

Greater Impact

TOGETHER WE GROW COURAGEOUS DISCIPLES

Words of greeting from Nate Polzin

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Discipleship and Leadership Formation (DLF) works to equip the whole people of God to make disciples of Jesus, form leaders, and transform communities. Staff create and offer resources, events, coaching, and consulting to help pastors and church leaders grow in their ministry and leadership skills. Additionally, DLF helps the church to call, train, credential, and sustain ministers in various roles. Staff and volunteers also host events which strengthen the faith of the laity (National Older Adult Conference, National Youth Conference, Christian Citizenship Seminar, and National Young Adult Conference are a few of the opportunities).

Part Time Pastor; Full Time Church is a fantastic program that partners with multi-vocational pastors and the congregations they lead. Through this ministry, we provide grants, support, coaching, and more to pastors who are stretched thin and juggling many balls.

Intercultural Ministries is working hard to better equip us all to be the church together. Opportunities are being planned to resource and connect our churches and members across racial, ethnic, and linguistic lines.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!



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“Transformed by God” (Romans 12:1-2)

A reflection by Lauren Flora on the theme for Young Adult Conference 2024
(excerpted from the *Bridge* newsletter published by Youth and Young Adult Ministries)

This year at Young Adult Conference, we will learn about what it means to live a radical, counter-cultural life. We will dive into conversations about how we can focus our attention on God rather than ourselves. As Christians, we are called to be transformed by God and to embrace attitudes that align with “living like Jesus.” He wants us to live for him and resist conforming to the patterns of the world. Join us as we discuss allowing God to transform us. Living a counter-cultural life means placing our hope in something which cannot be removed. God wants us to be leaders, to find and keep our individuality, and to be change-makers in this world!

Happenings

May 24-26: Young Adult Conference held at Shepherd’s Spring Camp near Sharpsburg, Md. Offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects, and more... with other fantastic young adults!

November 15-17: L.E.A.D (Listen – Equip – Adapt – Disciple) Conference, held at Ephrata (Pa.) Church of the Brethren. This will be a leadership development conference for congregational leaders such as pastors and church board members. The focus will be on raising the leadership skills of congregational leaders to help them be more effective in their local ministries. The event will be a mix of plenary and break-out sessions.

Discipleship and Leadership Formation staff also have been working at webinars, ethics trainings, and book studies.

For more information check out www.brethren.org/DLF



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