

Dear (i.e. Pastor's name, or COB congregation's name or appropriate person)

Easter greetings to you from your District Mission Advocate.

It is a new day for Church of the Brethren Global Missions for which we thank God for His constant faithfulness.

Jay Wittmeyer has resigned from the executive director office, but Eric Miller and his wife Ruoxia Li have graciously agreed to serve as our new Global Mission directors beginning March 8, 2021.

It is still the desire of the Global Mission office to maintain a strong network of mission advocates to keep the mission and ministry of our Global Church before our congregations. Mission work is supported by our constant prayers and giving of tithes and talents. If our congregations do not hear about the work, prayers and resources fall by the wayside. I have volunteered to keep this work alive in our district publications, but I need your congregational advocate to do this also for your congregation.

This network of congregational advocates was launched in 2012 at our last Mission Alive conference and needs to be updated for the new directors. There are plans for a Mission Alive conference to come again in 2022. I pray we have an advocate for missions from each of the congregations in our district represented at that conference.

Can you please let me know the name of your congregational advocate for missions? Send your congregation's mission advocate contact information to me at our district's address.

The ideal advocate would have a heart for Church of the Brethren missions and the international Brethren community. The advocate is tasked with keeping Brethren mission work before the congregation through congregational newsletters, websites, verbal announcements, and other avenues. The congregational advocate can expect to receive regular mission updates, prayer concerns, and educational and worship resources from Global Mission on the new updated Global Mission web pages at brethren.org.

Let the district know the contact information of your mission advocate today and send us any stories you would like to share with the wider denomination of how your congregation is praying for and supporting the global Church of the Brethren mission and ministry.

Thank you for finding the advocate we need and give them our thanks from the district and the denomination on behalf of the Global Mission office and our new directors.

In Christ's love, (District Mission Advocate, or DE)

