

# University of La Verne

The University of La Verne hopes your PSWD Conference is spirit-filled and full of beloved community. We have much to share!

Ben Jenkins, University Archivist, has established a video/pictorial archives and collections from the University of La Verne. You can access it by visiting <https://library.laverne.edu>. (Click Archives & Special Collections) Videos and photos range from Lordsburg Academy, LVC, BVS and IVS, past Brethren District Conference photos and much, much more! Who knows, you just might see someone you know!

Our signature Brethren program, Summer Service, has again sent out 25 students to serve churches, camps and social service agencies. This life-changing experience is made possible through your current donations as well as generous legacy donations by these folks: Brandts, D.E. Brubaker, Elvina Deakin, Doramus Family, Ed and Noreen Driggs, Homer and Cora Fike, and Neva Olsen Root. We are forever grateful for the forward-thinking and generosity of our Brethren heritage.

A quote from a Summer Service participant:

*In CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice), I formed part of the Ziegler Young Religious Leaders and they helped me view the summer through a faith perspective. They challenged me to question my faith and find the Divine in my struggles, as well as my victories. By putting the faith perspective into my service, it made me view service differently. As a result of my experience, I am viewing my Business Major differently. I am being taught traditional business practices in school and have experienced practices which are good for a community at CLUE. The two seem to be at odds with each other. This is the struggle I will carry into my career - C.R. 2017*

The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life continues our innovative Interfaith Fellows program. This program selects student leaders who want to be involved with high level interfaith education, dialogue and advocacy on campus. Last year, eight University of La Verne students received the Interfaith Fellows Scholarship,

four of whom were Brethren students. They helped organize interfaith programs and events, led a workshop for our Sophomore La Verne Experience Course (SoLVE) on interfaith cooperation, and conducted research on the usefulness of interfaith skills for employers. We are grateful for their service to the university community.

Every university needs a heart. Towards that aspiration, we are building the Ludwick Center for Spirituality, Cultural Understanding and Community Engagement. The center will honor our guiding principles of deep respect for spiritual life, cultural diversity and inclusivity. For a number of years, the university has been actively building a vibrant and vital spiritual life on campus, which includes education, clubs, service and lectures. The university has been recognized by the White House for its interfaith and community engagement.

This new center will include an inspirational sacred space in addition to office spaces comprised of four complementary offices, each bringing even more synergy to the conversations of peacemaking, hospitality, love, service and humility.

The project will repurpose Brandt Residence Hall and erect a sacred space adjacent, which will serve our entire campus and be available to the wider community. The Ludwick Center for Spirituality, Cultural Understanding and Community Engagement will have a lasting impact on the lives of students for generations to come.

Our Brethren Students enjoy a discount of 1/5 off their first year tuition with an award of a Brethren scholarship in subsequent years. Students have the opportunity to provide leadership in clubs, attend Brethren student dinners, and sometimes even preach in a local church! La Verne's welcome is wide for our Brethren students.

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