Special goals for this unit

A BRF perspective will be highlighted:

1. To deepen our understanding of Jesus Christ, both as Savior and Lord, because He is the complete and perfect revelation of God.

2. To engage in diligent study of the Scriptures in prayer, because the Bible is the Word of God and the final authority for faith and conduct.

3. To be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we apply the teachings of the Scriptures to our personal ethics, our ministering to others around us, and to help us develop a lifestyle consistent with a literal obedience to New Testament standards.

4. To discover God’s gifts to us, both individually and corporately, striving to use these for God’s glory and the blessing of others.

5. To blend our desire to serve others physically and materially with our Lord’s command to evangelize all people, believing that salvation is found only in accepting Christ as Lord and Savior of one’s life.

6. To become aware of God’s concern for others and their problems and our responsibility to them as part of God’s creation.

Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

— 1 Peter 4:10

BVS and BRF jointly hold a orientation in mid-August each year. The location may change year to year, but if possible it will be held at the Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, MD. Please check the BVS website for dates. The BRF contact person is Walter Heisey, Newmanstown, PA 717-949-3173

To apply go to www.brethrenvolunteerservice.org
Brethren Volunteer Service is people...

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.
— Matthew 25:40

...sharing God’s love through acts of service

BVS was established in 1948 by young people in the Church of the Brethren to provide an intentional avenue for putting faith into action.

The purpose of this unit is to offer Brethren Volunteer Service orientation in a context where conservative, evangelical Christian beliefs are taught and advocated. This orientation is open to Brethren Revival Fellowship supporters and other interested Christians who affirm this faith perspective.

Volunteers live in household units under the leadership of house parents to provide for continued Christian community.

These projects are available to BRF/BVS volunteers in Lewiston, Maine:

- **Good Shepherd Food Bank** is the largest food bank in Maine. Assignments include secretarial duties, maintenance, delivery, and warehouse work.

- **The Root Cellar** is an inner-city ministry caring for those in very poor neighborhoods. Assignments include home visits, volunteer intake, training, and activity scheduling.

- **The Maine Home School Project** has a position for a teaching assistant who visits students in their homes.

**Volunteer requirements:**

- 18 years of age or older
- Desire to serve
- Willingness to live in Christian community
- Commitment to the goals of BVS
- Participation in the BRF orientation

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