

Conference Support Sunday

A special offering will be taken this morning in support of our Mennonite Brethren agencies.

Our Goal is \$12,000 in 2019!

United States Mennonite Brethren Conference (USMB)



- Oversees planting of Mennonite Brethren churches across the United States
- Publishes The Christian Leader, the denominational magazine that aims to keep MBs connected with one another (free subscriptions provided to all Butler members and regular attenders)
- Provides the tax exempt status for all MB churches, saving us a great deal of time and paperwork
- Promotes stewardship through MB Foundation
- Provides training and study opportunities for members
- Promotes unity in doctrine and practice through the Board of Faith and Life

Pacific District Conference of MB Churches (PDC)

- Licenses and ordains all pastors of Mennonite Brethren churches on the West Coast
- Plants new churches along with the US conference
- Provides leadership to the Hispanic, Asian, and Slavic churches in the district
- Helps resolve conflict which may occur in churches
- Assists churches with loans for remodeling, construction
- Provides life insurance for MB pastors serving in the PDC full time
- Provides a pastors' retreat every year or two for pastoral renewal and refreshment



Multiply (Previously MB Mission)

- Calls, trains and sends out missionary teams
- Focuses on unreached people groups in various parts of the world
- Butler directly supports several missionaries under MB Mission, outside our budget giving through a special missions offering
- The budgeted giving for MB Mission goes for administrative and overhead costs to operate its missionary programs



Fresno Pacific University (FPU)



- The Central Valley's premier Christian university, offering a variety of degrees in a variety of fields.
- Many Butler members have attended, taught at, or been on the Board of FPU over the years.

Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary

- Trains pastors, missionaries, professional counselors, and lay leaders for ministry in the church and in the marketplace
- The only Mennonite Brethren graduate level theological school in the US
- Helps to build denominational unity by training pastors in an Anabaptist setting



About the special offering:

For this offering the Council has set a giving goal of \$12,000 through this year. This is an ambitious goal, but by God's provision we are certain that we can meet it together! All giving received during this combined service will go toward our conference agency support, unless otherwise designated. All checks should be made out to "Butler Church", and the funds collected will be distributed in this way: \$3,000 each to USMB & PDC, \$2,000 each to Multiply, FPU & Seminary. We ask that you consider your gift to be above and beyond your normal tithes