

Pathways to Serve Map

From youth strengths to real roles in congregation and community

JOHN 13:14–15

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

Youth we have in mind

List 3–8 youth or young adults who have shown interest in serving or leadership, or who you sense the Spirit inviting you to encourage.

INSIDE THE CONGREGATION: POSSIBLE ROLES

Think about the life of your congregation and where opportunities to serve exist:

Worship & tech (slides, sound, livestream, social media): _____

Up-front roles (scripture, prayer, testimony, drama, music): _____

Children’s / youth ministry assistants or peer leaders: _____

Hospitality (greeters, welcome table, meals, set-up / clean-up): _____

Care / follow-up (notes, visiting alongside deacons, care packages): _____

Building & grounds (“mini-trustees,” seasonal projects, gardens, creation care): _____

Other Brethren-specific or local roles (district events, peace witness, disaster response): _____

BEYOND THE CHURCH BUILDING: POSSIBLE ROLES

Think about your community — schools, farms, small businesses, organizations, and service opportunities reflecting the Brethren commitment to service, peace, and justice.

Local school partnerships (tutoring, mentoring, clubs, arts / sports): _____

Community agencies (food pantry, clothing closet, crisis center, senior care, immigrant support): _____

Rural community life (farm support days, town clean-ups, festivals, fairs, environmental care): _____

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Home repair / practical help teams for neighbors: _____

Faith-and-service projects (district / denominational events, service trips, Brethren Volunteer Service): _____

Other local or regional opportunities: _____

MATCHING YOUTH TO ROLES

Pick 2–3 youth and sketch a match between their strengths and specific roles.

Youth

Possible roles inside congregation: _____

Possible roles in community: _____

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Possible roles in community: _____

SUPPORTS & MENTORS

For each youth / role, name at least one adult mentor or “coach” who can model servant leadership in the Church of the Brethren tradition.

YOUTH	ROLE	MENTOR

HOW THE DLF TEAM CAN HELP

What support, coaching, or resources would help you move forward?

From the Church of the Brethren’s Discipleship & Leadership Formation Team, including Youth & Young Adult Ministries and the Rural & Small-Town Initiative.

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