



Church of the Brethren

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Dear Ken and Oakton Church of the Brethren family,

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever... serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:10-11).

Thank you for your faithful support of the Church of the Brethren. Your prayers and the many ways that you give of your time and tithes are making a difference in the life-changing work we do together through Church of the Brethren ministries. We would also like to express our gratitude for making a commitment to give \$4,973 to the mission and ministry of the Church of the Brethren in 2017.

Through generous giving from congregations like yours, the following initiatives of our ministries happened recently:

- Global Mission and Service helped complete the construction of the Pegi church near Abuja, Nigeria.
- Congregational Life Ministries is intent on growing the Network of Spiritual Directors through a new online survey, and is developing tools to connect leaders with spiritual directors in the Church of the Brethren.
- Registration for the 2017 workcamp season opened with enthusiasm, making 8 workcamps full or close to full already.
- Office of Public Witness staff visited Lybrook Community Ministries near the Navajo reservation in New Mexico. This Going to the Garden partner empowers the community and addresses the need of adequate food and housing, and will share at the 2017 Christian Citizenship Seminar.
- Brethren Volunteer Service staff provided leadership for two weekend youth events and is offering to lead others in the future.
- Brethren Historical Library and Archives helped Tingru Liu, an entrepreneur from China, who is preparing a history of his childhood community of Shanxi Province China where Brethren had a decisive role in education, health care, agriculture, highway construction, and planting a church.

Thank you again for participating in the important work that God is doing through the Church of the Brethren both locally and globally. With your help, lives are changed for the glory of God and our neighbors' good. May God bless us all as we continue the work of Jesus.

With gratitude,

David Steele
General Secretary

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