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BBI New Generation Scholarship Fund To Officially Launch in January

Waterford's BBI Planning Group is preparing to launch a scholarship fund to provide assistance for training a new generation of professors and administrators to serve at Benin Bible Institute.

The idea of a scholarship fund emerged a year ago during the visit of BBI Administrator Bonaventure Akowanou, his wife Clarisse, and BBI Board Chair Germain Dossou. As the group shared news about BBI, the need to replace soon-to-retire professors was at the forefront. By 2022, three out of the original group of 4 professors will be retirement age, along with the Administrator. As a temporary measure, once at retirement age BBI staff can be rehired, if willing and able, via short term contracts. But ultimately, in order to continue its task of providing excellent training for pastors and others active in churches all over Benin, BBI will need to find and equip the next generation of its leaders.

The BBI Planning Group has wrestled with this challenge during the entire span of 2019, and we are feeling called to assist BBI through this time of a generational change in its staff members.



The first scholarship which we are hoping to provide is for Eric Noukpliguidi (photo at left). Eric has been the secretary and accountant at BBI since 2007. Through study opportunities provided at BBI, he has had some training in

Christian Counseling, and feels called to pursue further study in this field and to become a professor of Christian Counseling at BBI. Eric is currently studying for a BA in psychology at Benin's national university. He is also wanting to follow a series of short-term trainings offered by a French evangelical group specializing in training Christian counselors. Your contribution to the BBI New Generation Scholarship Fund will help Eric and others to be able to teach critically needed skills to church leaders in Benin for the next number of years.

We are inviting you as WMC members to contribute to the BBI New Generation Scholarship Fund. We hope to raise \$8,000 or more in 2020. You may make contributions to this fund via Waterford Mennonite Church. While the fund will officially launch in January, contributions are already being received now.

— Rod Hollinger-Janzen,
on behalf of the BBI Planning Group



Voices Together: Ongoing Value

What is a new hymnal worth to you? The estimate price is around \$25 a copy. What else is offered? A large print and keyboard edition, projection edition, musical accompaniment resources, worship leader book, and maybe a digital app. A resource for the next twenty years, bringing us fresh texts, music, and new worship resources. What is a new hymnal worth to you? Priceless.....

—JD Smucker



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Farewell Tea for Ina Ruth Breckbill

Friends of Ina Ruth Breckbill invite everyone to offer greetings and blessings as she prepares to move from her residence here in Goshen to Orvilla Homes in Kidron, Ohio — near her son Bruce and his family — the beginning of January. This **farewell tea** will be Friday, December 13, from 3:00 - 4:30 at The Clubhouse in College Green, right across from Ina Ruth's home.

Decking the Halls for the Advent and Christmas Season



Thank you to Loanne Harms for decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season; and to Melanie Hire, Zoë Brown, Sharon Burkholder and Lauren Hoogenboom for decorating the foyer.

