475 Vo tech center!!!, helping folks deal with student debt, help folks figure out what they're good at, give them income.
- 476 Have job training available/connections for those that are looking for/needng work
- 477 Creating an education program/teacher-core to teach over the internet or in areas with low education availability
- 478 That annual conference grant permission to pastors and congregations to officiate same sex marriages without being penalized.
- 479 Adoption foster care programs, if you cant adopt or foster, you can be a supporter for supplies, resources etc.
- 480 Tent revivals!
- 481 Big town hall with government leaders, religious leaders and nonprofits.
- 482 Outreach needs to be emphasized as just important as maintained our identity.
- 483 Nd20
Never gain projects, sending people in between those who commit genocide and their victims
- 484 provide housing in every district every 10sq miles for families that need escape from crisis with necessities i.e. food daily needs and more or even bigger every congregation
- 485 Emergency shelters for victims of sex trafficking, homelessness, or any person that has fallen victim to any of the needs
- 486 Start a mentoring program for church members.
- 487 Free up our investment funds to do something big
- 488 Partnering with local businesses and churches to provide housing specifically for abused and neglected people in the community.
- 489 Call people to the ministry
- 490 Every church being involved
- 491 Hold a community revival that involves being in the public with activities for children, programs or resource groups that help address needs of everyone, and preaching evangelism. Multiple churches could get together and organize. Not holding it at a church that may be intimidating for general public
- 492 Provide for food insecurity by community gardens, classes at seminary of agriculture and growing food.
- 493 Develop economic assistance programs for brethren communities in countries struggling with flight

- 494 Electronic closed groups (Facebook) to be a place for people needing support to find it in collaboration with CoB focus
- 495 Building family crisis centers and youth centers
- 496 Our recent history shows that we don't always marry the gospel and the needs of the world we desire to meet.
- 497 Expand Children's Aid Society, based in southern Pennsylvania, nationwide.
- 498 Restoration program once people are removed from a situation
- 499 Helping families afford adoption and navigating
- 500 We need to win our communities for Jesus Christ. Try to change the culture of our communities.
- 501 Open church of the brethren grocery stores/ co-ops in a food desert that includes providing fresh produce, fresh dairy
- 502 The denomination funding the smaller districts/ churches in developing a healing prayer ministry.
- 503 Specifically for college and young adult ministry, we should develop resources to aid churches in college towns so that they can reach out to students and impact them with the Gospel
- 504 Using churches as a hub for home school networks. Also, use church buildings for release programs or after school ministries where kids can come to receive tutoring, a safe place to hang out etc.
- 505 Contact your community about their needs and address them as a church make it a theme to work on long term
- 506 Tools to equip those who will host safe houses
- 507 Training on evangelism.
- 508 Ecumenical partnerships. Plug in
- 509 Applying those top three to our sister churches in Nigeria- their family crisis, their displacement, their food insecurity first. How embarrassing that they are in this room and not even on the screen.
- 510 Get behind children's disaster ministries to model how to care for immigrant children in detention centers and other facilities, and help with supplies and finances
- 511 Provide vouchers for gas or other needs with a network of the churches to ensure cross checking to make sure the same ppl are not abusing the system
- 512 Sex education program, family education
- 513 Make use of the Christian affiliated colleges and universities to raise awareness of the human trafficking/immigration issue among the younger people. Start a college ministry based on these things.
- 514 Affordable daycare in churches and retirement communities to support families, allows intergenerational interaction with volunteers.
One idea for free with attendance to church
- 515 Lead the charge to become a sanctuary city. House refugees in congregation members homes
- 516 A group to help older/disabled people with transportation, home maintenance, chores, etc.
- 517 put special focus on family separation. sponsor some families. encourage members of the denomination to travel to the border and learn and serve there. promote at NYC.
- 518 Use our buildings to their full potentials so that they aren't just sitting there. This can be for childcare, to host people who don't have a place to live, etc. Also, if needed, another congregation can share the building.
- 519 Sponsor and nest new congregations within the brethren church buildings
- 520 Warehouses across US that churches can send supplies to help families in crisis to provide immediate help
- 521 There are a lot of homes that do not have Bibles. We would like to see an initiative to distribute Bibles, through schools (?), or other means
- 522 Encouraging voting with our values

- 523 In Tennessee spend 8 dollars a day on kids and 27 dollars on prisoners- evangelize to the prisoner to hopefully save them and this will prevent them from coming back to prison
- 524 Turn our annual conferences into evangelism events. Bring more disciples and communities into meeting these needs and more. Invite all our neighbors in the host city to our sermons, concerts, exhibits, insight sessions, etc.
- 525 Rebrand the denomination so are uniqueness as to what we bring into the world becomes more evident.
- 526 Denomination opens up substance abuse.
- 527 Food pantries similar to Little Free Libraries, where folks can come and get food items for meals free
- 528 Government says they cannot support education, enrichment, etc. for refugees at the border. Let's help with that!
- 529 the need to address a peaceful division
- 530 The Tiny house concept could be used by churches that have some extra land. You could have several tiny houses around, and have a central restroom area.
- 531 Inner city day camps through all COB
- 532 Building orphanages and facilities to bring in children and youth off of the streets
- 533 many people in of our service are already Christians.
- 534 Hosting/organizing free community gathering events (concerts, block parties, etc.) that promote civility and local economies
- 535 Expand how facilities are used so they are not only used once or twice a week
- 536 Peacebuilding training center to equip the global Brethren and others in peacemaking skills.
- 537 Every church being involved in addressing the problem of food insecurity.
- 538 Supporting kids in and entering foster care and protective custody.
- 539 Is it possible set up services for migrants on the other sides of the border...before they get to the U.S.? Would they get services more easily that way?
- 540 Actually living peacefully, simply, and together, and proclaiming Christ while we do it
- 541 There a second to training on evangelism. In the district and in our churches.
- 542 A concerted effort to become informed and engaged in local resources and how they work and how ppl can plug into them
- 543 Education to help the churches with the healing prayer ministry
- 544 Let us purchase Cedar Point and evangelize people at each ride showing them that they can get through the ups and downs of life if they will commit to ride with Christ. Ultimate goal would then be to purchase other amusement parks over the next 20 years.
- 545 Individuals/congregations do their activities like knitting, sewing, building, and use them (maybe money in sales) to help meet needs in community and world. Continue to share ideas others are doing. ALSO -- 5th Sundays be actual hands on Service Sundays.
- 546 Make a conference center or area that we could gift to these cities during the rest of the year. Or make it a facility that we could use each year for the "Meeting"...it could be dedicated towards each or any of the priorities named. Go to broken cities and transform a broken area(that would be cheap) and gift it that city....THEN move to another poor city and do the same...
- 547 Lobby governments for faith based exemption to regulations to relax standards to allow full utilization of our buildings to house and/or feed people in community
- 548 Providing child care for folks going back to school, or when they go to work during the day. Child care is super expensive and creating day cares or volunteers to help would be great!

- 549 Ice cream food truck to come to Annual Conference and Brethren events that helps support the ministries of the church. BVSer job. Unanimous at our table 23.
- 550 Open up the church to the community in the evenings to give people a place to fellowship and worship. Open to all, refugees, criminals etc.
- 551 church with open land: approach like Boise Valley CoB with their acreage....
- 552 Partnering with organizations such as big brothers big sisters. Partner with organizations that support adults in families that are struggling
- 553 We want to work to resettle displaced people. Could each district choose a church to be the organizing hub of that effort? One congregation could work to place families while another could work to collect supplies, for example.
- 554 Develop housing for homeless people to help them back on their feet
- 555 Could there be a network or Christian social work branch of the COB to offer and make references to whatever variety of resources are available, so that it does not all depend on the local congregation. Perhaps a "Brethren Social Services" agency?
- 556 Programs to support access to medical equipment (walker, wheelchair, crutches, etc.) for those in need
- 557 Reach out with other churches of other denominations and nondenominational churches to reach our communities
- 558 Somehow respond to the crisis at the border with those who are detained. We are challenged to think about how to do this given government restrictions and the immediate nature of this need. Perhaps a conduit for avenues to help ... the logistics of working through the government system.
- 559 Housing to keep refugee families together, children's home
- 560 More creation care
- 561 Work with ecumenical groups, across denominations.
- 562 An initiative for people in congregations to drive to the "other" side of town and minister with churches who don't look like us
- 563 Affordable housing community that could be somewhat self sufficient by those who live there that will give development skills
- 564 create a program for preteens to help them deal with sexuality, puberty, and other issues that occur in that age group.
- 565 A great need in America is the need for our youth to be loved and for direction. We have a surplus of retired folks . Can we develop denominational programs to model and provide opportunity to mentor kids in after school programs to help with school work, to provide love and listening ears.
- 566 Make available through technology through Bethany the training offered by COBYS for family life education.
- 567 National advocacy group in dc for families in crisis
- 568 Getting involved politically based on our values
- 569 Just use the money we have in our churches, stop sitting on money and start helping...partner, start programs, etc.
- 570 We need to work together more as a united body for our youth ministries and worship services. Local service projects can be completed more efficiently through joint efforts. The global needs met by BDM and BVS are excellent but we cannot forget the local need at home.
- 571 Nd20
Encourage, work together side by side on volunteer work
- 572 For each person in each of these needs to have eternal life through education (celebrate recoveries, shelters, Loving hands... young men addicted to drugs come for recovery and learn about the love of Jesus.

- mentoring programs for families, drug addicts. Training individuals and equipping them with resources to be mentors.
- 573 Evangelistic push taking Jesus to people. Knocking on doors. Revival tent meetings. Traveling youth teams ministering to other youth. Free concerts for kids.
- 574 Awareness for what's already available
- 575 Support groups for parents with troubled children.
- 576 Develop a brethren brand for surplus produce and milk by partnering with producers to ensure that surplus isn't wasted
- 577 Table 72--Immigration and Refugee Crisis
We as Christians should create advocacy groups that protect the dignity and humanity of those seeking asylum.
- 578 Need to have new emphasis on brethren response funding to challenge each member to give monthly to that fund for denomination to address any of the big needs or an emerging crises. Set yearly goal of 25 million dollars.
- 579 Make use of church buildings, beyond worship. Financial and ministerial benefits.
- 580 We don't know how, but we think this denomination should somehow promote Biblical literacy .
- 581 Congregational organization of political action through an effort to contact politicians to initiate policy change.
- 582 Have a program for mother especially stay at home mom that allow them to bring their children to play and interact with each other.
- 583 Suicide prevention/intervention. Place church ads online to intervene at predatory websites.
- 584 Gather farmers in community and have conversation on how to grow better food have a young farmers institute Partner with local farmers
- 585 Communicating well for personal evangelism.
- 586 There's a church that we drive by that has a huge sign in the parking lot that says "no parking, cars will be towed." In another church, there are kids with skateboards and sings that say "no skateboarding." we should look at the risk and accept it so that we can serve others, maybe open up our parking lots to the community.
- 587 Help parents of college students or adults get connected to the foster network so that they can continue to impact the lives of children who are in that broken system and keep them from falling through the cracks. Further, have a congregation-wide resource network for supplies like cribs and diapers to aid those parents willing to take on a foster child
- 588 develop curriculum/resources for Family Night at home to include worship and Christian ed ideas
- 589 D73: provide resources to those affected in sex trafficking
D73: provide funds for insurance, mortgages to those who need
Mentoring program to teach and assist on how to manage money
- 590 Book group for unchurched people - half the books are secular, half are Christian.
- 591 Grow and develop pastors
- 592 Providing how to stretch your food money with the foods people are given through banks
- 593 Drug addiction: treatment, not punishment. Some communities in rural Indiana are creating treatment programs to help those addicted to drugs overcome their addiction and rejoin society. We can support those efforts, or start our own with community leaders.

Drug addiction can be the foundation of many other societal problems. We really need to think outside the box and find ways to solve this issue.

Also, work release programs that remove teens from the prison system and put them on farms or elsewhere in the community serve others as their penance.
- 594 Using our church buildings (and other properties) for transitional or refugee housing

- 595 Grow a community garden and allow people to help but have the food be free
- 596 Bringing together couples dealing with infertility and children being thrown away thru the church
- 597 Provide counselling to children who are going through challenges and equip persons - Christians who can guide them- there are grants
- 598 Offer afterschool program for latchkey children
- 599 Get churches in the same area to focus on a ministry item and coordinate to conquer the problem...
- 600 Live call-in programs.
Bill board --you have problems, we have answers & give a number to call.
- 601 We need to pray for non Christians to come to Christ
- 602 go to the community governments to ask the needs to work with them to take care of local needs
- 603 Re-establish "the body of elders" and district evangelists
- 604 Have districts sell all of their properties and sink the money into a mutual fund or interest bearing accounts. Congregations could rent space within their communities at schools, bars, etc. without the chains of upkeep. The interest from the large account could be doled out to the contributing congregations. Additionally, they would have offerings and other fundraising efforts. For example, 20 properties sold at \$5 million each = \$100 million. At 5% interest that equals \$250000 per congregation annually.
- 605 Tools to help people feel worth and to use skills people have to run communities
- 606 Small businesses growing vegetables, and can train and hire the homeless to help take care of them, so that they have gainful employment. They may need to microloans to start a small business.
- 607 Nd20
Use of grants /fundraising to drill well in areas around the world with dirty water
- 608 Educate/ train on how our daily actions contribute to human trafficking and how to make personal changes. For example, our the hotels we are staying provide pornographic channels to customers? If so, we are contributing to it. Are our clothes made in a place where people are forced to work against their will at unfair wages? If so, we are contributing to slavery. Help us know how to make personal changes so we are not contributing to trafficking and slavery.
- 609 Open up our churches (perhaps with volunteers) to the homeless for shelter overnight or in rough weather
- 610 Help renovate empty buildings for sliding scale housing to meet needs greater than supply. Perhaps buy or start co-op groups for community people to own apartments so the maintenance is better than with absentee landlords.
- 611 Community garden- "teach a man to fish" have gardens at our churches and allow those who receive food at our local food banks to work and tend the garden with us to learn how to cultivate crops and learn about growing a garden their own. Gives them fresh and nutritional food while teaching them how to do it themselves. Give them the produce and allow them to receive seeds for future planting.
- 612 Create the shelters if they are not available
Blankets to first responders
Welcome baskets for shelters, prisons, foster children
Make the church name known in community as a safe place and welcoming place so that people will be able show up when in crisis
- 613 Centers for families. Lots of places for women, women with children, men, but maybe not as many for families
- 614 Brethren Big Brothers and Sisters
- 615 Giving kids in our community the resources they need for literacy through Little Free Libraries and other initiatives

- 616 Address the issues at the heart of the problem of families in crisis (magazines, films, talk shows, etc.) through lobbying and boycotts of specific products.
- 617 Identify the needs in the community where the church is located. Do our part to research what agencies already exist and what they are already doing and ask many questions about how to partner.
- 618 Refocus on the value and model of families and family values with training
- 619 Racial reconciliation and social justice is important. What does it say about us that it wasn't even brought up as an issue.
- 620 Brethren Crusades or tent revivals
- 621 Apply Creation Care positions and theology to practical helps, resources and programs for our churches. Increase awareness of grant opportunities for Green Energy retrofits, Teach and model sustainable living practices even at our institutions; ask Brethren landowners to grow sustainable building material crops like bamboo and sugarcane or replant trees on cleared land; churches leading local recycling campaigns and educating people on recycling best practices.
- 622 Help to resettle people, help them get started with jobs etc.
- 623 Rehab houses for income and help families that need a leg up.
- 624 Let the youth and young adults lead the way. Whose big idea was BVS? The youth. Give them their heads to charge ahead. They are the future of the church and need ownership of it. Make sure we have young people on every board and committee.
- 625 Equipping sessions at the conference level - have them frequently.
- 626 tree farms to create revenue
- 627 Address opioid crisis, offer addiction recovery support programs and better community understandings (would have to include racial justice elements for historical addictions and treatment of previous crises that were less white in nature)
- 628 Development and sponsorship of pregnancy centers (heavy focus on adoption and foster care) in our communities.
- 629 Under the umbrella of "helping families thrive" a
Everyone can address the issues
They are led to.
- 630 create a denomination wide lobbying program, information from the Brethren Washington office, to descend on Congress to demand action to restrict availability of automatic guns.
- 631 Think about how we can help countries stabilize their environment so that they can flourish in their own homes. Global commitment to justice and fairness. N
- 632 Address climate change to all and have a debate in your church to make an awareness of climate change and discuss how our lifestyles are effecting the climate.
- 633 Nd20
Send people around the world for on site listening up front in person.
- 634 Jobs are still a big issue. Encourage churches to use the unemployed for tasks around the church
- 635 Challenge each church to become 100% sustainable.
- 636 Each every congregation should have a trained mediator
- 637 Renovate old, derelict hotels into places for people to stay
- 638 Partner with mental health agencies to be able to be a support presence for their work and help share their resources with our churches and communities.
- 639 Connect churches that want to help with refugee and immigrant crises but aren't in that area with churches that are already addressing these needs so they can help those churches financially or in other ways.

- 640 Develop links to local schools
- 641 If there isn't a lens of Jesus in these areas of service, then we are not being the church, we are a non profit organization.
- 642 Use facilities for town hall meetings
Go to the schools, homeless shelters, soup kitchens and other places in our local communities to provide bible studies and prayer services.
- 643 The problem is not with finances it is with awareness. Congregations need to be more informed of needs and services that are available. Creating a system of connection within the denomination like an email group with a contact at each church would help with sharing info
- 644 create and support after school activities.
- 645 Denominational blueprint for alternative energy use at congregations. Mentoring program connecting congregations who already use alternative energy with those who want to pursue it.
- 646 Gardening classes, food classes, financial classes.
- 647 Invite the community to our churches to attend Programs developed to equip them to deal with these issues
- 648 More generosity in congregations so there are more resources to meet needs
- 649 Wish we could think of a big idea that would solve the gun violence so our young children didn't have to learn active shooter training in elementary school.
- 650 grow mj
- 651 Support every congregation to have at least one house to offer to individuals in local community for family or individuals in crisis, immigrating, return to community from prison, homeless, mental illness, etc., with intention that local church would build relationship and address individuals holistically.
- 652 A big issue for all these subjects is ignorance to/about them. Wouldn't it be amazing if all our congregations were hubs for finding info on what to do for creation care or if you want to support immigrants or if you are struggling with depression? Having trainings for congregational leaders and resources that are accessible and encouraged for congregations to have and use would be amazing. Then our churches can pass on that info to our communities, and work with individuals and communities to enact lifestyle changes that will better our world. Education is a huge problem for all of these issue, so let's educate!!!
- 653 Create a Peace Blog for both local and global issues.
- 654 Provide a model for community conversations between those who bring diverse life experiences, perspectives, much like what is occurring here that we can take into our communities for dialogue
- 655 Commit to supporting nation wide programs already addressing issues of reform. Climate crisis, prison reform, racism, violence, etc.
- 656 Help drug addicts by using our parsonages as halfway houses...
- 657 Support and expand Children's Disaster Services.
Intervene to stop a family problem from continuing from one generation to the next.
Increase awareness in churches of the refugee crisis and clean water in Haiti, etc.
- 658 Have the denomination develop gospel-centered ministries for drug addicts and alcoholism something akin to the Village Church's STEPS ministry.
- 659 Every pastor should be mediation trained
- 660 A denominational emphasis on teaching English as a second language.
- 661 Partnership with big brothers big sisters
- 662 grown hemp
- 663 Working with local stores to provide essential goods-bread, milk, eggs for our food banks.

- 664 Network of legal experts to advise and help with immigration issues, encourage younger Brethren to pursue this area of study, financially sponsor students.
- 665 We would like to see an intentional emphasis on church planting out of the global mission and service office. We can use our existing relationships in places like the DR, Rwanda, Spain, etc...to help identify, train and provide initial financial support for these efforts. This kind of intentional effort would be financially supported
- 666 Having a "store" of personal items people may need that people can pick up for free when needed
- 667 Use vans to take books to needy community, or support backpack programs that give needy children food over the weekend. Churches could work with school districts to better gauge needs. Could be food, blankets, hygiene kits, could be mental health care.
- 668 Half-way house ministries.
- 669 Ecumenical community building (bible school, special community events, etc.)
- 670 Provide training for teenagers and adults on life skills, such as finding a job, banking, technical skills, cooking, etc.
- 671 Equipping churches to better support refugee resettlement or migrant justice issues by helping them provide churches with the resources and funds to support hosting those families
- 672 Grants to put up windmills, etc. for ways to address climate change.
- 673 Community victory gardens
- 674 Outdoor food pantries that allow people to come by and grab food if they need it without having to walk inside somewhere and avoid any personal feelings of shame that they may have
- 675 Update kitchens and convert space in our churches to apartments or rooms, that could house and feed the homeless or families/abused women.
- 676 Learning about human trafficking and how a church can be part of the solution.
- 677 Clothing and food donations to support the homeless
- 678 Grow a *hemp* forest, which will grow and replenish faster than wood. Hemp can be used for the wood and textiles, and the flower sold to the medical marijuana companies to sustain the project.
- 679 Have more social media for the church. Snapchat/Instagram/Facebook/twitter
- 680 Build a network of trained mediators that can serve the surrounding congregations
- 681 Have a challenge like the ice bucket challenge and raise funds for some of these projects...
- 682 World farm big enough to supply the worlds food banks
- 683 community garden: churches with extra land
- 684 Wells and equipment to help others with water and equipment to help other countries with farming and teaching them rather than just sending food or money
- 685 Using the internet to connect the ideas that our individuals and churches are pursuing.
- 686 (follow up on opioids comment), huge family component present, re: "families in crisis"
- 687 Channel our resources to partner with persons already providing services. Don't reinvent the wheel...make it stronger. Stick to our core values.
- 688 Regional conference - something in between district conference and annual conference so that districts can have more specific conversations
- 689 Use our local congregations to bring all these people in and they will find deliverance from these problems through Christ
- 690 Blend evangelism with social concern
- 691 Resourcing and ideas for a place for after school and weekend activities that are Christian based for teens
- 692 Making greenhouses in cities to grow fresh food when there is no place to buy affordable fresh food.

- 693 We need purposeful education on any need in the community that the Church could fulfill
- 694 Train everyone in mediation
- 695 Spend dollars locally to support small businesses in the communities where churches reside as a ministry to support the local economy
- 696 Start a program in the church for volunteer care giving
- 697 Addressing the meaning and purpose of life and the future
- 698 Immigration remains a Big need. What about offering legal services for refugees?
- 699 healthy food for those in need
- 700 Create partnerships to leverage resources, within the denomination and ecumenically.
- 701 Provide seeds and teach simple agricultural methods to those with food insecurities
- 702 Urban-rural partnerships to meet needs in each community
Rely on each other to identify needs of each other
- 703 Offer adopt a parent/grandparent program to offer support to young people
- 704 Brethren career/business network
- 705 Do more with after-school programs for religious education.
- 706 Can the church somehow help change or make easier the adoption process or help make adoption more affordable
- 707 Reach out to the communities the refugees are fleeing from to re-establish peace, allowing those displaced to return home
- 708 Nd2o
Crop walk. Helps community embrace use of crops internationally, go out from there and teach
- 709 Each congregation take in a refugee (family) and walk with them as they transition and integrate
- 710 Partnering with police dept. church police officer, doing community walks with church police officer so everyone knows everyone
- 711 60 fully trust God
- 712 Partner with other cob or cluster w/ other denominations to provide vbs in cities
- 713 Resources to better find local volunteering opportunities
- 714 Conflict resolution, Christian peace maker teams to Central America to help find creative, nonviolent solutions to the violence and conflict that lead to people fleeing the countries in the first place
- 715 Start an agenda to fight homelessness. Look at availability of unused FEMA trailers to be repurposed as shelter for homeless
- 716 Help people to learn how to be debt free so that they are not consuming resources that impact the world and it's climate.
- 717 We need training about our prejudices and racism. To recognize them and address them.
A drive to address our ingrained and systemic racism.
- 718 God owns 1,000 cattle--ask him to sell one!
- 719 Better engagement from local churches to young kids and after school
- 720 Piggyback to previous answer: utilize unused money in congregations and districts to update church buildings to house and feed people
- 721 Peace crusades, witnessing to the peace ministry. A model is Teen Challenge.
- 722 Nigerian crisis fund

- 723 Prison ministries for those locked up. Resources for those released from prison. Housing, job skills training, life skills training, etc.
- 724 The food industry in the US has a lot of waste. Develop relationships to distribute that food to areas of need before it becomes waste.
- 725 Church camp was very important to me in terms of growing my faith.
- 726 Develop personal relationships with people to share the gospel with them.
- 727 every church has a community garden, cooking classes at church
- 728 Work locally with other churches to address local needs
- 729 Continuing to educate about how to deal with and recover from drug addiction, basic financial training, building healthy family relationships, etc.
- 730 We need to plant churches in the areas of need that we desire to serve.
- 731 Nd20
Community gardens at every church
- 732 participate and support each other to service, whether financially, etc., to serve at least a weekend every two months
- 733 Adopt a school and interacting with those needs
- 734 Use annual conference time to form ministry groups around certain ministry areas . For example learning about others in foster care. Or peacemaking training for several hours. Training for lay pastors, pastoral ethics training
- 735 Set goals as a church, district, or denomination. Example: lets dig 100 wells in Africa. Set service goals and keep them in front of your church, district and denomination.
- 736 Grow a life skills education program for any who want to attend and help reconnect relationship and community
- 737 Love every side not just the children, or not just the victims, but also the abusers,
- 738 Have more youth programs
- 739 Have a racism audit, where we deeply look at ourselves and generally develop a better sense of racial sensitivity.
- 740 -develop and promote Family/Marriage Enrichment Programs
- 741 That our annual conference business be working on these big ideas together.
- 742 In Kansas lots of illegal aliens jobs are there no commitment for job longevity
- 743 Have a "Brethren Social Services" office located within each district. The office would have employees that are social workers, counselors, refugee assistants, or church members that have a passion for a certain crisis or need within their area. The office can help identify a particular need within in their area and contact local churches for personal assistance. Another take on this theme is that the churches in a district can help identify individuals that have a calling or passion to a certain cause and form this "office" to work at addressing them.
- 744 Providing funding for working through the legal immigration process and working with people through it
- 745 To get big, we need to start small. We, as individuals, need to grow in our selflessness and willingness to commit fully to the larger church body.
- 746 Denomination should sponsor more workshops and create more resources on how to recognize, address the problems.
- 747 Brethren "take home a backpack" programs for hungry kids. Pantries for needy
- 748 Initiate programs to partner with other organizations to create safe havens for women or others.
- 749 Partner with heifer international to infuse them with a specific program that has a yearly focus such as supporting wells, providing farm equipment, teaching farming, providing sustainable means
- 750 Sustainability in churches! Solar panels or dish use etc.

- 751 Denominational grants to host immigrants
- 752 Perhaps buy back the New Windsor property or a college that closes and make a legal refugees settlement center.
- 753 Expand BVS for local commitment with short term commitments
- 754 Having an open space for people in the community to come if they are about to do wrong or have done wrong. Ex-if someone is drunk they can come sleep it off in a safe space.
- 755 60 help the immigrants where they are, and support churches and agencies that are along the boarder
- 756 Sponsor an event for each district for worship and resource fair....providing resources to do that.
- 757 Utilize social media more to address life skill training
- 758 Create a program to train youth with hands on help, community activism, legislative knowledge and skills, sending them to congregations who will support them to create and implement programs to work on greatest needs in the community.
- 759 Employment centers in several cities to train the unemployed to enter the work force
- 760 D73: We need to bring awareness to local and global needs by using technology by creating simple tasks to donate "Click here to donate" or "How do I donate?"
- 761 Trauma informed care training for pastors and churches
- 762 Offer our buildings to be used by organizations and groups
- 763 Instead of vbs provide sports camp -- draw more ..get name recognizable leaders or college teams
- 764 Run a media campaign (TV, radio, web and social media) to get our denomination's name out into the public. Sharing about our disaster ministry and other key projects. Another national Christmas service...
- 765 Clean and safe water distribution
- 766 Agricultural needs undocumented workers to pick fruit.
- 767 Educate people by teaming up with other denominations to provide for some our dreams. The Brethren are not the only ones to help change the world.
- 768 Help people released from incarceration transition back into society
- 769 Work with schools to hold joint events to address Mental illness among youth...
- 770 "Light a candle"-- fund raiser....raise funds to accomplish the ideas raised...
- 771 Networking and more ecumenical connection in service
- 772 COB wide effort offering training on how to share your faith personally toward disciple-making in local congregations.
- 773 More community gardens in America and other impoverished areas
- 774 Partnering with local, state, and national agencies in helping and reaching out to help what's already going on. Red cross does disaster relief, church world service.
- 775 Making use of modern technology -- Facebook, etc.
- 776 Hold a revival
- 777 A BVS for baby boomers, that is perhaps not a full year. Short term volunteerism.
- 778 Provide services to the homeless, like meals, and laundry a few times a week, and help educate the parents. Backpacks sent home with children for them to have food over the weekend.
Food waste in this country, and in school lunches needs to be reduced. This would need to have management to make a difference.
- 779 Programs to support mental health wellness

- 780 Could there be a denominational grant for churches to decrease carbon footprint? E.g. financial aid for a church that wants to install solar panels
- 781 cooperation with local schools for need
- 782 Send out a tweet or text everyday from the COB. It would be a way to connect us.
Send out a thought for the day, or a question of the day to ponder.
- 783 More and more community gardens.
If we don't have our own food banks, being able to align with already existing food banks in our areas. Either volunteering, delivery, etc. local congregations aligning themselves with local foodbanks to address the crisis.
- 784 Nd20
Call for focus through church to increase awareness on volunteer needs
- 785 Put up a presidential candidate
- 786 Online equipping sessions, little free libraries,
- 787 Family to family mentoring.
- 788 Have a CoB facility for those struggling with substance abuse and addiction that has no cost and no minimum stay.
- 789 Make an effort to plant a church in every community in which BDM does disaster response.
- 790 Create Prison ministry committees in every district
- 791 Somehow address the healthcare crisis
- 792 Being politically engaged to promote brethren ideas at a national level
- 793 A green park developed by the brethren in cooperation with the town or city utilizing land that needs redevelopment
- 794 Building a reputation in the community for being giving and a family.
- 795 develop a program to create more trust and communication across the community. have community events at churches or public places.
one session at AC continuing to reevaluate our vision. just like we are doing now and to gather around tables. have this be a focus for non-delegates.
- 796 Food finders. Groups to collect almost expired food from grocery stores and restaurants. Reduces food waste, and hunger.
- 797 If the CoB was able to provide refugee training to help make refugees self sufficient and able to survive. We need to set up places of training for refugees.
- 798 Offer more short-term service opportunities to get more congregants involved and committed to the church
- 799 Pop-up potlucks in high need area, not asking for donations, just free good food for people who need it.
- 800 Inviting and encourage people to share their stories, as a way to increase connection, know each other more fully and at a deeper level
- 801 Is there a system we can put in place (maybe online) to list our resources or skill sets or area of expertise? So we can go to our own sisters and brothers to fix something or help someone?
- 802 Community gardens
- 803 A free Church of the brethren app that helps people with mental health, abuse, family issues.
- 804 Address leaders and politicians and call them to value life of every person as people, not objects.
- 805 We should jump on bandwagons instead of reinventing wheels. Let's work with ecumenical groups that are already addressing these issues
- 806 Partner with other churches to provide food, shelter, provisions for those in need

- 807 After holding a revival, hold a foot washing service
- 808 Experiential learning (getting a ration box like a refugee) learning through experience
- 809 Set a goal for all congregations to reduce their carbon footprint
- 810 Have a "National Desegregation Sunday" where we intentionally integrate our churches to be more racially diverse
- 811 Make a program so that no child is left alone after school, parents and community members sign up to take a certain amount of children, read and feed and care for each child until they can go home
- 812 Help congregations move towards renewable energy.
- 813 Christian concerts to raise funds for these projects
- 814 Create new, non traditional gatherings. For example, coffee houses. Forming "communities" around variety of interests, needs... Even dog training! Creating building materials. Starting with things that don't look like traditional church. Look where need is.
- 815 Don't reinvent the wheel. Invest in researching who is doing these things best. Such as world vision and heifer.
- 816 Create more supports when we have people able to walk alongside, rather than just having to refer and then hope for the best.
- 817 Support groups....to teach parenting....
Loving Inc.
Prayer conference for direction.
- 818 Find secular organizations that are already addressing these needs and unite with them
- 819 Community gardens and lot clearing
- 820 A focus at annual conference and better reports during business sessions in the feet in the ground work that is being done. Less discussion and more presentation of what is being done and what can be done
- 821 Have BDM develop a program for congregations doing "projects in place" like the new BVS option. Provide leaders, training and other resource support. Go local.
- 822 free food truck
- 823 We can offer a work ministry that creates a network of individuals gifted in different areas. When a local community or a church develops a need, the network can establish a team to go out and complete the project. This is similar to a work bank. We could call it service bank.
- 824 Utilize outdoor camps for training and sessions on drug addiction , children of parents in prison, foster care, adoption, latch key kids,....
- 825 Promote alternative healthcare through nutrition, exercise and prevention
- 826 Sponsor regional events where people of the can get energized, gain resources for work in their local community...resource people for work within their own community
- 827 D73: have the church distribute teams to churches on how to attend to needs. Local and global needs
- 828 Become aware of resources such as the counselor who gave insight session last night who offered his services for suicide and depression identification
- 829 60 immigration assistance with not being able to go back and get documents needed to make it legal
- 830 Gun manufacturers stop making automatic weapons, not all guns, just the larger ones.
- 831 Teaching the churches to go out and cast out the demons. Like in Matt, Mark, Luke, Elgin help the church learn to Preach the good news, heal the sick, cast out demons.
- 832 Plant 250 Living Peace Churches over the next 10 years. Commit \$25 million a year to support these church planters (\$100k per year)... Specifically created to be experiments in faith communities that exemplify Christ's reconciliation, dynamic faith, justice, nonviolence. Would not look like church as normal business. Show us what

relevant church focused on following Jesus, transformation in Christ, Brethren DNA of discipleship, peacemaking, nonviolence can look like today. Many forms and shapes!

- 833 Greater financial support for district leadership
- 834 Solidarity market, people can bring what resources they have (food from the garden, hair cuts, etc.) which they can be exchanged for other resources and services to save their money for their bills
- 835 Early intervention programs for school aged children. Addressing many of their physical needs, life skill needs, etc.
- 836 Have a local spot to distribute food and how to cook it more healthy
Use extra space to grow a community garden
Start having more study groups on how to take care of our growing and our land around us Have materials available to help understand these process's
- 837 Needs and resource denominational command center where local congregations can share. The center would match needs and resources.
- 838 Develop home health care programs.
- 839 Utilizing excess food from restaurants and grocery stores to use for the hungry
- 840 Annual conference as a combination of business meeting and revival. Learn what other churches are doing
- 841 Teach stop giving away, learn stop distancing ourselves from the issues.
- 842 Teaching peace in our local communities. Peace institutes
- 843 Some sort of method for sharing what others are doing to create ideas and streamline the planning process for those looking to start new programs in their churches
- 844 We need to improve on what we have now. People are not participating like they used to.
- 845 Provide community gardens, with mentoring for participants.
- 846 Programs that are Christ centered can help if the individuals surrender to Christ
- 847 Adopting immigrant families
- 848 restaurants pay what they can
- 849 Teach financial strategies to the impoverished
- 850 Providing food that was fresh and available that you pay a low price for a large package of vegetables.
- 851 Get out of our own comfort zones. To be able to volunteer our time and gifts.
- 852 Use TV as a platform for national coverage of what the COB is doing. Go BIG!!
How does the COB share the great work of the COB without patting ourselves on the back?
Social Media ministry team within the COB.
Finding a way to get on national networks to share the ministries of the COB.
- 853 Partner with other denominations to provide training to address specific needs of communities
Use the capabilities of the congregation to provide safe houses for those that have been abused
- 854 Nd-1
Reevaluate what we are doing.....making sure it is Christ centered...known and professed.
- 855 Can we have a way for the denomination to harvest ideas from churches all around - and disseminate this in a regular and accessible way to all the other congregations? I think I'm the only one in my church who reads COB literature. If we had a more regular and accessible way to share ideas - a better way to connect...
- 856 Lobby philanthropists for funding for CoB projects
- 857 Subsidize your first mission trip.

858 We need to get our church into opioid treatment centers. Without Christ in their lives, it will be very hard for them to get their lives back on track.

A renewed and updated "Passing on the Promise" emphasis.

859 Give a man a fish and he eats for a day, teach a man to fish, he eats for a lifetime, we need to be sharing the gospel with the folks whose needs we are trying to meet and sharing or teaching them that God provides for all of us daily and for a lifetime.

860 Brethren Colleges offering focused college degrees

861 Nationwide backpack program to provide food for children on weekends.

862 Halfway homes in other communities for young adults that are coming out of alternative housing so they aren't coming right back to the people/circumstances that got them into trouble in the first place.

863 Healthy families education programing, sponsored by the congregation

864 Raise up the voices of our youth and elders to see what passions and wisdom is in our denomination.

865 We are frustrated. Big ideas usually happen grassroots and then are shared/supported via annual conference and denomination.

866 Program for intentional intensive discipleship /learning connected with community development/ farming

867 More cooperation with local congregations in the Districts. This would take a desire and humility with all involved. Things need to change.

Increased emphasis on back and forth communication between national leadership and the local congregations.

868 Reclaim a basic understanding of our calling to care for creation, actually using Genesis

869 Provide long-term mentorships to people we serve so that we are not just teaching and releasing.

Meet the needs of all of the generations in our churches so that we can support them in their growth, try to keep them from falling into some of the issues mentioned on this list.

870 Place on COB website with ideas and stories of what other churches are doing

871 Perhaps we Americans need some training to become less scary to the people coming in.

872 US churches pair up with global churches to be "pen pals"

873 A brethren construction company building housing for homeless, refugees, and immigrants, with all employees having been drawn from those categories also.

874 Be the central place in our local community where people can get networked to the services they need. We need information hubs and trained people who can essentially case management for people in need rather than duplicate the services that already exist. As we recognize bottle necks or gaps in service we as the local church can push to fill those needs.

875 so many educators, healthcare professionals, financial experts in our local churches...can we become leaders in preparing immigrants for life skills in America.

876 Develop a "passing it along" program for service in urban settings.

877 charter school or after school program

878 SHOW UP

879 A lot of family issues are finance based. Both finance mentorship and training and advocacy programming.

880 Table 72--refuge crisis-- faith based English instruction in our churches... To help folks learn English and move into society safely using the Laubach Method

Open our churches to believers from different countries so that they have a place to worship... Story of a church that opened their doors to a Hispanic Church, who in a year and a half was able to buy an abandoned urban church so that they could open a food bank and create other ministries to the neighborhood.

Laubach Method

- 881 Whatever we do, we have to be in it for the long haul - these ideas are big and hard, if we're not committed, its not going to work
- 882 Brethren grants for updating churches.
- 883 reuse vomit as fertilizer
- 884 Address our doorstep need, the messy, difficult, sacrificial, time-consuming; not the far away
- 885 Developing at our elderly home a way to house children, even only temporarily
- 886 Start small, but GET something started in your community. Can we offer GRANTS to start their big ideas? Give them a chance! Then at A. C., we can highlight those successes together. Then re-fund!!!
- 887 Provide solar and other renewable power sources and teach the locals how to operate and repair these
- 888 Projects that the people in the area are already skilled at and assist in a way that the Community need
- 889 Find ways to support churches as they transition into the modern world with music and millennial thought process
- 890 After school tutoring.
- 891 Education resource center for taking care of creation.
- 892 Learn from the Mennonites
- 893 Prison red
Form. Reduce the sentencing of first time drug offenders
- 894 The denomination helping the churches have resources for, Healing gifts inventory. to enable the Christians to find spiritual gifts and callings.
- 895 Website resources, and contacting other congregations who do that thing
- 896 Pairing COB in the US with another congregation from a different country to create more awareness.
- 897 A COB legal aide building around the world
- 898 Solar panels, LED lightbulbs, and gardens at every church
- 899 A Brethren adoption agency that helps to facilitate international and domestic adoptions.
- 900 Challenge each member to lead one person to Christ
- 901 Pastors write and submit articles for local news outlets.
- 902 Is there a way we can use technology to connect us more easily, especially in times of crisis
- 903 Provide spaces for two opposing groups to come together and fellowship and participate in activities to get to know each other without the need to confront the differences, just build relationship.
- 904 I want to help immigrants who are hungry for the word to see and know Christ (multi-lingual bible study, support group, combined church services, etc.)
- 905 Communicate ideas beyond the denomination to share and combine our resources.
- 906 How do we bring people who wouldn't normally go to a certain insight sessions to mix it up. Not necessarily the elephant in the room insight sessions, but going to insight sessions outside our comfort and learning something new.
- 907 Samara parenting course ... Become aware of such resources
- 908 Make workcamps combined junior high and high school trips.
- 909 Schedule annual conference, rent the rooms, then fill them with homeless in the area...
- 910 In regards to carrying out the ideas presented in the previous response, meetings could be held with people in homes for teaching and worship to keep the experience personally impactful and to keep costs down - this might lead to new congregations...

- 911 Create a database of resources that ministers can access on any myriad of issues. Have numbers for halfway houses or social workers or anything else in the area that a pastor could need
- 912 Seminary for all - with no assumption or expectation of pastoral vocation - biblical learning, theological reflection, conflict resolution - distance education opportunities - Bethany??
- 913 Encourage every church to adopt one family in their community....not paternalistically, but to love and support
- 914 Healthcare plan for Brethren!
- 915 Renew Lafiya teaching - to address whole person in the church and community.
- Families in crisis: For churches to become safe places. Place for education, planning with community organizations
- Immigration and refugee crisis: Educate on needs, support for refugee resettlement.
- Food insecurity: we have been farmers - sharing produce from community gardens, food banks,
- Drug addiction: Church programs offering parenting education for young people, recovery programs
- Develop video games for children that teach peace and nonviolence, as well as encourage peacemaking toys.
- Collaborate with ecumenical groups, interfaith groups to address these needs in our communities. Encourage congregations to collaborate in districts. Apply for more grants to address need and develop programs to educate and teach skills. Churches work together to teach healthy living skills. Plant trees to grow a forest. Work together for wiser use of materials, recycling,
- 916 For creation care... Create a low waste challenge that limits the amount of plastic and waste at district and denominational events like annual conference
- 917 Prayer intervention as public protest -fall on your knees in a public place that needs god's love
- 918 Every congregation could adopt a local school or classroom. They could volunteer in the classroom to read with students and help with homework, and provide food to families.
- 919 Creation care: take seriously reduce, reuse, recycle. Products that are compostable. Will be different for each congregation.
- 920 Embedding peace studies and nonviolent conflict resolution classes at all community colleges nation wide.
- 921 Have grant writing workshops to enable people to access federal block grant money.

Youth Responses

- 001 Creating a mental health mission that includes professionals and doctors to educate and respond to crisis and struggle. The problem starts at home, and we could create small community-based shelters to address substance abuse, mental health, and domestic violence.
- 002 Conflict mediators in areas of conflict
Good neighbor fund (money that is set aside to help people in need)
Program that helps provide food to those that are starving
- 003 Get an organization that organizes groups that talk to people in a specific area, find out what their problems are, and then show them God's love by helping them with their problems and staying so that the people always have support.
- 004 Resources for those with disabilities
- 005 International food pantry that connects small local food pantries together so that there is constant support across the world. Start small in a state and then a region and then eventually the whole country and then the world. They give each other constant support, both in food and money.
- 006 We feel people need HOPE, which is not a readily available resource. We feel the church can help with that in the following ways.
- Food and water - expand Heifer Project.
- Mental health - develop and host a support group for your community. Building community around the issue

and informing others that they are not alone. Offer donations toward therapy and possibly pay for a therapist/ speaker to be onsite at no charge for community members.

007 Program to teach individuals to self-sustain in farming and agriculture to address hunger. Build small schools in areas without them to educate the children. Work to meet healthcare needs in rural areas in America and other countries.

008 The international food pantry name is Food Bank International (FBI).

009 Hybrid idea integrating two of our bigger ideas already
Develop a tree plantation, which we grow and manage for the strict use of growing our own resources for disaster ministries. With the idea of continually growing to a point where we could self-sustain the majority of our lumber needs for disaster relief.

010 Brethren Talk shows.

Drug related issues - safe housing, places for them to go to get help (without judgement)

Hunger (local)- having gardens throughout, backpack programs, fresh food program s- giving food (fruit) out for free to the community

Hunger (abroad) - taking life skill classes abroad

Internationally-- Giving bikes to those who live far away from the churches or other buildings they need to go to. Since its dangerous to walk to most places