



A Christmas "Wish List"

gift ideas for CrossRoads

Consider the following ways you can support the CrossRoads vision of preserving and sharing our Brethren-Mennonite legacy of faith and life with future generations and the larger community. Some of these needs can be supplied by gifts in kind, or through gifts of money or time. Monetary gifts are especially suited as Christmas projects for individuals, families, youth groups, Sunday School classes, or whole congregations. Call the Center at 438-1275 for more information on any of these. Some are urgently needed to get the Welcome Center up and running.

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Gifts in kind, or money to buy them

- 1** A stove for the Center **\$400**
- 2** A refrigerator for the Center **\$700**
- 3** Computer support for software **\$1,500**
- 4** Office furniture – desks, chairs, tables, bookcases, display tables and cases **\$1,500**
- 5** Sign at the entrance to the Cross-Roads campus **\$5,000**
- 6** Curbing and concrete at the entrance to the campus **\$3,000**

Gifts of time (volunteers)

- 7** A Welcome Center water garden caretaker and a groundskeeper
- 8** Volunteers to renovate the Welcome Center
- 9** A mason to lay the foundation for the log house
- 10** An assistant to research driving tours to historic sites
- 11** Clerical workers at the Center
- 12** An excavator for the campus driveway entrance

Monthly pledges

Monthly gifts are needed to fund the Center's vision. Check the coupon below to become a monthly contributor, and we'll add your name to the Founder's Circle.

Will you invest in the legacy of CrossRoads by sharing your expertise and financial resources?

- Yes, I want to support the legacy of CrossRoads. My tax deductible gift of \$ _____ is enclosed
- I pledge to contribute \$ _____ monthly for the next two years.
- Enclosed is my Christmas gift of \$ _____ for Project # _____.
- I would like to volunteer for Project # _____. Please call me at tel # _____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Email _____

Please mail to: Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center, P.O. Box 1563, Harrisonburg, VA 22803.

Your support is deeply appreciated.

Al Keim, Interim Director for two years, has returned to teaching at EMU. Doris Showalter, who has served as Director of Marketing, is filling the position of Interim Director while the search for a full-time Executive Director continues.

Al has provided strong leadership at a key time in the Center's development. The Board of Directors appreciates his ongoing involvement, providing a smooth transition to a new Interim Director and ultimately to a full-time Executive Director.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

What's in a name? One of the most frequent questions I am asked is, "Why do you call it CrossRoads?"

In the earliest stages of planning for a center, the term Cultural Center was used; this was changed to Heritage Center to more accurately reflect the purpose of the proposed Center.

The next consideration was how to include both Brethren and Mennonite denominations. This seemed fairly obvious: since there is a Mennonite-Brethren denomination, it would be confusing to use this particular word arrangement. Using the reverse of this Brethren-Mennonite would eliminate any confusion on this point.

It seemed desirable to denote a geographic boundary. This prompted inclusion of the word "Valley."

The next challenge was to select a short, simple title that would be easily recognized and remembered. Used collectively, Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center is long, cumbersome, and confusing for the general public.

After much thought and discussion, the term CrossRoads was chosen. The symbolic word CrossRoads recognizes the concept of faith as a journey. Our theme, Journeys of Faith and Conscience, acknowledges that each of us must strive to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ in our daily living.

Throughout each journey, there are critical times when a crossroads is reached, a choice is made, and the remainder of the journey is permanently altered. These defining moments, these life-changing decisions, occur for us both individually and collectively, thus creating the distinctive patterns and lifestyles of people called Mennonite and Brethren.

Crossroads continue; personal and collective choices still set us apart from the mainstream society. These choices today and tomorrow extend the legacy from the past into the future for our children and our children's children.

It seems fitting to be called CrossRoads, and to feature the faces of authentic people in their many expressions of faithfulness.

Doris Showalter, Interim Director

