

## More than \$1 million from Lilly Endowment Inc. supports *Shine*

**A** grant of \$1,250,000 from Lilly Endowment Inc. will support the development of *Shine: Living in God's Light*, a joint publication of MennoMedia and Brethren Press. The grant is part of Lilly Endowment's Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative, which aims to help parents and caregivers share their faith and values with their children.

This generous grant will make possible a new Shine effort called Everyday Faith. The Shine team will walk alongside congregations and households in developing spiritual practice materials that inspire families to embody the story of God in everyday life. Shine's Everyday Faith project is rooted in the instruction in Deuteronomy 6 to keep God's words close to our heart and share them with our children, and Jesus' teaching in John 15 to abide in the vine. The grant will be used to

engage parents and caregivers in building faith practices at home and to engage congregations in fostering deeper faith connections with families.

Seventy-seven organizations reflecting the diversity of Christianity in the US received grants through this competitive round of the initiative.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is a private foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff, and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the endowment supports the causes of community development, education, and religion and maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

## Another Chibok girl is freed

**O**ne of the Chibok schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram in 2014 was rescued by a Nigerian military operation on Aug. 21, in news received via the media office of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria. The EYN district church council secretary for Chibok spoke with her father to confirm that Mary Nkeki from Kuburbula had been released. EYN media staff Zakariya Musa requested, "Pray for Mary who is now 27, to reunite with her parents after almost 10 years in captivity."



**BVS Unit 333** held orientation Aug. 1-9. Six volunteers came from EIRENE in Germany, a long-time partner of Brethren Volunteer Service. *Front row from left:* **Cornelius Raff** of Mainz, Germany, to the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy, Washington, D.C.; **Jonas Baron** of Berlin, Germany, to Camp Mardela, Denton, Md.; **Tatjana Matt** of Bad Heilbrunn, Germany, to Abode Services, Fremont, Calif.; **Sascha Dolatkiewicz** of Bobritzsch-Hilbersdorf, Germany, to Highland Park Elementary School, Roanoke, Va.; **Anna Schweitzer** of Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren, New Paris, Ohio, to Project PLASE, Baltimore, Md.; **Haley Bannon** of Brooklyn, N.Y., to Corrymeela, Northern Ireland. *Back row:* **Luis Gernert** of Cologne, Germany, to Abode Services; **Nils Dornseifer** of Neuwied, Germany, to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, Little Rock, Ark.; **Alex Heinz** of Elizabethtown (Pa.) Church of the Brethren, to Inspiration Hills Camp, Burbank, Ohio, while awaiting long-term assignment; **Tess Koontz** of Bedford (Pa.) Church of the Brethren, to Creation Justice Ministries, Washington, D.C.; **Kendall Brown** of Ann Arbor, Mich., to San Diego (Calif.) Peace Campus related to San Diego Church of the Brethren; **Marianne Fitzkee** of Lancaster (Pa.) Church of the Brethren, to Fundación Brethren y Unida, Ecuador; **Ashley Martin** of Wirtz, Va., to Lydia's House, Cincinnati, Ohio.



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## CDS serves in Lahaina after deadly wildfires

**C**hildren's Disaster Services has deployed volunteers to Hawaii in partnership with the Red Cross, following wildfires. A first group of eight volunteers arrived in the devastated city of Lahaina in mid-August to serve in a Family Assistance Center. CDS staff expected to send a second group of volunteers in early September.

The fire that destroyed much of Lahaina was the deadliest in the US in more than 100 years. The fast-moving inferno spread from the brush outside of town and ravaged the historic city that was once the capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

## Eder board elects new chair

**J**an Fahs of North Manchester, Ind., was elected chair of the Eder Financial board for the 2023-2024 year, at the board's meeting on Aug. 7. Fahs is recently retired as church administrator of Manchester Church of the Brethren, and formerly taught accounting and business at Manchester University. She succeeds Donna Rhodes, who was chair for four years and, having completed her second successive four-year term, was ineligible to return.

Elected as vice chair was Wayne Scott, who has served in that role for two years. He is an attorney in Pennsylvania, previously serving as executive deputy chief counsel for the state's Utility Commission.

Rejoining the board are Eunice Culp, recently retired as vice president of human resources for Everence Financial, who will complete an unexpired term, and Dennis Kingery, CFO of Frontwave Credit Union, who begins his third term on the board.

## Personnel

**Jeff Boshart** has resigned as manager of the Global Food Initiative effective Dec. 29. He has managed the GFI fund as well as the Emerging Global Mission Fund for more than 11 years, since March 2012. His career with the denomination has been extensive, spanning some 22 years including a term of service with the church in the Dominican Republic from 2001 to 2004 during which he and his wife, Peggy, were community development coordinators and implemented a microloan program. From 2008 to 2012, he worked as Haiti Disaster Response coordinator for Brethren Disaster Ministries. The GFI is the primary way the Church of the Brethren helps develop food security and works against chronic hunger. Boshart has worked to promote agriculture, offer training in best practices, and visit prospective grant recipients in many different countries. In the US, he has led the GFI in giving grants to community gardens.

**Bruce Holderreed** retired June 30 as district executive minister for Idaho and Western Montana District, a position he began July 30, 2013. At the denominational level he served a term on the Mission and Ministry Board from 2005 to 2010. Earlier work included serving in Vietnam with International Voluntary Service, inspired by his childhood experiences living in India with his missionary parents.

**Martie Hummer** has completed a year of service with Brethren

Disaster Ministries. Working as a BVSer, she was on the project leadership team for the church's disaster rebuilding program.

**Cornelius Raff** has begun work for the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy, through BVS. Originally from Germany, he is living and working in Washington, D.C.

**Ashley Scarr** of San Diego (Calif.) Church of the Brethren on Aug. 31 concluded a year-long internship with the Brethren Historical Library and Archives in Elgin, Ill.

**Richard Wehrle** began Sept. 5 as manager for Thriving in Ministry, a program of the Office of Ministry. He is pastor of Midland (Va.) Church of the Brethren and has worked as a truss design project manager for Alliance Structural Engineers of Reston, Va., for 13 years. He also has been homeless outreach coordinator for Serving our Neighbors of Manassas, Va. He holds a master of divinity with an emphasis in intercontextual biblical interpretation from Bethany Seminary, and is working to complete a master of arts in spiritual and social transformation with an emphasis in nonprofit leadership.

**Stacy Horner Young**, a 1996 graduate of Manchester University in North Manchester, Ind., began July 1 as Manchester's 16th president. Previously she was president of Montcalm Community College in Michigan, where she was the first woman to hold the top leadership position. She succeeds **Dave McFadden** in the presidency.