

# 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!

## **It's coming!**

The Ludwick Center for Spirituality, Cultural Understanding and Community Engagement is opening in a few weeks. The campus is abuzz with this new center which 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.

Please come to our **Dedication Ceremony:**

*Thursday, November 14, 2019*

*3:30 PM.5:00 PM*

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:

*I find that my interest in temporary or brief voluntary opportunities is waning. My view of community has shifted. I no longer see community as simply a term to describe people who live and work in the same place or have obligatory interaction with neighbors. Community is a means of enacting change. Community is a way of raising children. Community is a method of learning. I can say that this experience has altered the way I see myself and my place in the world.*

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, seven 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.

## **I need your help!**

Our Brethren students enjoy a discount of 1/5 off their first year tuition with an award of a Brethren scholarship in subsequent years. If you know of students who are interested, please send them my way. 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.

For any questions please contact:

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