

Dear Church of the Brethren congregation,

The denomination's Global Mission and Service program recently launched the Global Mission Advocate Network. The network aims to equip districts and congregations to promote Brethren mission efforts at the individual, congregational, and district levels. I would appreciate some assistance in identifying a volunteer in your congregation who would be willing to serve as a Congregational Mission Advocate.

The ideal advocate would have a heart for Church of the Brethren missions and the international Brethren community. The advocate will be tasked to keep Brethren mission work before the congregation through congregational newsletters, websites, verbal announcements, and other avenues, as well as communicate congregational mission efforts to me as the district advocate for sharing with the broader network. The advocate can expect to receive regular mission updates, prayer concerns, and resources from Global Mission and Service as explained in the enclosed document.

In the next few weeks, I will be contacting the pastor of your congregation to follow up on this request for a Congregational Mission Advocate. I would be grateful at that time for a suggested name or two from your congregation, along with contact information. If you prefer to contact that person or those persons yourself, please do so.

If you would like to view some of the available resources on Church of the Brethren missions,

- View plenary sessions from the Mission Alive conference held last November at <http://new.livestream.com/enten/MissionAlive2012>
- View and print copies of the monthly Minute for Mission newsletter at www.brethren.org/partners
- Make copies of a monthly missions prayer guide posted at www.brethren.org/partners
- View a video about the violence in Nigeria and how you can help: www.brethren.org/partners
- Or view videos about specific mission points, all available through www.brethren.org/partners .

Thank you for your support to grow mission within the Church of the Brethren: "We have been entrusted with a message." And thank you, in advance, for your support in growing a mission network. As a new endeavor, the network will need some tweaking. Please contact me directly with any questions, comments, or suggestions to improve our work together in service to the gospel.

In Christ's love,