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Christ's Ambassadors Club Q & A

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." II Corinthians 5:20

What is the Christ's Ambassadors Club? "The Christ's Ambassadors Club" is a new effort by Southern Ohio/Kentucky District to continue the work of Jesus through our district ministries by giving additional financial support. Your financial gift, large or small, helps to make this real. Our goal is to raise an additional \$50,000 during the year of 2021 which will supplement the giving from our congregations to balance the District budget.

Who can become a member? Anyone who believes in the ministry of the Church of the Brethren and wishes to see thriving congregations throughout the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District.

When? Our goal is to meet the goal of an additional \$50,000 in the upcoming year of 2021.

How do I participate? Go online to the district's website to complete your pledge to the Christ's Ambassador's Club. You can give a one time gift immediately, or pledge to give your gift over the upcoming year, whether monthly or as a one time gift. You can give electronically, or by mailing a check to the district mailing address at P O Box 785, Greenville, OH 458331. Please mark on the memo line that it is for the Christ's Ambassador's Club. **Beginning with the District Board, staff and conference delegates, 18 individuals have given or pledged \$11,470 toward our \$50,000 goal for 2021.**

District Missional/Renewal Commission holds Conversations About Race Relations

Recent current events and news stories around such topics as racial justice, white privilege, equality/equity, etc have spurred conversations within the Missional/Renewal Commission. As a result, in an effort to increase understanding within the district, a task team has been formed. Among other things, this team has compiled a list of resources which will help you understand and talk about diversity within your congregation. These are posted on the district website. Click here The Task Team will add to this list as they continue to meet and learn what resources are available. They also plan to offer other learning opportunities. Be watching for more information.

West Charleston Church of the Brethren Live Nativity

The West Charleston Church of the Brethren is sponsoring a live walk through nativity. The nativity will be open on Dec. 18 from 7-8:30; Dec. 19 from 4-5:30 and 7-8:30. Church address is 4817 St Rt 202, Tipp city, OH This event is free and open to all. Visitors are encouraged to make a canned food donation or a monetary donation (for the church's youth programming and Good Samaritan fund). Masks and social distancing are required for this outdoor event.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates:

Dayton BDM Site – Due to the high rate of COVID-19, the Dayton BDM site is not currently accepting volunteers. The BDM leaders are finishing up the current jobs and will not take on any new work. The site will be paused until the beginning of April. Groups are then scheduled for the remainder of 2021. Much of the work has been removing damaged siding and roofs, and then residing and reroofing the houses. There is also a new build that BDM and Habitat for Humanity are working on together.

2021 Trip Schedule – Monthly BDM trips are scheduled for 2021. In January, February, and March our crews will be working in Bayboro, NC. April through the remainder of the year, we anticipate working in Dayton, OH. Due to the COVID-19 environment, we have committed to a half crew which is six volunteers. If we have more than six who wish to serve, we'll check to see if other slots are available. COVID-19 procedures are in place during travel, at the housing site, and at the work site. BDM works hard at serving disaster survivors and keeping volunteers safe.

Trip Volunteers – It's time to sign up for 2021 trips, particularly January 17-23, February 14-20, and March 14-20. These trips are to Bayboro, NC. Contact Burt Wolf at SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com or call/text 937-287-5902. The 2021 Trip Flyer is posted on the District website, or contact your church office.

Sewing Bee Flyer – The 2021 Sewing Bee Flyer is also posted on the district website or contact your church office. The sewing bees will alternate between Greenville COB and Eaton CC.

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or visit our website: www.sodcob.org. In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to sodcob@brethren.org **before the 15th of the month.***

