



Offering announcements



for the 2022 Pentecost Offering

Use one or more of the following ministry snapshots to make an announcement to promote the Pentecost Offering in your congregation.

Becky Ullom Naugle, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

National Youth Conference does not happen on Pentecost, yet I often wish more of our faith family could experience the presence of the Holy Spirit as it manifests at NYC. The moments when the Holy Spirit whirls powerfully through the gathered, worshipping body are incredible. But there are “smaller” moments of Pentecost too – in workshops and small groups when people understand each other in a way they hadn’t before or while hiking in the Rockies and the language of God’s creation sings and shouts. We are yearning to “be all together in one place” with new intensity, gathered in community. We anxiously await the movement of the Holy Spirit in the lives of NYC 2022 participants!

Thank you for your passion for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, for partnering in the work of the Church of the Brethren, and for giving to the Pentecost Offering!

La Donna Nkosi, director of Intercultural Ministries

On the day of Pentecost, the church that Jesus commissioned was birthed as followers of Jesus came together from many cultures, locations, and languages. By the Spirit of God, each was able to understand in their own language. By God’s grace, we as Brethren come from various locations, backgrounds, nations, cultures, and languages. What we each share in common is that we are following Jesus.

Intercultural Ministries of the Church of the Brethren gathers Brethren for opportunities to learn about various cultures of our sisters and brothers throughout the church as well as our neighbors in our local communities. These opportunities include equipping, training, workshops, and resources as together we seek God’s racial justice, peace, healing, and restoration. It also includes celebrations and community-building gatherings like the Intercultural Ministries gathering at Annual Conference this year.

Intercultural Ministries offers Healing Racism grants to congregations for consultation and speaker referrals.

Congregations, members, and friends have participated in book discussions, *(Continued on page 2.)*

journaling workshops, and training and equipping sessions as we celebrate, respect, and learn about cultures and our cultural diversity as we seek to follow Jesus locally and globally—peacefully, simply, together.

Thank you for your passion for Intercultural Ministries, for partnering in the work of the Church of the Brethren, and for giving to the Pentecost Offering!

Nancy Sollenberger Heishman, director of the Office of Ministry

Within the story of the first Pentecost in the early church's history, we learn that the Spirit called on ordinary leaders to proclaim the power of Christ's resurrection. On that day the fisherman-turned-apostle Peter stood up and explained the extraordinary workings of the Spirit. God continued to work through the Spirit to call out women and men to proclaim salvation through Jesus Christ and to invite others to follow in His way. Throughout each week, ministers faithfully tend their spiritual flocks wherever they are scattered, fostering togetherness and all the while expanding the gospel's reach into new places and spaces for the sake of God's work in the world. The ministry of calling, training, and supporting those who serve continues the work of the Holy Spirit through the church. For all these ministers working side by side with lay leaders, the Office of Ministry gives heartfelt thanks to God.

Thank you for your passion for the Office of Ministry, for partnering in the work of the Church of the Brethren, and for giving to the Pentecost Offering!

Stan Dueck, director of Organizational Leadership

In my role, I provide resources and training to church leaders and congregations to discern and embody discipleship, mission, worship, and congregational care in the places they live. The pandemic is transforming the church's understanding and practice of "the gathered community" and "living in a place." Discipleship Ministries offers resources that enable church members to celebrate their communities and what God is doing there to re-shape the environment of the places where they gather.

Thank you for your passion for Discipleship Ministries, for partnering in the work of the Church of the Brethren, and for giving to the Pentecost Offering!