



Brethren in Christ U.S.

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Imagine \$1 Million Raised in 1 Year — Honor the Past: Build the Future Campaign

In one year, the Brethren in Christ U.S. will meet for General Assembly 2018. There will be many things to celebrate — individuals who have come to know, love, and follow Jesus; new congregations started; new (and older) ministries bearing fruit; new missionaries being sent around the world; and new pastors and leaders.

Along with these significant developments, we hope to celebrate **\$1 million** contributed to the Honor the Past: Build the Future campaign the year preceding General Assembly.

Why \$1 Million in 1 Year?

When Honor the Past: Build the Future was launched at General Conference 2016, the goal was to raise \$5 million. The campaign total was divided into two parts: 1) \$3.2 million to *honor the past* by helping the Church meet its promised obligations to retired and retiring pastors, missionaries, and leaders through the BIC Pension Fund; and 2) \$1.8 million to *build the future* by supporting Church-multiplication efforts.

In addition to donations we have already received, a \$1.4 million matching grant has been pledged. In other words, anonymous donors will match gifts up to \$1.4 million. This matching grant began January 1, 2017, and by July 2017 our Church family had contributed approximately \$400,000, which has been doubled through the matching grant. *That leaves \$1 million available to be matched.*

Imagine celebrating \$1 million raised in 1 year at General Assembly 2018. By leveraging the matching grant, we would reach our first goal (\$3.2 million for the BIC Pension Fund). Second, we would also be well on our way to the second goal of \$1.8 million for Church multiplication.

Will You Help?

We ask you to prayerfully consider how you or your congregation or your business can help us fund \$1 million in 1 year. Perhaps, you or your congregation could consider generously supporting the campaign? Or, perhaps, you or your congregation could consider making the campaign an end-of-year giving project? Perhaps, you or someone you know has appreciated securities (stocks, mutual funds, etc.), and donating them may provide special tax advantages? All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

We are excited to partner with you in meeting the needs of pastors and leaders who have built the Church and in reaching the unreached through Church multiplication. *Thank you for considering giving to this special 1-in-1 effort.*

Give online: Visit our donation page via bicus.org/donate, and apply your gift to “Honor the Past: Build the Future campaign.”

Give by check: Make your check payable to “BIC U.S.” at 431 Grantham Road, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 17055, with “Honor the Past: Build the Future” in the memo line.

Many blessings,

Alan Robinson
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