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"Anointed to Share Transformation in Christ Jesus"

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Dear Friend of First Church of the Brethren and **bcmPEACE**,

You are receiving this letter because you have shown your support for the mission of Harrisburg First Church and **bcmPEACE** in the past, either financially, through your prayers or both. Research reveals that the best way for people to escape poverty is through education. The cost of furthering education has been and will likely continue to be prohibitive for some of the individuals involved in our ministries. Many of these individuals are first generation students in the process of seeking post-secondary education choices. They need special assistance. With these things in mind, we ask you to prayerfully consider supporting a new endeavor of the Christian Education Team: **The First Church Scholarship Fund**.

The purpose of this Fund is to make post-secondary education more accessible for the students whom God has entrusted to our nurture and support. The Fund will function to aid anyone connected with First Church and/or **bcmPEACE** ministries who wishes to further their education beyond high school. This may include university, community college, or trade school. The Fund will be administered by the First Church Scholarship Fund Committee.

In order to receive an award from the Fund, students will need to complete an application explaining future goals and plans to give back to their community. Additional prerequisites are an acceptance letter from the institution the student plans to attend, and the signing of a contract.

By signing the contract, students agree to attend class regularly, maintain passing grades, participate in **bcmPEACE's** Bright Futures, and upon gaining regular employment, return 10% of scholarship monies received to the fund. Decisions for approving scholarship applications will be made by the First Church Scholarship Fund Committee, and funds will be dispersed directly to the institution of enrollment.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this exciting new opportunity!! Checks can be made out to Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren with "Scholarship Fund" designated in the memo line. We anticipate your favorable response.

Sincerely,
First Church Scholarship Fund Committee:

Sara Brenneman John-Michael Cotignola-Pickens Josiah Ludwick Donna K. Sunderland Benson

"We are called to be a Christ-centered, multi-cultural community in the inner city, sharing the love, healing, peace and justice of Christ."

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