

**Describe a Christ-centered ministry you have observed in another Church of the Brethren congregation or in the wider body in the last year that made you more hopeful about our future.**

*(Participants entered the following comments)*

- 001 Community pantries and blessing boxes.
- 002 Food pantry
- 003 The Growing Grounds program in the Wabash CoB that helps women coming out of jail
- 004 Rural church partner in ministry and come together for worship. Offer special events and meetings as one. Work in strengths and community
- 005 Multiple youth groups in my region from many denominations coming together to worship Jesus and grow in relationship with him
- 006 Alpha and Omega free Yard Sale. Food, worship service, and then free stuff
- 007 Church on FL involved in addiction ministry
- 008 Isaiah 1:17 community group....
- 009 Brethren disaster relief
- 010 Community gardens, sponsored by local churches.
- 011 Home churches with a larger church connection
- 012 Community gardens are a great way to get the community involved in the church
- 013 Work at west Charleston with Hispanic population outreach and connection with Congolese refugee community
- 014 Working with the rescue mission
- 015 National youth conference and young adult conference - watching young people come together and worship
- 016 youth coming up to the front more  
more than just youth group, really involved
- 017 Church book club. Read a book about abuse, forms close relationships.
- 018 BVS and work camps are good, as is expanding to new people
- 019 The Ludwicks going to Rwanda to serve there
- 020 Sister church in El Salvador. A way to reach out.
- 021 Christian trade school / ministry school for missions in the work force
- 022 New community project, home in Harrisonburg, learning tours, women's ministries
- 023 Children's disaster services provides comfort and relief to families in times of trauma
- 024 Sending cards to other denominations in the district.
- 025 I have not witnessed ministry in other congregations.
- 026 Program that deals with he needs of people dealing with drug addictions.
- 027 Funeral service sermons that was pure salvation Heaven and hell presented
- 028 Camp ministry baptisms
- 029 Shared Youth ministry, interdenominational, to better serve the community.
- 030 INC = in name of Christ is a group that reaches out to churches to help meet needs within the community

- 031 Springfield Oregon bought motel low-income housing workshops in lobby
- 032 A community hot meal once a week for those who do not have a meal daily.
- 033 Building bunk beds for children with no beds
- 034 Flint COB became a water center to respond to the flint water crisis in Michigan.
- 035 Heifer International is inspiring.
- 036 A non-CoB church gets together once a month and goes out to do service projects in the community.
- 037 Community garden feeding the hungry, children helping to plant, community involved
- 038 Neighboring congregation pays for hundreds of school uniforms for local homeless children in neighboring school district.
- 039 property used for community garden
- 040 Homeless outreach by a local church in their area. Many people coming into their shelter.
- 041 Manchester university is sending teams on Sunday am to lead worship for congregations in the area. Infuses creativity in the community.
- 042 Intercultural ministries in non diverse communities
- 043 Our response to the Nigerian crisis by way of money and prayer for those affected by war and terror.
- 044 People coming to annual conference is encouraging. People say the Church of the Brethren is not dead
- 045 Joint youth nights ....eight churches...and worked to make kits as well and wrote notes to share the gospel to those who received the churches also came from different theological backgrounds
- 046 Rockland. They do peace right. In schools, RV converted into a computer lab, connect police to school
- 047 Disaster relief as a congregation. Brethren, "you're the ones who stay"
- 048 Dayton Memorial Day tornadoes, watching church do the work of Christ. Even the four churches that want to leave the denomination, we still see the work continuing.
- 049 Impressed by the amount of t-shirts and supplies NYC kids brought in. Seeing youth excited and making their lives difficult to serve someone else. Makes me hopeful to see youth excited and proud to serve.
- 050 Some congregations have really cool preschool programs: many kids who are actively involved in the school.
- 051 The community churches that support drug addiction and child services help
- 052 Visiting women in county jail. Ministry out of that has developed to help provide transitional housing after release.
- 053 Johns way collects slightly used medical equipment clean them up and distributes them to those in need.
- 054 A youth drop off, a safe place, where parents can pick up after school if they are not riding the bus.
- 055 In NYC the strong motivations to do things for the future of our youth.
- 056 A youth pastor tasked their youth group to raise money for an early learning center.
- 057 We had an experience in our praise team at church got together with the Spanish speaking church in Lancaster and they played in their language and we played in ours, the two languages at the same time, and it was really meaningful to me.
- 058 Churches in the area/district are doing all sorts of Christ led ministries: food pantries and clothes closets
- 059 Some churches are growing rather than declining. These churches are not complacent .
- 060 Back pack pals 100 bags a week
- 061 Witness boxes  
Free items, Bibles, food, toiletries  
Free for those in need

- 062 Serving their community during the 5th Sunday instead of holding a worship service.
- 063 Nondenominational outreach
- 064 Missionary team sent to Haiti and Guatemala.
- 065 Disaster child care
- 066 New Haven COB - Friday night lights. Bussing kids to the church after the high school home football game and reach out to the youth and their families
- 067 Brethren disaster ministries serving close to home when tornadoes struck the Dayton, OH area.
- 068 A service to the community car wash.
- 069 Those mountain churches in Rwanda that are bringing in Batwa (sp) people to know Christ by music ministries!
- 070 National Youth Conference - the combination of the curiosity of young people yearning to grow their faith but also to live out their existing faith in Christian community
- 071 Smile, open hand, welcoming presence when visiting many churches
- 072 Bridgewater has been sending teams for worship for decades. Immediate need and immediate response
- 073 Immediate response to natural disaster and praying with victims.
- 074 The starting of a home church that is already moving toward fellowship status
- 075 Trilingual services being held together.. Walking with persons navigating legal means to citizenship
- 076 Backpack for kids program throughout the nation that helps to ensure kids have food over weekends
- 077 Multi-ethnic congregation, Latino and African working together, West Charleston
- 078 cooperative ventures, sharing resources
- 079 Support with adopting children
- 080 Referencing a non CoB church which has a vital youth ministry and gives hope.
- 081 Brethren Disaster ministries in response to recent disasters in Ohio
- 082 A deaf ministry, church service for the deaf community.
- 083 Inter-congregation youth ministry to develop youth in smaller congregations.
- 084 Community garden partnership with other organizations to feed the hungry in the area.
- 085 Community ministry with worship and food distribution, without "agenda."  
Diversity in church planting conference. Wonderful new church plants.
- 086 Shelter work for the homeless through word and deed and offering them Jesus
- 087 ND14  
I appreciate an area church is using their front yard space to grow produce for the neighborhood and those who want to receive fresh produce. The people all work together to grow food and relationships; church and non-church
- 088 Willingness to do brethren disaster ministry trips
- 089 a church that holds 3 services in different languages. Everyone is involved in shared learning.
- 090 Brethren disaster ministries not only helps those in need, but allows folks to have feet on the ground and others to offer financial aid to them.
- 091 The Indiana church of the brethren has taken their parsonage and turned it into a home for disabled or homeless veterans.
- 092 installed washers and dryers for homeless to use

- 093 The lead guitarist of the band Kansas was a pastor and he wanted truckers and bikers to come into the church. He had an outdoor event to bring these people in through ice cream and music. Rain came and brought the event inside which got everyone into the church and now people stop by on the occasion.
- 094 Project Warm - collecting wood, processing, delivering it to families for use in winter.
- 095 Pilgrimage. Weekend retreat (co-ed) to see all come together. Discover self, then discover God, then service. Emmaus walk.
- 096 Richland cob clothing give away. Marie Kandoed our closet and set up parking lot. served food. had missionaries from Nigeria to take clothes to Nigeria. grandmother took clothes for grandkids. lady took clothes for kids in her apt. open the church in its natural environment would be encouraging. rural community but big impact.
- 097 Outreach to a local drug facility rehab; invite to church, lives are being transformed.
- 098 Non CoB: passion and enthusiasm from the staff that I hire
- 099 CoB congregation in Maryland in their 70s and 80s that are ministering to children in the neighborhood.
- 100 Children and youth ministries are central to the life of the church, and will be vital to the church's future.
- 101 Bring in the community to help with disaster relief?
- 102 Unfortunately, too much inward focus and service than outward
- 103 Movie outreach in the park
- 104 Uniontown, PA: home repairs for individuals in the community.
- 105 Invited missionaries to speak on how we can help others in other places
- 106 Monday-Friday summer camp after Bible school, each grade getting a week of activities and Bible stories led by young people of the congregation.
- 107 Sponsor program to assist others with life skills
- 108 Laundry love. \$200 in quarters and dimes weekly to pay for peoples laundry services at local laundromat
- 109 29-meals for kids followed by games, bible study, singing; helps keep them off the street, introduces them to Christ
- 110 Non-denominational Women's conference
- 111 A baby bank. Clothes, furniture, diapers through toddler age.
- 112 Questions and slides being translated so everyone can worship together
- 113 A church that cares well for the needs of their community
- 114 Family Promise, a powerful outreach to people in need. Shenandoah District.
- 115 Connecting with other colleagues across denominations and generations to learn from one another
- 116 3 plots of property, sold and built multi housing for families in Springfield cob area.  
Wester Plains District, Haiti medical project. Sending mobile doctors to isolated areas to bring care to Haiti
- 117 Having a good testimony. The holy spirit use us to show other the word of God to others around us.
- 118 installed showers and toilets for homeless to use
- 119 Hispanic congregation has a potluck every week. Fellowship with food is blessing people.
- 120 praying for healing of others in public!
- 121 Cumberland working with children whose parents are drug addicted
- 122 Young children attending an old country church. Kids attending Bible study [from CoB in Virlina]. New church starts that were presented.

- 123 In Vegas we have the southwest district and the churches there encourage us how to keep working in be in the place and how to teach people about the love of Christ. To embody the love of Christ, city of Christ instead of city of sin.
- 124 Christ centered classroom in the school system. Breakaway program a release time program. Multi denominational. With high school credit.
- 125 Operated a small coffee house and had the pastor and other church members there to talk to and answer questions from the public.
- 126 Fifth Sunday hymn sings at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren  
Disaster response ministries and camp/ outdoor ministries  
Combined worship on fifth Sundays (four churches combine and rotate who holds services)
- 127 Maternal healthcare
- 128 Haiti medical project - McPherson CoB, accepts donations from other churches. Doctors went down and established ongoing care, establishing clinics, facilities for clean water, and replaced the goat population after the recent hurricane.
- 129 Reaching out to people from other cultures and creating a multicultural service.
- 130 Wedding of two men in episcopal church
- 131 Youth outreach, young people working on licensing, with young people from four different churches. Intergenerational ministry.
- 132 Several Hispanic churches are drawing many people to Christ  
Seeing several youth coming together for work camps and the sense of unity involved
- 133 Racism healing by reaching out to a more fundamentalist diverse church  
Shared worship experiences by one going to the other and vice versa  
Lead to other events together
- 134 A church in our district has a household church plant, with a homeless mission. he prevented someone from suicide. The household church plant... Was very successful.
- 135 One church got flooded and a neighboring pastor organized a community wide clean up of that church.
- 136 during BBT report. its hopeful to see how our church is stewarding.
- 137 The spreading of the gospel with children in south Sudan
- 138 Refugee resettlement work
- 139 Doing practical home repairs for people in the community free of charge
- 140 Hispanic congregation in their neighborhood has been vibrant and positive opportunities for working together
- 141 Evening meals for community
- 142 I wish we had more answers.
- 143 PA law allows public school students to be released the last hour of the school day for Bible education. Several congregations host afternoon sessions. Its been a rich experience because a lot of children don't know Jesus's message.  
These sessions are also interdenominational.
- 144 Bridgewater CoB, ministry accepting and open, intentionally multigenerational
- 145 "cru" organization at Bridgewater college.
- 146 Youth ministry focus
- 147 Food bank that takes many volunteers shows a congregation that is active in its community

- 148 To me, I see hope in Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children's Disaster Services. everyone works together to help others. There are devotions morning and evening. People work together to help others and put aside their differences,
- 149 ecumenical Christ centered and Biblically centered ministry coming together to bring Christ to equip folks in their church
- 150 A church increasing evangelism so youth can invite friends to learn about Jesus through classes and trainings.
- 151 Seeing the youth at camp Bethel and our outdoor ministry that volunteer or get paid to work at these camps showing God's love to the kids
- 152 Multi language service. Partnership of church and community. Garden project. Having a Sunday school class cooked dinner for community children.
- 153 Church had family outreach. Collected new and used clothes and also bought new shoes for some to prepare children for school PLUS sharing the Gospel.
- 154 Mission conference (Harrisonburg, VA) was stimulating--level of commitment was awesome.
- 155 We had a 24 hour prayer chain. This helped us solve an issue within the congregation and the answer revealed itself.
- 156 Growing Hope Globally initiatives
- 157 Immediate and ongoing response to water crisis in Michigan.
- 158 prison ministry, children's programs, walk to Emmaus experiences
- 159 Working with other churches
- 160 A congregation that curates a worship setting that welcomes people with different developmental gifts (Parables Community).
- 161 Brethren prayer and worship center in Rockingham county in Virginia
- 162 A poverty program to help adults have financial literacy and get out of poverty.
- 163 A church in Delaware non perishable food box open to any and all  
A church in Union Bridge, MD has a similar box for those in need
- 164 Agape-Satyagraha ministry to youth; Food distribution, public worship, bilingual Bible Study and health screening weekly at Harrisburg First CoB.
- 165 Find someone on death row and become a pen pal or be a friend to someone who has no friends.
- 166 Brethren way of Christ men's conference
- 167 Prayer and worship summits.
- 168 Every week a congregation goes to an apartment complex nearby, and hand out ice cream in Jesus' name. They bring a bus for folks who want to come to church
- 169 Local agencies provide emergency funding, money comes from resale shop
- 170 Fiercely hold onto our unity, if we can't do it, how are we to preach it to the world. They leave because they want to, we are family. We should fight to keep our unity.
- 171 Inviting Cross-cultural and homeless into the church.
- 172 A small community in Indiana have someone at the church in the summer to give out water and let kids play on the church playground then do a large VBS. the hope in Christ is being told
- 173 Ability to reach out to wider community to get involved in an outreach/service opportunity.
- 174 Taking a sewing van out twice a month to areas where there are homeless people and help repair their clothes.
- 175 A focus on foster parenting and adoption ministries.
- 176 A church in our district has trilingual worship- they sing in Swahili, Spanish, and then English, and I feel like I'm in Revelation when I'm there.

- 177 Kingian nonviolence training with youth.
- 178 family promise ministry
- 179 A church camp in Appalachian area fed hungry kids at 20 different sites throughout the summer until school starts again.
- 180 Blessing box: cabinet outside on a crossroad with all kinds of products and food pantry inside for people to take as needed. Can add or take items.
- 181 An outstanding VBS program at a local church. Kids singing and a closing picnic
- 182 Selling of church building to group which reaches out in similar fashion to big brother and big sisters. They are able to reach out to disabled folks and keep their church alive.
- 183 Ministries that provide clothing
- 184 A small congregation nearby is involved in a urban ministry. Joining with 2 other local churches. Clothing, etc. looking at opening a general store opening.
- 185 Mentoring program
- 186 Addiction recovery support group and Divorce care group.
- 187 New congregation of non-churched families. Neighborhood outreach.
- 188 Samaritans purse
- 189 Back pack ministry where they make it their mission for the children to have their school supplies and food in the weekend
- 190 Well attended DC that brought 'disaster buckets', have fun together
- 191 Hosting a food bank
- 192 National Youth Conference
- 193 Help people who are trying to find jobs. They stay at the church. Feeds them. Helps them with resume and finding jobs. Provides child care.
- 194 Convert empty store in mall to an open worship space
- 195 Churches welcoming immigrants, working at the border, supporting resettling refugees
- 196 Hispanic church feels hopeful about the future simply because they have been included by "American church"
- 197 Teaching youth the meanings of Love Feast and inviting youth to participate.
- 198 Referenced another non cob church which has many youth. Don't care if can learn from another denomination
- 199 A Church leased two-thirds of their property to the county to build housing for marginal members of their community. They are a lot wandering if their main building could be put to better use than as a place of worship for 20 people.
- 200 Ministry with gun violence
- 201 Mission to local community - like local disaster relief ministry but meets the needs of any of their neighbors who ask  
Also BDM - gives hope that the church loves, cares for, and serves their neighbors
- 202 Parables community reaching out to people with special needs and the Gathering focusing on racial justice. They carry on the hope for fulfilling needs in a distinctly Brethren way
- 203 Diapers for Haiti. McAlisterville CoB
- 204 Rockford Mobile lab!!!!
- 205 Ministry of spiritual direction from denomination
- 206 Thinking about you in advance: small thing, little stones on the ground with words like peace, love, welcome, Jesus, outside entrance of Cincinnati cob.

- 207 Brethren Mennonite counsel, open table, supporting caring network, showing the love of Christ to all.
- 208 29-district disaster team helping in local communities as well as farther away
- 209 Block parties hosted by Brethren churches in the region to reach out to the poor in our region
- 210 Housing ministry that flips homes and sells them to renters. meets physical and spiritual need.
- 211 East Dayton cob - Homeless work in Dayton. Several brethren congregations. Are sharing to provide housing.
- 212 refugee resettlement
- 213 The youth are spreading the word. Doing a ministry at a young age is amazing
- 214 Refugee resettlement apartments
- 215 nursing home ministry. young kids from manor cob going to visit and brings everyone joy. the kids get joy and so do the older folks. kids visit, walk the halls.
- 216 Testimonies coming from youth groups that are working with Campus Life/Youth for Christ.
- 217 Community meal weekly
- 218 worked in Navajo reservation. Began programs based on listening to needs rather than being told what to do.
- 219 A non denominational church started and takes the food out to people and does Sunday school to the streets on a week night.
- 220 Mobile food clinic
- 221 The response to the Church's Nigeria crisis. It was the Church at it's finest!
- 222 Church in Illinois who had school kids hanging out outside their building because of the Wi-Fi after school. Started inviting the kids inside for a meal etc.
- 223 D73: a ministry that involves an all-hands project with other churches in the community to handle issues. It is a way to show even with our differences, we all love the Lord since he first loves us.
- 224 Sending youth to workcamps throughout the country.
- 225 Bridges out of poverty program helps to inform and mentor and also teaches us not to judge
- 226 Food program at the church in the next town. Allow people to come once a week.
- 227 habitat for humanity
- 228 Food banks
- 229 "bibles to school program ". "release time" ministry (kids allowed to leave school for lunch. They get bibles to study and take home
- 230 Vision to reach out to truckers. Ministry has expanded to other churches by including them in providing cookies and other items as a way of sharing Christ.
- 231 Refugee support and housing, legal counsel, etc.
- 232 The scholarships that allow kids that may not have heard about God to be able to attend camp for a week and see God's love. Junior high kids that go on to disaster ministries volunteer to help others.
- 233 Post prison ministry focused on sex offenders coming out of prison.
- 234 Community of joy church being in the community and the work they are doing. This is how we form the relationships to do the work of Jesus. You plant the seeds in the physical and spiritual garden. It makes an impact in the community.
- 235 Afterschool reading, tutoring, computer help program
- 236 I hope that the church will add more supportive programs for young families.
- 237 community meal for people from neighborhood... Though problem with church people not liking to mix it up too much with people who are different.

- 238 Disaster response and the rebuilding done. Love through their work and partner with other churches, coming together.
- 239 Manassas, housing ministry for those in need
- 240 Some active involvement in disaster recovery in local churches.
- 241 Forgiveness witness by a district in a case of financial malfeasance
- 242 EYN--even with the persecution of that church, they don't want money or weapons--they want prayer. That church fosters hope.
- 243 COB-Rwanda reaching the Batwa, welcoming the indigenous people to be a part of every part of the church. This community then went to another Batwa village and
- 244 Offering backpacks and food in the community who were hurting in partnership with other churches. Also would pray with them at a specific spot where they would go to pick them up.
- 245 Harrisburg First is multicultural. Every 5th Sunday they have a potluck meal and others join in.
- 246 Principe de Paz church in Santa Ana is comprised of mostly undocumented immigrants who deal with physical and emotional walls given their status, but at the same time, they eliminate any walls of divide in doctrine or scriptural interpretation, reveling in the joy of being a community together.
- 247 Increased involvement in the ministry in the church with youth.
- 248 Don't really know what is going on in other congregations
- 249 The district drained down a fund of money that was sitting there and allowing the churches to not give to the district and we are now using that money as grants to the churches in the district starting many new ministries. So we are drawing that fund down to nothing and will go forth in faith
- 250 "Celebrate recovery" started by Rick Warren. from addictions and other
- 251 Individual who started a rescue mission which has revitalized the congregation
- 252 Leadership training for teens at a local church. Training young boys to be godly men!
- 253 Paul Mundy's church tradition of confession.
- 254 A nearby church has a coffeehouse near an interstate. It's growing in reputation - it's like a spiritual Starbucks. They have a great ministry there, with many people coming in and sharing their lives.
- 255 Turned a church into a feeding station for hungry people. A food bank as well as meals during the day. Its always busy there.
- 256 Ecumenical worship
- 257 cold weather shelter
- 258 Ecumenical and interfaith relationship building
- 259 Brethren Disaster Ministries ongoing work in devastated areas.
- 260 San Diego cobs church working with immigrants coming out of detention
- 261 Trying to help congregations leave because it is too much time to try to keep them. If you are determined to leave, go with our blessing. Divorces happen.
- 262 Involvement in organizations not only inside, but outside of the denomination.
- 263 The disaster relief from folks in the Dayton area whenever there are disasters (most recently the tornados).
- 264 A cob congregation providing a vacation bible school for another cob in a different state
- 265 Benches and picnic Tables set up for community to use and enjoy in an impoverished neighborhood
- 266 Partnership with Nigerian church provides hope through connections
- 267 District camps and outdoor ministries, youth ministry, intercultural events.
- 268 Denominational programs such as Work camps that allow for ministry of youth and young adults.

- 269 A church in a neighboring community provides housing for young mothers; housing, food, bible study, writing resumes, etc. young people caught in cycles of violence, abuse, etc. we are building relationships & community
- 270 Single mother care and support in Harrisburg and Lancaster
- 271 Our expanding world mission programs and disaster relief touching people local and beyond
- 272 Working with other churches to provide basic needs
- 273 Heifer International's work for sustainability
- 274 A church raised money for a huge community playground that all peoples can get to easily not just for the church members.
- 275 Disaster relief auction
- 276 Spanish speaking congregation growth
- 277 Massive response in and around Southern OH following tornadoes; cleanup, rebuilding, relationship, mourning alongside the suffering.
- 278 Welcoming
- 279 The social media challenges between different Brethren churches to put together clean up kits for New Windsor.
- 280 Church started a public garden where the public could use plots and put out a garden. Not only outreach to the food bank but also opens up discussion between the people at the garden
- 281 Children's disaster ministries
- 282 Weekly meals and fellowship time for underprivileged.
- 283 Ministries to and with refugees.
- 284 Ministry with homeless people in Vegas. Trying to make an impact in a community. I really like the idea of making an impact in the community.
- 285 Working with a Mennonite group that is planning to help their church create a children's ministry program.
- 286 RV turned computer lab that travels to low income areas to teach children coding.
- 287 A Christian card ministry to people who are in prison.
- 288 Other denomination church come together and offer studies.
- 289 Love INC (In The Name of Christ). Helping people who are in need with a wide variety of helps.
- 290 College ministry
- 291 many homeless services
- 292 29-local congregation helping regularly in a soup kitchen in a different community
- 293 Host families to escape homelessness
- 294 community hearing about Christ - centeredness and focus on serving the community, meeting needs of people
- 295 Interest in development in new mission fields
- 296 Disaster relief
- 297 A tremendous youth ministry. Taking risks, providing transportation.
- 298 Afterschool program bible study elementary
- 299 Messenger article- letter writing - relationship building
- 300 Disaster Relief  
heifer international
- 301 Food outreach ministries

- 302 Doing hymns/scripture readings in different languages to cater to a multicultural audience
- 303 It is so good that "my" church doesn't have to do ALL the things. We can each specialize and collaborate and share!
- 304 Housing for women and children escaping domestic violence
- 305 Friend at a grace brethren church that is working on training up a leader to plant a church within the local Hispanic community
- 306 After school tutoring for children.
- 307 Summer camping programs of our districts reaching children in a non-church environment
- 308 Quilt auction for disaster relief
- 309 One of the things that I found hopeful when I was chaplain at Blue Diamond, I was leading a session and they were there with their counselors and the 6-8th graders were sitting there asking such great questions. It gave me so much hope to see young people who weren't seminary trained cracking open the bible and taking it so seriously. Even some adults feel like they need a pastor, they can't just dig in.
- 310 Involved in local outreach, Charis donates furniture, a concert for the food bank, and disaster relief. We feed and strengthen each other as we work together, and help others who need to hear the word.
- 311 Brethren disaster ministry auction and disaster trips...
- 312 Harrisburg first cob has Brethren housing, nutrition, in home care. Do so much for the community.
- 313 Church works with immigrant community for skills; sewing, cooking, American living
- 314 Went against this current flow of youth and went after the older members of the community because that's where the community was
- 315 National Junior High Conference and the future of the Brethren faith
- 316 A church that has a program called "fight club" from Nehemiah 4:14 that helps men take their place in their families. (spiritually)
- 317 Meal once a month for anyone to come
- 318 focus on meeting the needs of children
- 319 We list off all sorts of projects  
Haiti medical project.  
Wide variety of different people for Bible study.  
Building community around the church.  
Etc.
- 320 House homeless for one week each month; other churches assist them that week
- 321 Trips to Guatemala to support families by buying beads and craft work.
- 322 Working in restaurant to teach skills and address hunger. Is a gateway to learn about other areas of need . How can we touch you with Christs love
- 323 ...evangelized in the neighboring Batwa community. So the "outsider" was welcomed to the point where they reached out and welcomed others. The kingdom at work right before our eyes
- 324 Many different churches in a town cosponsoring events, programs, services.
- 325 Discussion not about what divides us but what unites us in new church planting. Recognizing variety of ways to do this., to worship.  
Bringing up children in the word, in the church. Important to build up children's ministry in Nigeria.
- 326 visioning process of a congregation: members visiting other churches pay attention to how it feels to be a stranger. worship around tables with coffee, conversations about future, listening for spirit.

- 327 Buffalo Valley CoB, along with other Southern PA congregations helped the Great Lakes project, which helped to build a new church for an outcast marginalized population by providing construction materials.
- 328 Christian fairground... Lets people know church can be fun too. Another travels to different communities and invites kids in.
- 329 the youth at my church keep me hopeful. camp bethel, the counselors support each other and talk about their life and testimony.
- 330 Reaching out to fringes of community, e.g. outside prison to life ministries
- 331 The quilt making that brings different churches together to make and auction quilts.
- 332 Bus transportation to church events
- 333 Community garden
- BVS
- Church start for families with children with disabilities with second church planned, developing young people interested in leadership
- Little food pantry akin to little libraries
- Upwards sports ministry
- Community outreach The Big House, teens gather for activities and hear the Word
- 334 During the summer, one night a month, they have a picnic on the parking lot that is free to the community including games and activities. Extending hospitality to neighbors.
- 335 A ministry of Spiritual evangelism coupled with meeting physical needs
- 336 Using media and online streaming to connect those who are unable or too far to attend. An idea to be able to have the ability to see other sermons from other churches is an opportunity on a national level through a website that could be possible.
- 337 Comes down to service
- 338 Taking bus from elementary public school to bible study, during release time.
- 339 At a community thanksgiving dinner, community member from all denominations shared gods blessing. Others do this at Easter as well. This is a great opportunity to know the community.
- 340 Events that bring churches together to share in ministry ... Inspiring one another to good works.
- 341 Bus that goes into the community with supplies for people in areas where access is difficult
- 342 Under free ministry - churches growing and lots of life within the church.
- 343 29-5th Sunday ministry outside the building instead of worship
- 344 Teaching trades and providing tools for single women who were unemployed.
- 345 More looking outward(outside the church)than in the past. Mission trips, etc.
- 346 BVS
- 347 On-line church...Living Stream
- 348 Working with other churches within their district even from different theological perspectives
- 349 A congregation has sold their property, stepping away from a traditional practice of property ownership, to support a program for housing people with mental illness.
- 350 Youth leadership after returning from NYC. Youth on fire for God.
- 351 Disaster response following tornados
- 352 Large bible school program that brings in not only church goers, but others.

- 353 We've been doing a food ministry no questions asked in our area. A food pantry where people can choose their own food. When we've reached out to other churches and they don't want any part of it. It begs the question if we need to learn first how to work in our own communities.
- 354 Music Sunday all music program containing Christ centered message giving hope for future.
- 355 host concerts
- 356  
Christmas and good Friday services through multiple churches
- 357 Providing food for asylum seekers as they are being put on buses to cross the country.
- 358 Joint prayer
- 359 A church in Baltimore finds a way to keep the youth involved.
- 360 Congregations sharing their buildings with other congregations (Hispanic, Haitian)
- 361 Active furniture ministry for those who need to move quickly, English as a Second Language classes, taking VBS into community, rather than expecting children to come to church, effort to get Bibles to children in the community
- 362 Church opened up for snacks after school, three churches would take turns feeding kids meals at the end of the afterschool programs.
- 363 Youth rally hosted at different Brethren churches.
- 364 Divorce, it can be devastating to a family but a family can heal
- 365 Brethren Disaster Ministries brings people together who share beliefs but have emphases on different things
- 366 Wabash Indiana prison ministry
- 367 Death row support projects
- 368 Two churches have take two of our inner city youth and hosted them.
- 369 Community of 25,000 had 3 murders in a weekend, and community pastors joined in a prayer vigil which was healing for the community.
- 370 The diversity of organizations COB partner with.
- 371 Two ministries in their area are crossing cultural barriers and doing creative things with opioid addiction and other areas that allow the. Uniqueness of the communities to bring about unique solutions.
- 372 Helping an individual serve in poor communities in Honduras
- 373 Ongoing program to send people to Guatemala where they support the community there, with poverty struggles and violence.
- 374 Combined vacation bible school with other churches in the area
- 375 missions for the Nigerian church. made t shirts and sell/buy t shirts to show support.
- 376 Sports camp
- 377 Angel tree
- 378 Any work camp provides just as much blessing for the giver as well as the receiver, at any age!
- 379 Inclusion of children, programs for children
- 380 Young couple in the church that helped the indigenous tribes in situations and helped saved their lands by giving them a voice to protest the pipeline from being built through their land.
- 381 Community gardens
- 382 Large building with smaller congregation. Use building as a Ryan's place. A safe haven for kids persecuted for sexual preference or place for families of suicide.

- 383 A church in our community has quadrupled in size by strictly following the Bible, and the rules of the church. Some people seem to be drawn to churches with stricter guidelines for living since the world doesn't provide them.
- 384 Motorcycle ministry - ride with motorcycle friends and stop and spread the Word.
- 385 Provide boomerang bags w/food for weekend to kids needing assistance.  
Providing baby blankets and/or Bible story books to hospital newborns.  
Serving meals to teens who are hungry.
- 386 Community food pantry to immigrant population
- 387 gospel is being preached at other local congregation
- 388 D73: extending resources to schools and small academies to assist children and families with difficult backgrounds (i.e. backpack programs, adopting, etc....)
- 389 A group that worships in Arabic on Staten Island tapes all of their services here in the US so they can share their services with brothers and sisters in the Middle East
- 390 The disaster mission  
A prayer shawl mission.  
Feeding the rescue mission
- 391 Helping the homeless. Similar to Lybrook.
- 392 Nd-1  
City of Fredrick....city wide group of churches worked on a Saturday...paid at laundromat, planted gardens, many churches involved.  
Several churches went to smaller churches and refurbished....cleanup and repairs, new bathrooms.  
A hot meal by several churches, so a church provides a meal every day.
- 393 Online church providing global interaction and ministry. Now a full fledged congregation in COB. Moving church into 21st century.
- 394 A church that ministers to the Navajo and some poverty situations, providing fuel, firewood, sanitary facilities, etc.
- 395 Churches open to workshops/being central locations for disaster ministries
- 396 Church plant specifically for special needs children.
- 397 NYC and JR high conference. Fellowship and learning follow them the rest of their lives
- 398 Lansing CoB in Michigan gives out quarters and laundry soap in a laundromat twice a month
- 399 Operation Christmas Child transform villages in other countries
- 400 Reaching out and starting new churches in Venezuela.
- 401 Dunker punk podcasts
- 402 Faith and vibrancy of EYN churches in the midst of poverty, violence and disease
- 403 Multi-denominational bible study
- 404 Ecumenical working together
- 405 Man started a soup kitchen out of their congregation feeding people Monday/Tuesday/Thursday. He feeds 40-75 people and they have to pray before they eat. He puts his arm around each person that comes late to have individual prayer with them so they stopped coming late and do the group prayer.
- 406 Prayer shawl ministry
- 407 Waterboyz For Jesus organized an event called Serving Frederick 2019 that served the Frederick, MD community. Hundreds of families were blessed through free oil changes, free car washes, free laundry services,

free porch paintings, and prayer teams. A car was also given away to a single mother. This was a combined effort of over 20 churches from different denominations.

- 408 A church family adopts another family and stands with them.
- 409 New Philly Cob, the children have freedom to worship god and enjoy the service.
- 410 Standing in the Gap - ministry to those struggling with addiction, including ministry in schools
- 411 CoBYS ministries...begun out of the COB
- 412 Disaster ministries
- 413 Emergency housing and job support for those in needs.
- 414 We also need to learn how NOT to work together. We don't do that as brethren very well. We need to be okay with where each others passions are and not put an expectation on others or other churches that can't.
- 415 In tune to immigrants and refugees. are there entire communities we could reach out to?
- 416 I would like to see Church of the Brethren become more evangelistic.
- 417 Churches sharing space with different church groups in their building..
- 418 National Young Adult Conference
- 419 Provide temporary housing and food pantry for documented asylum seekers.
- 420 Food pantry
- 421 29-CROP walk
- 422 Seeing the intentional actions of Christians
- 423 EYN congregations setting up indoors to help displaced people. Reaching out to people in camps. Bringing about reconciliation. Baptisms resulted. Empowering of women as well.
- 424 Compelling vision process, right now. Listening to each other.
- 425 Summer outside worship service.
- 426 Give out water on hot streets. Put names of other churches on the bottles. Lost 60% attendees initially. Now one of the largest.
- 427 Passion in outreach to the Latino community is encouraging. Other community outreach includes blood dives.
- 428 loving each other in a committed way to overcome divisions and recover after losing Christ-centeredness
- 429 The Brilliant new pastors being informed by their time at Bethany Seminary.
- 430 Bus children/teens from community to church for Bible activities
- 431 small church gathering in Grand Rapids on Sunday afternoon.
- 432 Churches that preach the Word and share the gospel along with offering service (and that follow up on it with discipleship)
- 433 shared ministry pastoral leadership, go deep into biblical texts and still each preach in a unified way. humility
- 434 Clothing by grace: people can go in and get the clothes they need
- 435 Providing church building for two other churches to hold services for African American Service and an additional service for autistic children for no charge
- 436 The CoB congregations in Haiti focusing on service and outreach and Christ centered ministries~ going out into their communities to share and serve.
- 437 once a month the church went into the community and did service projects in the community. on s Sunday morning.
- 438 Outreach for men who are coming out of prison is just one of the many programs that brings churches that are close in geography together

- 439 Teaching bible at maximum security prison to prisoners with life sentences who then pass on the gospel to other inmates.
- 440 Sewing sanitary napkins for school girls in Somalia. Inspired additional congregations to get involved.
- 441 Coordination of churches supporting disaster relief in local area.
- 442 People with addictions helping them to know Christ. A intentional ministry
- 443 Children serving in worship, growing a vegetable garden and taking the produce to local schools for lunch program
- 444 Church specifically designed for persons with special needs.
- 445 Ecumenical work that is reaching populations of kids within the community that our churches are losing.
- 446 The younger generation's interest in spiritual things is strong but not tolerant of politics and hypocrisy. This demand for transparency and honesty is hope filled.
- 447 West Charleston church has one congregation with Hispanic and Congolese worshiping all together with the white congregation
- 448 Listening to and Meeting needs to attract people especially youth and young adults
- 449 Community breakfast monthly to all. Cover with love and watch for transformation.
- 450 Working with a soup kitchen allows people to be helped in more ways from finding housing or jobs. it is amazing when we reach out beyond the barriers of race or age and make a difference.
- 451 A Mennonite nonprofit, was started with the church. They helped people to get jobs, moving furniture and mowing lawns, etc., and they started to make money, so people could earn a paycheck and learn skills.
- 452 Community gardens
- 453 After school program. Homework, food and build relationships with the kids and the community.
- 454 Brethren disaster ministry targeting an unreached area after tornadoes hit in Dayton.
- 455 Inviting the men from all county churches to a meeting, then having regular meeting afterward. Drawing men together in that way is more intimate than a district fellowship, but it still mixes congregations.
- 456 Trailer court in town, very low income area. A church bought a trailer and offers bible study, children's programming, winter clothes, and other resources.
- 457 Women coming out of prison ministry.
- 458 Root cellar ministry providing English classes, food, and daycare
- 459 Wednesday night kids program with dinner provided. Sending those kids to camp
- 460 People of all ages coming to the Brethren Bible Institute, and the spiritual maturity they show
- 461 God has commanded us to do things
- 462 Celebrate Discovery groups for addicts.
- 463 Lybrook Community Ministries on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico. Conduct AA meetings, teach mechanics and gardening. Food distribution and housing construction. Revitalized the worship congregation.
- 464 Green building in AZ without asphalt, no water drainage. Example of creation care, community environmental witness.
- 465 Food supplying
- 466 Volunteer services to build homes for people. It is done with no expectations of any returns but knowing that God will return
- 467 housing ministry in Springfield Oregon... Allowing their resources to be converted into useful locations for housing relief
- 468 Predominantly white congregation paired up with an African American church to study a book on racism.

- 469 Community sunrise services
- 470 Doing Sunday morning church service swaps with the CoB(predominately white) and a local Pentecostal church (primarily African American) to work on repair race relations and developing new relationships in a small, rural community.
- 471 Backpack ministry that supplies food, coats, shoes
- 472 services to the community, i.e. shoes, hair cuts, washing of feet, opening up of a facility due to weather family fun day for community
- 473 Churches calling leaders and sending them out.. Leadership development..
- 474 A thriving church has made an effort to bring in evangelism into their church and they are doing well as a church. And my hope is our church will someday have an equal billing for salvation vs. social justice.
- 475 Serving hot dogs on the street in Brooklyn.
- 476 Husband and wife started children's ministry with 2 children and now has ministry of over 40 of various ages. Incredible growth.
- 477 church of the brethren is who we are. Even if we aren't all working on the same thing. Christ called a diverse group of disciples. We need to learn to love in our diversity and inclusion.
- 478 Just by reading the Messenger, I'm encouraged by the vignettes of congregations doing so many creative things in their communities.
- 479 Free lunch two days a week for anyone.
- 480 Working with refugees
- 481 Managing and dealing with conflict
- 482 Ministry that is giving skills training to the community (cooking, mechanic, sewing, auto, tutoring, etc. )
- 483 Churches helping other churches financially
- 484 Ministry opportunity: reach out to and serve those in halfway houses.
- 485 Neighborhood revitalization by purchasing homes from landlords who have been charging above income levels and offering better income housing.
- 486 Working with the elderly. A senior center. Working in a soup kitchen
- 487 Each individual congregation ministers to its own community. Is encouraging that we each do our own thing . Minister to people we have contact with.
- 488 Local church council celebrates history in that area
- 489 Homeless shelter started. KY. Amongst churches of different beliefs.
- 490 Taking donations for winter clothing and then make them available for those in need.
- 491 Growing Grounds tries to help women after imprisonment, find a place to live and have a decent life after prison. Church committee works with them.
- 492 Brethren leadership institute that calls out future leaders - specifically how it builds connections between peers who might have theological differences
- 493 Gas buy down at the pump
- 494 Children's ministry/activities at annual conference.
- 495 Resting in Peace. Helps community in medical debt and helps pay off families in debt. No matter what amount. Just by giving a simple donation not matter what amount. In the church or out the Church.
- 496 Ministry to incarcerated persons
- 497 Embracing diversity
- 498 There are churches who love Jesus and are willing to go and preach the gospel

- 499 God is calling on the church. Are we on the right side, we need to make a decision. We sometimes need guiding and direction.
- 500 Holding prayer and anointing services of many denominations together for a common need
- 501 Different youth ministries. Music and worship ministries. Harvest USA. Growth in the international church. Mission trip opportunities. Disaster relief ministries.
- 502 Using church parking lots for homeless people to be able to park overnight ...
- 503 Foot washing on skid row Los Angeles.
- 504 VBS offering for loads of laundry, over a thousand loads!
- 505 Thrift store and it has created a community to talk not just shop.
- 506 Wiffleball tournament open to the public with big name speakers.
- 507 a smaller congregation that is not discouraged but full of love for one another
- 508 Women's substance abuse and housing program
- 509 We fulfilled the great commission and we do what we are called to do and let the stones fall where they may. You likely will never know how many lives you have touched.
- 510 Other churches sending work groups to build churches in Haiti.
- 511 Ministry situations that include children and supports the needs of families.
- 512 ULV and Hispanic churches provide legal council and advice to scared refugees. They tell them their rights and help them deal with authorities.
- 513 Miami Haitian Church working at bridging generational language gaps by offering bilingual ministry; other congregations do this so that people can worship in the language that is most comfortable to them.
- 514 Teams of volunteers that serve in the community to meet the needs within the community.
- 515 Prison ministry in our congregation.
- 516 District pot luck bringing congregations in the district getting together.  
Another church has a carry-in dinner each Sunday evening. Can invite those who have no family or people to be with for dinner. A family dinner (friends and family)
- 517 Crossnet ministries, food pantry and spiritual needs combined
- 518 Churches working ecumenically to serve people in need
- 519 D73: children youth club: inviting the children' parents to eat with their children and have mini bible study sessions.
- 520 Spiritual relationship retreat weekend, Pilgrimage, which gets participants on fire for God. The focus is on God and His love for His people.
- 521 Community singing
- 522 New thing, cooperative community vacation bible school. At community fairgrounds, (ecumenical)
- 523 District wide worship service
- 524 Fifth Sundays of the month they do neighborhood outreach of service projects and a meal open to interested people beyond the church members.
- 525 Outreach to an urban neighborhood in need after a suburban, aging church had closed its doors.
- 526 Garden on church property to connect with community. Use resources they have and don't complain about what they don't have
- 527 support Operation Christmas Child - sent 900 boxes out to children
- 528 Hispanic churches- growing and welcoming
- 529 Church buildings used for community outreach, more than just Sunday morning services

- 530 A grandparenting club for local kids
- 531 Disaster auctions, brethren disaster ministry, children's disaster services
- 532 Coffee house ministry trying that to reach out
- 533 Backpack outreaches for lower income children the churches community.
- 534 Serving a weekly meal and teaching bible classes after to non-churched kids in the community during fall-spring.
- 535 Community garden
- 536 Person working with apologetic ministries and education that goes with it..
- 537 The work of BDM is another project that is important. As one in our group said, "You don't have to agree on the "transubstantiation" in order to ask another, "could you hand me that hammer, please." it is truly the work of the Lord when we are together helping others in need.
- 538 Manchester COB has a Death Row Support project that shares love with those who are in prison. I find it to be a beautiful example of sharing Christs love
- 539 Camp program with innovative events that has been brought out into the district.
- 540 The Gathering!!
- 541 Church members spending time with troubled teens at skateboard park.
- 542 Annual disaster relief auctions with many districts coming together to raise funds on the denominational level. Also quilt auctions and tool auctions.
- 543 Get to know the people in a community--intentionally get to know those who provide service in stores, etc. and build relationships.  
Community, ecumenical VBS. Good participation, variety, Christ based.
- 544 worship is when we are giving everything we have to god. being in a pew, people are falling asleep. if it works to go out on a Sunday morning that is worship. we need to change what worship looks like.
- 545 Working for the glory of god and our neighbors good
- 546 Nursery school ministry
- 547 Not addressing the issue has lead us to where we are today. It is time for a decision.
- 548 Provide a Christian school for K-4.
- 549 Trunk or treat/ pix with Santa/ pancake breakfast  
Problem is that these have not resulted in more ppl in the church, but the community awareness is growing.
- 550 Church opened up its doors to victims of tornados
- 551 Rockford CoB has a technological van that goes out to the community providing technical support
- 552 groups within the church that go out an offer service to others in the community
- 553 You will be comfortable resting in His love and assurance because he can anything. Intentional and obedience
- 554 Hold a healing service and pray for people twice a week specifically
- 555 New Spanish language fellowships
- 556 Nursery schools and after-school programs
- 557 Meat canning together; distribute to needy families in area and overseas.
- 558 Programs that help give food to community members. The community has come together - Brethren, Methodist, Lutheran - will have a big food drive. Anybody in the community can get two bags of food every Tuesday from the food bank that resulted from this.
- 559 Veritas church meeting the local community where they are at in life.

- 560 Be who I called you to be
- 561 A lot of the observations for ministry were unfortunately not within the CoB, but other churches in the community. Ex: The Old Order Mennonite community, large non-denominational churches that break up into smaller groups for worship.
- 562 Giveaway day. Like a yard sale.
- 563 Getting together with different churches to meet and learn about each other. Multiple congregations working together
- 564 Through the global food initiative several churches have been able to help in different ways that are unique to their situation, from urban gardens to smaller community markets.
- 565 Men's Ministry
- 566 Awareness of persecution and ministries for the persecuted.
- 567 NOAC
- 568 Prince of peace in Sacramento, pastor Mary oversees a convict program - trying to get on the right path and get their lives on the right path. They are welcome and come into the church for the program. Great opportunity for reconciliation and inclusion.
- 569 Starting churches in college areas to attract students.
- 570 Celebrate recovery group begun
- 571 Food pantry every Friday reaching into community, vibrant worship, energy in church
- 572 Churches in Seattle won a lawsuit to be able to use their land to provide more help for homeless and houseless people
- 573 A local church had a program called a chain for a dollar, and they had people put in spare change, and used the money for helping to provide for the needs of people in the community.
- 574 Sunday school rooms that weren't being used, being used as a shelter for the homeless and then worshipping with them
- 575 Once a week they have a trailer of clothes, food, and sermon.
- 576 Youth room with computers for kids after school to use in case they could not afford their own.
- 577 Protection in the midst of tornados -- and service afterward
- 578 Community Kitchen. A free meal is offered to anyone who shows up.
- 579 Congregations in Action school partnership, provide education assistance and pack a snack program - it is a BVS location.
- 580 Spontaneous support group for widows.
- 581 Exuberance of worship service that brings various cultures together
- 582 Church that has a strong deacon ministry that has calls from people who do not go to church there. Deacons will go and do anointings and have prayer, etc.
- 583 Wildwood! Reaching those the church has lost (esp. lgbtq)
- 584 Supporting the elderly and those with special needs
- 585 Providing shelter for the homeless, as well as food and childcare. This allows them to get jobs and send their children to school.
- 586 29-open church monthly to mentally challenged individuals
- 587 Pastoral support groups.
- 588 Laundry ministry. Do people's laundry at laundromat and witness to them.
- 589 Workshop combating racism. Visiting other churches helped build bridges among the community churches.

- 590 Weekly community meal, all welcome from different churches and Socio-economic levels, port-a-potty on property to serve homeless.
- 591 People are desperately searching for truth
- 592 Very active council of churches in the community which gives many different perspectives.
- 593 Ecumenical service projects
- 594 Sister church in the inner city so kids from different backgrounds get to interact with each other
- 595 A Quaker congregation is helping the local Muslim community raise funds to build a mosque
- 596 Praise band in other community church is causing kids or younger generation to go to other churches. Find a way to minister to all age groups
- 597 Christian addiction counsel
- 598 Food pantry. Must qualify for govt assistance.
- 599 Celebrate recovery ministries.
- 600 A church helped raised \$20k to help a non church of the brethren who was self employed and got hurt working and we helped with medical bills.
- 601 Community based gardening. community of joy congregation in Salisbury MD
- 602 People are born with a need for salvation
- 603 engaging sermons that motivate and inspire.
- 604 Food-filled backpacks for schoolchildren on weekends.
- 605 Our problems are similar to the old church. We have frame work and we are trying to figure this out.
- 606 Helping folks with immigration problems and visiting migrants who are in prison
- 607 The Brethren in our county (Floyd) - we can work together on various projects. Whether the congregation has 10 or 300.
- 608 Brethren Disaster Ministries and the method of drawing from all congregations for volunteer labor while spreading the love of Christ.
- 609 Seeing the lives touched by people offering sponsorship to kids and seeing the difference in their lives
- 610 Serving meals to needy
- 611 church of older people who reach out to kids in a neighboring housing project - programs, meeting needs
- 612 Working with habitat for humanity. And their re store. , brethren disaster ministries and any organization that helps people recover from difficulties.
- 613 29 youth went into a clothing distribution center and cleaned and organized it. They served the community and also gained an understanding of how other people live/what other people have. We need to look and see what is needed in the moment - weeding a garden, shoveling snow, etc.
- 614 Response:
- Brethren Disaster Ministry does great work-- disaster relief bucket challenge
  - Our SVMC class has helped become more hopeful because they realize that change is coming and is teaching us how to embrace change
  - Community gardens that was for the community- group of churches that comes together and shares great abundances of food
  - The Camp program assists with feeding the children one warm meal in the county
  - Outdoor camps that touch people from toddlers to Senior citizens
  - VBS programs

- 615 Rent out parsonage, the money goes to outreach, for people to request help for bills, transportation
- 616 Church makes noodles to help raise money for outreach.
- 617 Families and congregations hosting and supporting refugees and immigrants and even sponsoring to send them to camp, and the groups at the camp being very accepting and welcoming of those people.
- 618 Churches or people active in adopting and caring for the orphan
- 619 Ss class works with an elementary school to directly and intensely work with a family in need.
- 620 Church wellness program to promote healthy grieving, cancer diagnoses, etc. Blood pressure in prayer room after service.
- 621 If you're so pointed inside, you're not going to help outside
- 622 Meeting with a Brethren pastors as a layperson has helped him see their devotion to God and the Bible.
- 623 The prayer summit in Rockingham County
- 624 Wildwood church meets in a tavern. Can preach gospel in any location.
- 625 Backpack program, feeding children on the weekends by sending food home from school
- 626 Several churches go out into a community together to help with home projects for a week and, while some work, others talk with the people about faith.
- 627 Ministry for rehabbing houses,
- 628 Churches that are older and shrinking... Claiming what they can do powerfully, even on one topic/focus
- 629 We don't know what is going on elsewhere in our district.
- 630 Living with Hope program for those living with addictions
- 631 the Church of the Brethren can attract all people to come to the Christ.
- 632 San Diego COB has a couple of houses to shelter immigrant families
- 633 The Haiti water project is another hopeful/astounding project.
- 634 Non-English speaking congregations' ministry that has a clear sense of their own congregational identity, which is in agreement with a traditional evangelical interpretation of scriptures
- 635 A lot of men do not want to participate in the life of the church. I saw a "men's ministry" group that was very helpful.
- 636 Church partnerships with 3 local churches (predominantly Black). Works to help gun violence, mental health support, suicide prevention.
- 637 Individuals and congregations that are willing to make stands, popular or not, truth
- 638 Congregations worshipping together
- 639 A team of people from one church (not Brethren) visit other declining churches to hold a weekend retreat reaching out to members of that congregation who have drifted away from attending to try to help that church revitalize.
- 640 The online church is a joy.
- 641 Summer Lunch program
- 642 Faith in Action. Help people with drug addiction and serious issues.
- 643 Our global expansions through missionaries and church planters (Spain, England, Rwanda, so many!!!)
- 644 Use Jesus as our example for our daily walk
- 645 Tornado clean up, help
- 646 Hispanic churches that are growing in the district
- 647 29-district work camp with one day for handicapped folks

- 648 Be in ministry for the need. For instance tutoring children after school. We are getting older but spirit is willing
- 649 Parking lot ministry
- 650 I'm hopeful about the death row project and Kingian nonviolence programs through on earth peace and continued outreach to marginalized communities.
- 651 Working at homeless shelters
- 652 Thrift stores
- 653 open doors front of church, bring in folks to provide services to folks in need once a week in the sanctuary. who have started coming to worship.
- 654 Immigrant Hope going around setting up offices for folks to be immigrant agents and sharing the gospel
- 655 Busing folks from a halfway house to church services...
- 656 John's Way. Purchase used medical supplies ad give away. Grown to require a warehouse.
- 657 Online worship services
- 658 Multi faceted ministry to immigrants led by multiple congregations
- 659 One more answer to the last question. The church of the future will know the Bible not just the parts they think they know.
- 660 Several churches working together within a district to help each other.
- 661 Micah's Backpack, filling backpacks with food so kids don't go hungry over the weekend
- 662 Participating in diapers from T-shirts ministry.
- 663 Serve the community
- 664 Summer music get-togethers will food sales. Funds go to Cove Christmas Love, which supplies gifts to needy families in the community in conjunction with the school.
- 665 Very appreciative to hear of the new churches that were started and five also last year. It is a good thing to be able to bring that back home and say that we are not disappearing.
- 666 Began a grief share group
- 667 A Methodist Church gets information of families in the community and writes the information on tote bags for people to fill with supplies for the family in need.
- 668 Church that has a large group of children although my church does not
- 669 older members that cant get to church. youth meet the older folks in their home to do bible study together.

another church does love feats and community in in homes.

- 670 Building open for AA and other community needs. Tax people come in and allow community people to come in and use it.  
Parsonage used for home schooling. Or mothers who needed refuge for community needs
- 671 Church in no. Virginia where there is assumption of privilege. Wealthy kids can afford good tutors. Church just kicked off a program called Oakton project of learning. Focused on kids in projects in low income housing to provide good tutoring and opportunity for education. Intent to connect with kids.
- 672 Blood drives
- 673 Youth ministry must be priority! VBS that leads to regular Sunday school.
- 674 Helping other churches intaking care of Gods creation
- 675 Community churches working together to improve the judicial system. It is a complex partnership that requires cooperation and is long term.
- 676 Community garden and outreach to the community

- 677 Taking a risk to engage in this process
- 678 School supplies
- 679 In Nigeria, all churches and more come together in times of disaster. Barriers broken.
- 680 Food bank, with fresh food! Sustainable garden with kids
- 681 District Disaster Auction brings everybody together.
- 682 Community needs being met and exceeded
- 683 Project Hope goes into places that struggle with human trafficking, currently working in Hyderabad, India. Contributes money and support to the families, and works to rescue the trafficked people. Provide education to shift the mindset that allows this in their culture.
- 684 Cooperating with other sister church of the brethren churches and not worry about losing members to those sister churches
- 685 Project 127 - provides money to help with adoption expenses. Purchased building in Congo to start a school to teach women to sew and other life skills. Also sending money to help feed the children.
- 686 Offering tutoring to kids.  
Offering a safe place.
- 687 Outreach to the Hispanic community.
- 688 VBS program reaching out to the community
- 689 30 years ago, our home District had a number of churches that sponsored families who were coming into the US for asylum
- 690 Our church and another church with very different background went on a mission trip together and now we're very close, often sending visitors to each other's services, and we even have a housing ministry together.
- 691 Disaster relief ministry and the rapid response to those in need.  
Children's disaster services  
BVS and workcamps  
Church camps  
Denominational and district gatherings like NYC  
Pilgrimage  
Family promise ministry for the homeless  
Partnering with interfaith community hospitality networks  
John's Way collects medical equipment  
Mobile medical services  
Food and water support  
On earth peace
- 692 Modern and Mature club for adults
- 693 Finding needs in nursing homes and offering gifts.
- 694 Building beds for children.
- 695 School supplies
- 696 The resilience of the EYN is hopeful/impressive.
- 697 Clean up after tornados
- 698 Programs to support the homeless or single parents

- 699 Willingness to merge with smaller congregations and work together.
- 700 Medical transportation and nursing consultations
- 701 Join together with other congregations in our community to engage in ministry that we cannot do alone; collaborative ventures
- 702 A garden grown to give food to the poor.
- 703 Peace camp during summer. Showing ways to handle conflict, etc.
- 704 Brand new congregation has a home church structure. As the house church grows, they branch out to open up another house. They do not put money into buildings but witness by relationships. People who would not be comfortable in a traditional church building are wanting to come to a house church
- 705 Passion conferences
- 706 Non denominational congregations with contemporary services are seeing growth and applied.
- 707 Education opportunities on districts to provide ability to have consistency of foundational ministries
- 708 Camp ministry. Outdoor
- 709 Investing in the next generation
- 710 We have a prison ministry.
- 711 Community Bible school
- 712 Sending money to Africa to deworm kids
- 713 women have turned funeral dinners into a ministry - serve whether they know the deceased or not - community contacts them to engage the service
- 714 The new plant in Las Vegas.....of COB....and then included by district.
- 715 The church camp ministers to children of incarcerated people.
- 716 Interfaith international day of prayer for peace service
- 717 pb&j ministry - prayer, bread & Jesus
- 718 Haiti medical project
- 719 Deep bible study
- 720 When a small church attracts more kids for a VBS program than they have members! That's amazing!
- 721 faith in action northern Ohio
- 722 Homeless shelter ministry
- 723 Small churches doing all we can

Table 72

Teamed up with many church, ecumenical, to house the homeless and feed them and to keep them warm on cold nights. The churches rotate who house those needing shelter

A place for kids to play safely and let the kids shower

Prayer and worship summit in Harrisburg, VA brings folks together to lead revival... First one had 1/2 districts represented

Young people leading a traveling hymn sing before service projects in community.

Established a preschool

Senior centers for fellowship and food

English as second language

- 724 Recognizing and supporting young talents and gifts in the church, calling some to ministry

- 725 Open and affirming churches
- 726 Relationship building with the vulnerable
- 727 Knock on doors, pass out cookies, pray with people
- 728 Seeing the Death Row Project in the session before this inspired people.
- 729 From a Messenger article : A strong congregation that helps a smaller congregation meet needs that they are unable to respond to themselves (reach out to help persons in the less affluent neighborhood)
- 730 Feeding hungry children through backpack programs, food banks,  
Materials and instruction on food care.
- 731 Becoming more aware of the similarities between denominations and feeling included because of those similarities
- 732 Chasing after the gifts of the Spirit
- 733 Follow the star an Christmas village reenactment of Jesus time
- 734 The Dunker Punks Podcast is super cool/helpful/new ministry
- 735 Helping Asylum seekers.
- 736 Team work situations with different cultures and financial situations.
- 737 On earth peace's antiracism transformation journey
- 738 Providing a meal after the worship service for fellowship and feeding those who may need nutrition.
- 739 Helping new released prisoners become reacclimated to society...ministry to mentally challenged people
- 740 Go door to door....people have issues with church, but all want to connect and have needs
- 741 People with different perspectives working on Nominating committee or mission and ministry board for the common good if the church and the world around us
- 742 A adult book study discussion group meeting weekly, open to people of other denominations and religions. This helps people know about the congregation and a sometimes people want to join the church.
- 743 Ministry to mentally challenged young people
- 744 Prison project Kairos men and women spend Saturdays and Sundays meeting with inmates and lowers recidivism.
- 745 Harrisonburg 1st giving young people tools to react with non-violence to the violence around them.
- 746 Churches across the denomination that send out members in various service projects both locally and internationally.