

Connect Newsletter

June 3, 2026

Greetings!

I'm excited to share that the BIC U.S. Communications team received several awards last month celebrating various facets of our work including writing, multimedia storytelling, the website – [and this newsletter!](#)

We are honored to receive such recognition and are excited to continue writing, filming, and publishing stories that encourage, edify, and equip the BIC community. Thank you for being part of it!

Be blessed!

Salynda Hogsett & Michael Bowlin
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Pastor Jay Johnson of Zion BIC (Kansas) prepares to baptize Audrey Dimitt. Audrey was one of several people baptized at Zion's family camp over Memorial Day Weekend.

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[🇯🇵 Pursuing Peace at Nagoya Midori Church](#): Peacemaking Connects BIC Pastors in Japan and U.S.

Scripture Meditation

📖 READ

Acts 20:32 - "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

🙏 REFLECT

Spring and summer are seasons of sending out. Graduations, summer camps, service trips, weddings, and other significant life moments are opportunities for blessing, encouragement, and commission.

Consider these words from the Apostle Paul to the elders of the Ephesian church. How may his blessing be passed along to those in your life?

"Hope Restored, Confidence Built, and Futures Secured"

Updates from the Piccolo School of Excellence in Zambia



“Nine students were with us when we started the program in 2021,” writes Raman Musocha. “At that time, they could not read or write, had never sat behind a desk, and could not construct even a simple three-word sentence.”

Raman is the lead teacher at the Piccolo School of Excellence, a program of the BIC Church in Zambia. Piccolo helps children in Choma who have dropped out of school after the loss of a parent or parents. **Starting from the basics, Raman and other teacher mentors prepare the students to pass entrance exams so they can continue their education.**

At the end of last year, 27 Piccolo students celebrated success at various levels of the program.

“As their teacher and mentor, I remain a living testimony of your generosity,” writes Raman. “**What you have invested is not merely financial support.** It is hope restored, confidence built, and futures secured.”

[Lern More About Piccolo's Students](#)

General Assembly 2026: Multiplica!

July 24-27 | Miami, Fla.

We are excited for our gathering this summer! Below you will find a few updates and reminders as we approach General Assembly:

- **Schedule** - See the overview of our time together - [more details to come.](#)
- **Registration** - Registration will close on June 24, so [don't wait!](#)
- **Keynote Speaker Bios** - Last month, we announced our speaker schedule; we are now pleased to [share their bios.](#)



3 Steps to Prepare for a Congregational Loan

How the BIC Foundation walks with you through every step.



Loans don't *cause* congregational health. But we often see properly timed loans contribute to healthy growth of faithful ministry.

Last year, three congregations paid off their loans with the BIC Foundation - all three well before their scheduled payoff date.

Two were 30-year mortgages, one of which repaid in about 15.5 years and the other in just 7.5 years. The third had a term of 10 years and completed loan payments in just 20 months!

When God is at work, people are inspired to contribute to what he's doing. At the Foundation, we believe this inspiration includes financial generosity to meet more than basic budget needs, providing congregations with cash flow to pay more than minimum monthly mortgage payments.

Is your congregation considering a capital loan? Discover 3 steps to help you prepare with the BIC Foundation.

[Get the 3 Steps](#)

News

Brethren in Christ Foundation, Inc. issued the following statement in response to recent news regarding the receivership of the BIC Fund in Canada. "We understand that developments involving similarly named entities may raise questions," said Jim Reynolds, executive director. The Foundation emphasizes that it is not affiliated, connected, or related in any way to the BIC Fund in Canada currently under receivership proceedings.

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Planned Generosity

Legacy Society Members Share their Motivations to Commemorate the Past and Bless the Future



The BIC U.S. Legacy Society recognizes and appreciates individuals who have made a provision for BIC ministry in their estate plan. **Since its creation in 2021, more than 130 members have joined the Society!**

But why have these Legacy Society members chosen to prioritize BIC ministry in their estate plan? For some, it's about honoring the past; others make these provisions to give the next generation a firm foundation.

[View the Article and Video](#)

One last thing...

We want to make sure *Connect* is delivering the content that is most helpful to you. Will you answer the question below?

What do you expect most from each issue of *Connect*?

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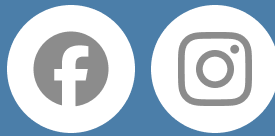
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