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Everence celebrates Church of the Brethren tercentenary

Everence® joined with other Anabaptist faith leaders in Philadelphia on July 29, 2023, to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the first Brethren congregation established in the United States.

Madalyn Metzger, Everence Chief Marketing Officer and current Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Moderator, along with Leonard Dow, Everence Vice President of Church and Community Engagement, attended the celebration at the historic Germantown Church of the Brethren.



Madalyn Metzger (center), Everence Chief Marketing Officer and Church of the Brethren 2024 Annual Conference Moderator, greets Rev. Joel S. Billi (right), President of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN), and Mrs. Salamatu Joel Billi (left), EYN Women's Fellowship Leader, at Germantown Church of the Brethren in Philadelphia.

Photo: Eric Miller/Church of the Brethren

Other attendees included representatives from many of the U.S.-based Brethren denominations, including the Church of the Brethren, The Brethren Church, Dunkard Brethren Church, Charis Fellowship (Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches), Conservative Grace Brethren Churches International, Covenant Brethren Church and others from the Old Order German Baptist Brethren heritage. Everence serves members and clients affiliated with many of these denominations and church networks.

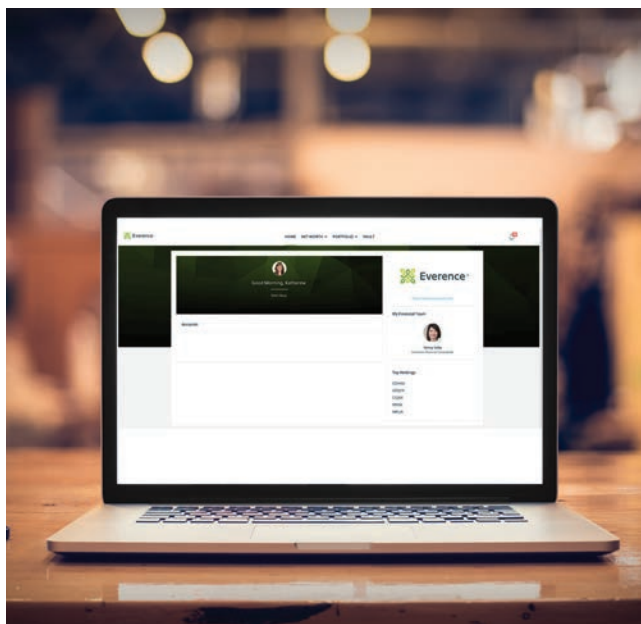
Leaders from Ekklesiyar 'Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN) – the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria – also joined the celebration. EYN, which just celebrated their 100th anniversary, is the largest Anabaptist church body in the world with nearly one million members in more than 50 districts, despite regularly experiencing violence, the burning of churches and homes, and the deaths and kidnapping of many members.

Denominations that trace their roots back to the 1708 Schwarzenau Brethren (or German Baptist Brethren) movement consider the Germantown meetinghouse to be their "mother church." The first Brethren to arrive in colonial America settled in the Germantown area of Pennsylvania and organized the congregation on Christmas Day, 1723. Initially meeting in church members' homes, the congregation eventually built the Germantown meetinghouse in 1770.

The Germantown Church of the Brethren is still an active congregation, with community ministries focused on drug prevention, youth engagement, evangelistic outreach, food distribution and support for the unhoused. The church cemetery is also the final resting place of Alexander Mack, Sr., who is known as the leader and first minister of the Schwarzenau Brethren.

The 300th anniversary celebration also served as the conclusion for the seventh Brethren World Assembly, which is held every five years and sponsored by the Brethren Encyclopedia Project.





Enhancing your digital options

This fall, Everence added exciting updates to your digital account access. With the updated **Portfolio Link**, viewing your investment and charitable accounts is easier than ever. The site features a modern interface, new ways to view account summaries, and updated performance reporting, transaction and holdings information.

We also launched the *My Everence for Organizations* portal to replace Navigate. The new site offers businesses and organizations a streamlined view of their Everence accounts and documents with a new, modern look.

The online banking portal also received an exciting upgrade – it is now available in Spanish.

We're pleased to offer these digital options to complement the personal customer service you've come to love.

Everence is excited to unveil its new Everence Stewardship Partners program in 2024!

A redesign of our primary stewardship advocate program for churches, the **Everence Stewardship Partners** program will include major enhancements to keep up with the changing needs and demographics of the churches we serve – and opportunities to build relationships with new churches that share our values.

For more than 30 years, Everence has built strong relationships with faith communities through stewardship programs, and today more than 1,100 churches participate. Visit everence.com/partners to learn how a stewardship advocate can contribute to your congregation's stewardship ministry.



Everence receives Business as a Force of Good Award

In recognition of its commitment to community, mutual aid and financial stewardship, Everence received the 2023 Business as a Force of Good Award from Junior Achievement of Elkhart County (Indiana) on Nov. 11, 2023, during the JA Business Legacy Hall of Fame Gala.

The annual event celebrates Elkhart County entrepreneurs, innovators, visionaries and community leaders who serve as inspirational role models for young people to succeed in the global economy.

Junior Achievement of Elkhart County established the Business as a Force of Good Award in 2022, to recognize area businesses making a positive impact on the Elkhart County community. Everence was nominated for the award by its peers in the region. More about the recognition is available at everence.com.



There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

– ECCLESIASTES 3:1 (NIV)

SHIFTS IN RELIGIOUS BELIEF

In countries where fewer than a third of adults say they believe in God as presented in Scriptures, the number of Gen Zers who do so is on average five points higher than among older generations.



A recent Ipsos Global Adviser survey of about 20,000 adults from across 26 countries found that in Northern and Western Europe, more Gen Zers were likely to respond saying they believe

in spiritual concepts – a number higher than their Baby Boomer counterparts.

The report also showed religious tolerance has increased across most of the countries surveyed.



FEEL-GOOD GIVING

Potential donors are more likely to give if they are already in a good mood, according to a study published this year in *The Economic Journal*.



With the help of human speech analysis software that employs AI, researchers looked through social media posts and found evidence suggesting that up to an hour prior to giving, donors showed a marked increase in positive emotions in their posts. This is a reversal of a theory that explains that giving makes people feel good. The researchers acknowledged there is more complexity that goes into what motivates giving, having only looked at a narrow portion of the population through social media.

THESE SEVEN HABITS HELP STAVE OFF DEPRESSION

While serious depression should be treated with the appropriate medication and therapy, a new study suggests certain behaviors in the long term also can help keep depression at bay.



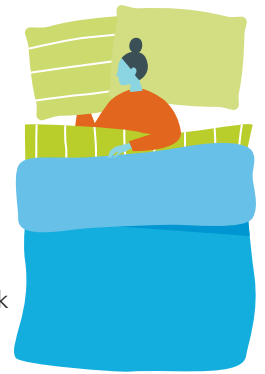
These healthy habits are: getting seven to nine hours of sleep per night on average, adding more physical



activity, eating a balanced diet, limiting alcohol intake, not smoking, limiting screen time and

cultivating friendship and community.

Researchers at Cambridge University looked at nearly 300,000 people in a biobank database initiative and found that maintaining at least five of the habits listed could cut the risk of depression by 57%.



UP AND OUT ON THE JOB

Between 2019 and 2022, a staggering 29% out of 1.2 million employees in the U.S. quit their jobs within a month after their first promotion, according to new data from payroll-services provider ADP.

The data also estimates the departure rate for similar workers who weren't promoted was 18%. The data paints a picture of how challenging it's become for employers to retain workers, reports the *Wall Street Journal*.

Reasons listed include lack of training or assistance, or promoted employees gaining confidence to seek another job.



Protect your financial information

Learn to distinguish the real from fake in the digital age

By Kari L. Cullen

In today's connected world, discerning between genuine communication and potential threats to your financial security can be challenging. The rise of text notifications, emails and social media messages overwhelms us with information, both legitimate and fraudulent.

The Federal Trade Commission reports consumers lost \$8.8 billion due to fraud in 2022, the largest losses originating from social media and phone calls. Mail and identity theft remain concerning trends, with fraudsters leveraging personal information mined from social media to impersonate victims.

Fraudsters thrive on misinformation and urgency, playing on people's fears and desires. To protect yourself:

- Scrutinize communications for red flags like misspellings, mismatched information and unexpected texts.
- Examine links and attachments before opening, verifying their authenticity. An example of what to

look for includes an email signature not matching the sending email.

- Beware of threats of "missed opportunities" and requests to send money quickly.
- Independently verify the information through online research or contact with trusted sources.

Additionally, keep the following in mind to protect your personal information:

- Never log into websites such as online banking when sharing your computer screen.
- Exercise caution when providing sensitive information over the phone. Hang up and call back if you need to.
- Avoid sharing personal identification via unsecure methods.
- Review your credit information regularly at annualcreditreport.com.

With unending streams of digital information, it's crucial to exercise caution and patience when dealing with financial matters.

If you want to learn more, read a recent report published by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau at consumerfinance.gov and search for the "Money Smart for Older Adults" Resource Guide. Your financial well-being is worth the extra effort to protect it.

WE CAN HELP

Your security is our top priority. Call us at 800-348-7468 if you suspect fraudulent activity.



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Every investment has an impact: What's yours?

A crash course in Socially Responsible Investing

By Chandler Ingle

Have you ever wondered if there is more to investing than striving to maximize risk-adjusted returns?

What if your investments could help achieve your financial goals and simultaneously reflect your personal values and convictions?

At Everence®, we specialize in assisting our clients consider these very questions through our unique stewardship investing philosophy and practices, which balance social and financial considerations and are motivated and informed by our faith convictions. Some people refer to this as Socially Responsible Investing.

HOW DOES THIS WORK?

There are a variety of differing strategies, methodologies and products available depending on your personal investment goals and values-orientation. In general, this approach uses the following methods:

1. Avoid investing in companies that create products/services that do not align with a general set of shared

values (e.g. tobacco, alcohol, adult entertainment, weapons, etc.)

2. Embrace the supply of investment capital to companies that create products/services that promote positive social outcomes (e.g. renewable energy, fair pay, board diversity, etc.)

3. Engage the legal shareholder right to advocate with companies owned to promote positive change within their business practices (e.g. environmental sustainability, addressing inequality, human trafficking, etc.)

By reorienting our understanding of “investing” as a supply of resources to companies with positive values as opposed to a means to simply grow our resources at the potential expense of others, we as investors can embrace our true role of stewards of what God has entrusted us.

So, I ask, what impact are your investments making in the world? And how can you take the necessary steps to align your investment decisions and values?



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Stewardship formation in three stages



Growth in generosity reflects model of spiritual development

By Colin B. Saxton

Classic models of spiritual formation describe a three-stage process of being transformed into the image of Christ:

- **Purgation:** A phase of uncovering our need for God.
- **Illumination:** Discovering who we are meant to be in Christ and learning his will and way.
- **Union:** Deep abiding in God's presence and conforming to God's likeness.

Ronald Rohlheiser, in his book *Sacred Fire*, recasts this traditional description in a compelling way, imagining formation as:

- The struggle to get our lives together.
- The struggle to give our lives away.
- The struggle to give our deaths away.

Along with loving more ordinary language for spiritual growth, I am captured by how these "struggles" connect to my experience of becoming a more faithful and generous steward.

We spend our early years seeking to understand ourselves, navigating new responsibilities and trying to create a measure of sustainability. Our use of resources and finances often feels reactive rather than intentional as we try to hold our lives together.

God willing, we begin to focus less on self and survival later in life. Attention shifts toward blessing and benefiting those around us through use of our resources. We recognize our responsibility and opportunity to live and give in ways that resonate with our faith and values.

Nearing the end of our lives, our prayers, example and wisdom can be a more extraordinary gift than anything we might give others. Before we pass, we can create a legacy through the creative and generous use of resources entrusted to us.

As with spiritual formation, our growth in generosity and faithful stewardship rarely happens by accident. Instead, they tend to flourish in faith communities devoted to learning the grace and discipline of spiritual formation.

At Everence, we see faithful stewardship and generosity as transforming lives and communities. Let us know if we can help your congregation explore what this might mean for you.



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But seek first his wisdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

– Matthew 6:33 (NIV)



Ernest and Verna Moyer started their business, Moyer's Chicks, in Quakertown, Pa., in 1946. Through their business and their lifestyle, they instilled in their children – Ivan, Leon and Eileen – lifelong values of generosity, humility and compassion.

Their story is one of generosity and love across family, community and the world at large, spanning decades and impacting generations.

THE DREAM OF COMMUNITY

While still in their late teens, Ernest and Verna began assisting with a small Mennonite mission station outside Quakertown, an hour north of Philadelphia, initiated in part by Verna's older brother Linford Hackman.

They married in 1936 and Ivan was born two years later. As their commitment to this mission work

intensified, they and other like-minded Mennonite families decided to move there to start a new community infused with a gospel-centric lifestyle.

This plan was put on hold when Ernest and other community founders, World War II conscientious objectors, were sent to Civilian Public Service assignments in 1945.

Ernest kept the dream alive during

Siblings Ivan, Eileen and Leon at the hatchery their parents, Ernest and Verna Moyer, built outside of Quakertown, Pa.

Photo by Brian Yoder Schlabach.



1. Verna and Ernest Moyer enjoy their retirement in 1989 after passing the business to their children.

2. Moyer's Chicks' truck fleet in 1953.

3. Ernest and Verna Moyer with a recent hatch of chicks.

4. Ernest Moyer counts the day's hatch in the 1950s.

Photos provided.



his 15 months of service in Luray, Va. While visiting a Mennonite hatchery nearby, he had the idea to start his own hatchery once he returned home. He volunteered there for two weeks, receiving practical training.

“That was the sum total of his preparation for owning a hatchery,” his son, Leon Moyer, said with a chuckle.

Within a year of returning home, Ernest bought some land, built a home for his family and started his hatchery business. He famously made his first delivery of chicks in his 1941 Oldsmobile sedan during a snowstorm in January 1947.

Unbeknownst even to Ernest at the time, the hatchery would become so much more than a lucrative business, it would be a means for helping his community and missionaries abroad.

In 1950 Ernest became the lay pastor of the Rocky Ridge Mennonite Mission, and continued in this pastoral role into the late 1980s. In 1951 he also co-founded Quakertown Christian School, at which he served as board chair in its early years.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

The Moyers were no strangers to trying new programs to help communities, and the family regularly engaged in mission work across the country and abroad.

In 1953, Ernest connected with Mennonite missionaries in Puerto Rico and began a partnership in which Moyer's Chicks shipped them about 500 chicks every other week to eventually 10,000 weekly. They delivered the chicks in cardboard shipping boxes to what is now John F. Kennedy Airport, where they would be flown to the unincorporated U.S. territory.

Ernest also flew to Puerto Rico about four times a year to assist with agricultural and community development projects – and, eventually, opened a satellite hatchery on the island in 1960, which continued on into the 1980s. Occasionally the whole family traveled with him, providing opportunities for the kids to see their parents make life-long connections with Puerto Ricans and other missionaries.



“It made our family aware that the church was not just in our hometown,” said Eileen Knechel, Ernest’s daughter. “The church was a community around the world, and we had relationships with various people in many different countries, and we were all one.”

Meanwhile, business for Moyer’s Chicks was booming, with a growing customer base in both the U.S. and Canada. The company planned profit-sharing events for employees when capable – and even in less profitable years, the Moyers supported their employees with food and other assistance.

Between his mission work, his business, his family and being a pastor in his church, Ernest found a way to handily share his time with everyone.

“They did not leave us disappointed or feeling that somehow the church or business took their time away from us,” Ivan said of his parents.

A LEGACY OF GIVING

With Ernest and Verna at the helm of a growing family, generosity showed up in their modest actions: In the breakfast sandwich packed by Verna

whenever her son-in-law had to drive a long distance for the company. In the unflinching level of trust Ernest had in the people around him. And in their quiet mornings of prayer and conversation in the living room to start their day.

It was no surprise, then, that giving would be second nature for their children. To them, sharing of their time and resources with the community and the world around them was all they knew, said Leon Moyer. In time, Ivan, Leon and Eileen also would pass these values to their children.

Cindy Moyer, one of Ivan’s children, said that passing on a legacy of giving was instrumental for her parents and grandparents. Cindy, her siblings and cousins were all taught that the spirit of sharing manifests beyond material possessions.

“God blesses us in a lot of different ways, like time, energy, skills and money,” Cindy said. “There have also been times in my life when I saw my family give of their time, energy and encouragement to community events and ministries they care about.”

HATCHING NEW PLANS

None of Ernest’s children felt obligated to return to the hatchery after going to school – Leon lived abroad for many years in Haiti and Bolivia, involved in mission work – but ultimately, they all returned to the family business.

Jeryl Knechel, Eileen’s husband, was quickly brought into the fold, as was Ivan’s wife Evelyn and Leon’s wife Karen.

Jeryl said Ernest and Verna were a big inspiration for his lifelong spiritual journey.

“They were always the same people, whether it was Sunday morning or Monday morning,” he said. “They always had a heart for people, to help them, encourage them or pray for them.”

Under the direction of a new generation of Moyers, the business continued finding ways to give back.

About 20 years ago, because of his previous international involvement in grass-roots poultry development

These recently-hatched chicks are among the roughly 20 million hatched at Moyer’s Chicks each year.

Photo by Brian Yoder Schlabach.





Congratulations to our regional award recipients:

The National Journey Award includes a \$5,000 Everence grant for the recipients to donate to the charity of their choice.

The Moyer family chose Quakertown Christian School as the nonprofit to receive this year's \$5,000 donation.

Regional Journey Award recipients this year are:

- **Central Pennsylvania** – Kate Gillis-Hanna, of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.
- **Harrisonburg** – Maynard & Jan Brubaker of Rockingham, Virginia.
- **National** – Paris & Becky Ball Miller, of Celebration, Florida.
- **West** – Paul & Mary McKay of Allenspark, Colorado.

For more information about the Journey Awards or to learn how to nominate someone, visit [everence.com/journey-award](https://www.everence.com/journey-award).



Ivan and Evelyn Moyer, Leon and Karen Moyer, Jeryl and Eileen Knechel.

Photo by Brian Yoder Schlabach.

projects, Leon joined a USAID farmer-to-farmer program.

Leon has since been asked to go on several two-week assignments to Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Ethiopia, assisting in developing best practice guidelines for these private poultry enterprises.

The Moyers also built relationships in Nigeria, exploring a potential joint business venture in the 1980s – which resulted in another life-long connection with Yakubu Gowon, the former Nigerian president.

Leon explained that, while the business venture didn't pan out as originally planned, they had a part in helping Gowon start a movement calling Nigerians to prayer through the inter-denominational group Nigeria Prays, a 25-year-old initiative that is still active today.

The business venture was a "dismal failure," Leon said, "but that pales compared to what was accomplished because God wanted to put us in touch with people."

Nowadays the family – having sold the hatchery and retiring in 2020 – is still active in the community, serving on boards and continuing their volunteer work in other ways. Ivan meets with a local group of community leaders from around the world. Leon and his wife help immigrants settle in the community. And Eileen and Jeryl donate hours of time and machinery work at Spruce Lake Retreat, a Christian retreat center and camp in northeast Pennsylvania.

Over the years the Moyers have seized opportunities to connect with people all over the world.

"It gave me a lot of hope," Leon said of past "failures" as he described. "That what we see from our vantage point is not what God sees, and building those relationships is what's most important."

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Everence employees take part in Civil Rights Movement tour

A journey of HOPE

By Tamara Balke and Brian Yoder Schlabach

This summer, five Everence employees embarked on a transformative nine-day journey covering 2,300 miles through the heart of the American South. Their mission? To dive into the history of the Civil Rights Movement, confront the brutal realities of the past and carry home messages of hope and reconciliation.

Guided by Todd Allen, Ph.D., Vice President for Diversity Affairs and Professor of Communication at Messiah University (Mechanicsburg, Pa.), the Everence® team joined a group of over 30 others on the annual Returning to the Roots of Civil Rights bus tour.

Representing Everence were Ann Meier, Contract Analyst; Emily Miller, Credit Union Member Relations Manager; Kent Miller, Financial Consultant; Ariana Saucedo, former Administrative Assistant; and Jason Yoder Rupp, IT Systems Developer, who was accompanied by his family – Tonya, Caitlin, and Logan Yoder Rupp.

Their itinerary was packed with poignant visits to prominent Civil Rights sites, meeting living legends from

the movement as well as those who continue to champion the cause today, engaging with historical texts and stories and reflecting on the enduring significance of racial reconciliation.

TAKING THE HARD ROAD

On a warm June day, the tour bus departed from Beaver Falls, Pa., and headed south towards its first stop: the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro, N.C.

The week ahead included stops through Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham in Alabama; Jackson, Miss.; Memphis, Tenn.; and finally, Canton, Ohio. On the bus, they watched documentaries about the Civil Rights Movement.



1. A memorial to lynching victims at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in downtown Montgomery, Ala.

2. (L-R) Jason Yoder Rupp, Ariana Saucedo, Ann Meier, Emily Miller and Kent Miller.

3. Holt Street Memorial Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

Photos provided.

As they ventured further into the South on day two, they arrived in Atlanta, Ga., where they explored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s childhood home and the church where he had served as a pastor. Ann Meier summarized the experience, saying, "It was a real honest look at our history. This is what

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To be able to hear the stories from those who have lived and participated in the Civil Rights Movement in the South, is something that I'll forever be grateful for.

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is required if we want to have hope for our future and build the beloved community Dr. King described."

The lessons learned from the past were a stark reminder that the fight for civil rights and justice continues in the present day, the group noted. Emily Miller said she expected "a nice overview of history," but that was far from the case. "I had a rude awakening when I got to the deep South and saw with my own eyes and heard with my own ears about past injustices. I can say now that I have a much broader

understanding of not just Black history, but American history."

Day three began in Albany, Ga., where the team arrived at a picturesque piano-themed scene at Ray Charles Park, just across from their hotel, before visiting Charles M. Sherrod Civil Rights Park, Shiloh Baptist Church, Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church and exploring the Albany Civil Rights Institute. One of the highlights was meeting and singing with Rutha Mae Harris, an original Freedom Singer.

"There's so much hope in the people that we met, and we have to rely on that and keep pushing forward with that hope," Yoder Rupp reflected. "It was an enlightening and powerful experience that has forever changed my views of the Jim Crow era, the Civil Rights Movement and the history of African American people in the United States."

In Montgomery, they visited the Rosa Parks Library and Museum. In Selma, they walked the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the starting point of the historic Bloody Sunday march. They met

Lynda Blackmon Lowery, the youngest marcher at 14, who shared her moving experiences. They ended the day by visiting a memorial to Viola Liuzzo, a white woman shot by the Ku Klux Klan for helping Black activists.

"This trip has altered my life in a way I wouldn't have experienced within my own skin," Saucedo said. "To be able to hear the stories from those who have lived and participated in the Civil Rights Movement in the South, is something that I'll forever be grateful for."

At the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and The Legacy Museum, the group learned about lynching victims and heard from author and activist Anthony Ray Hinton, who was wrongfully convicted and on death row for 28 years – before being released – because of his race.

"To say this is life-impacting might be a tremendous understatement," Kent Miller said. "As I've reflected on the ways that individuals engage racism, and the horrors of abuse, brutality, lynching and basic dehumanization of people of color that our country has systemized, I was just amazed at their courage, determination and hope, to not only survive, but really thrive, in the hearts and lives of those we met."

They spent the final days in Birmingham, where the 16th Street Baptist Church and Kelly Ingram Park commemorate Civil Rights struggles. In Jackson, the group explored the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and met with Hezekiah Watkins, the state's youngest Freedom Rider. In Memphis, they visited the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Hotel, the Church of God in Christ and the "I

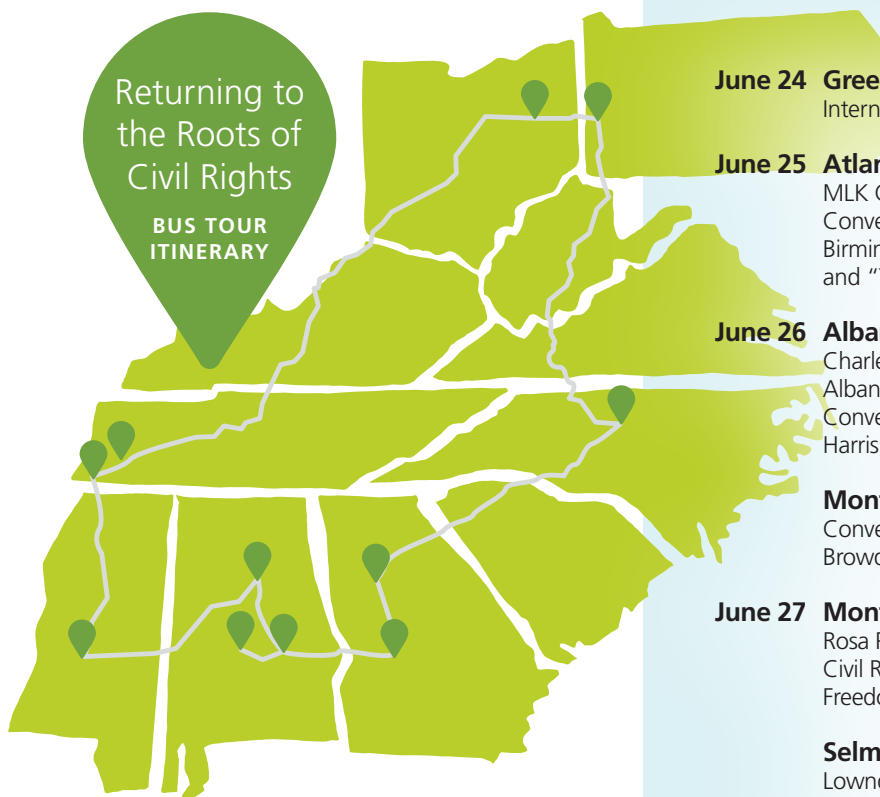
(L-R) Caitlin, Logan, Tonya and Jason Yoder Rupp, Emily Miller, Ann Meier, Kent Miller and Ariana Saucedo.

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Returning to
the Roots of
Civil Rights

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Am a Man" memorial. They tasted Beale Street's cuisine and explored the Stax Records Museum of American Soul Music.

As this group carries the lessons learned from their journey forward, they hope to become beacons of hope in their communities, working to illuminate the path toward a more just and equitable future.

"This was a nine-day bus trip, but the journey which it started is ongoing," Kent Miller said. "And as I process all that I've experienced, I realize the journey is exciting and hard, as I uncover changes that I need to make and find ways to bring light to my community."

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June 24 Greensboro, N.C.
International Civil Rights Center and Museum

June 25 Atlanta, Ga.
MLK Center
Conversations with Dr. Glenn Eskew, author of "But for Birmingham," and Dr. Anthony Grooms, author of "Bombingham" and "The Vain Conversation"

June 26 Albany, Ga.
Charles Sherrod Civil Rights Park
Albany Civil Rights Institute
Conversation with Rutha Mae Harris, Freedom Singer

Montgomery, Ala.
Conversation with Michelle Browder, artist

June 27 Montgomery, Ala.
Rosa Parks Museum
Civil Rights Memorial Center
Freedom Rides Museum

Selma, Ala.
Lowndes County Interpretive Center
Edmund Pettus Bridge
Viola Liuzzo Memorial
Conversation with Lynda Blackmon Lowery, author of "Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom"

June 28 Montgomery, Ala.
The Legacy Museum
National Memorial for Peace and Justice
Conversation with Anthony Ray Hinton, author of "The Sun Does Shine"

Birmingham, Ala.
Sixteenth Street Baptist Church
Kelly Ingram Park
Bethel Baptist Church
Interpretive Center
Conversations with Carolyn McKinstry, author of "While the World Watched" and Lisa McNair, author of "Dear Denise"

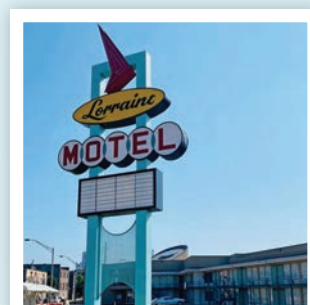
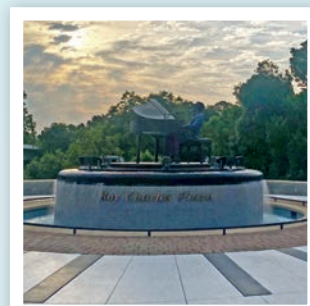
June 29 Jackson, Miss.
Mississippi Civil Rights Museum
Medgar and Myrlie Evers House

June 30 Memphis, Tenn.
National Civil Rights Museum
I Am A Man Plaza
Stax Records Museum of American Soul Music

July 1 Henning, Tenn.
Alex Haley Museum and Interpretive Center

July 2 Canton, Ohio
Clearview Golf Club (First golf course in the U.S. to be built, owned and operated by an African American)

Return to Beaver Falls, Pa.





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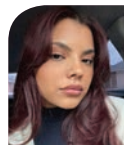
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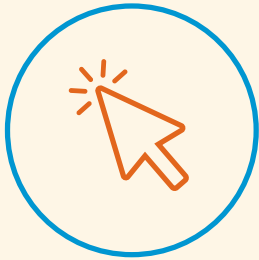
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Everence opens doors in Denver

After many years of serving our Mountain West region members, Everence® opened its first Denver, Colo., office in April this year, offering financial and stewardship consulting services. The new space is located at 2301 Blake St., Suite 100, in downtown Denver.

The move was made thanks in part to the Denver Advisory Board, a group of locals who were key in selecting the new Everence location and helping the Colorado team widen their network in the area.

The team hosted its first event at the new location in August. There, the advisory board, along with area pastors and church advocates, were thanked for their contributions to Everence.

Everence staff serving Denver is part of a National team of financial professionals providing financial, insurance, charitable giving and banking solutions to members, clients and anyone interested in integrating their faith and values with their financial decisions.



The team that helped get the Denver office up and running includes (L-R) Dave Warren, Vice President of National Markets; José Chiquito, former Financial Consultant; Molly Stewart, Financial Consultant; Rhoda Blough, Stewardship Consultant; and Dennis LeFevre, Financial Consultant.