

Dear Minister,

This letter is to inform you of a new mutual aid organization, Anabaptist Brotherhood (AB). The vision and purpose are to promote a brotherhood mutual aid program that strengthens our convictions on Social Security issues and meets mutual aid challenges among us. This includes a four-fold mission:

1. Provide Biblical stewardship teaching, and educational materials on issues surrounding Social Security and mutual aid.
2. Manage accountability that encourages participants to invest a portion of their annual income (including IRA funds) throughout their working years for use in their elderly years.
3. Manage a collective mutual aid fund for distinct types of economic hardships such as disability, being widowed, housing needs, and catastrophic healthcare.
4. Preserve our *IRS Form 4029* exemption and maintain communication with churches and the government on Social Security issues.

Anabaptist Brotherhood hopes for a mass return of the conservative Anabaptists to embrace anew the Social Security exemption (*IRS Form 4029*) that the United States government granted over 50 years ago.

Over the past several decades, more and more conservative Anabaptist church leaders have felt increasingly uncomfortable signing *Form 4029* for their members. This is understandable due to the lack of programs in place for those among us who are suffering economic hardships due to social aid issues. In general, Anabaptist church leaders have felt caught between two issues: On the positive side, they ascribe to the scriptural principles of bearing one another's burdens and caring for our own. But on the negative side, social aid issues in our churches have been fraught with real financial challenges and unresolved problems related to the needs of widows, the disabled, and such like.

In answer to these challenges, Anabaptist Brotherhood is designed to provide the necessary accountability and financial strength to support Social Security exempt individuals in hardship.

Enclosed in this packet are five pieces of information. The organizational brochure shares the vision and mission of Anabaptist Brotherhood. The four other documents are applications and forms to participate in the program.

1. Organizational brochure
2. Church Application
3. Membership Application
4. Member's Disclosure
5. Statement of Doctrine

If you have interest in learning more about what Anabaptist Brotherhood offers, please contact us. Several things that help church leaders with social security issues:

1. We offer assistance to individuals applying for a Social Security exemption with *IRS Form 4029*.
2. We offer assistance to churches applying for Social Security exemption with the *SSA Form 1458*. (This form is necessary for a church to be recognized for Social Security exemption, so its members can file *Form 4029*.)
3. We assist church leaders with dialogue and discussion to understand the Social Security exemption issues and the implications for their congregation.
4. We provide church presentations to help your congregation understand the scriptural principles related to the Social Security exemption *IRS Form 4029*. Equally important, we provide education about the structure and security that Anabaptist Brotherhood's program brings in a practical way—many churches working together to meet financial needs related to Social Security exempted members.
5. We assist Anabaptist churches in working with the Social Security Administration.

We look forward to working with you.

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