

to live together in friendship and fellowship, and it can even be possible to love your enemy in spite of all hostility. Knowing and understanding is making the way of forgiving and forgetting bad feelings. It was Jesus, who once said the tuff words "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."(Matthew 5, 44). Every BF-delegate you meet will probably confirm the experience of knowledge making friendship across borders throughout the world. It is like the beginning of a new life, because connections are being made and community is beginning to grow between you. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Jesus Christ" ( Galatians 3, 28) - I am very

well aware, that the reason for this is faith and baptism, as it is in the center of Christianity. But it is the same truth about Brotherhood Fund. This whole idea is growing from the heart of Christianity. The ecumenical movement began to grow in the gardens of YMCA and grew further in Y's Men International from the very beginning. Maybe time has come to change name once more, because Y's Men today are male and female. I think time has come to consider several options as e.g. Fellowship Fund or Friendship Fund, (shortlyFF) to make it visible in our used words, that we are brothers and sisters longing for friendship all over the world. As Jesus has said about his family: "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." (Matthew 12, 50)



**FRANK TSAI ISD - BF**

The Brotherhood Fund is one of the most important Service Project of the International Association of Y's Men's Club, to pay part or all of travel and related cost of selected delegates attending conventions and conferences or making Inter? Regional visitations myself have received many BF delegates from all the other Areas, the delegates are mostly from India Area. The one who just visited Taiwan and Japan regions is Mr. Kurian? past RD, South India Region?. Please refer to his report to IHQ on 28/Sep/2011 if you wish to know better of how to be a BF delegate. I sincerely wish to receive more delegates from all the other Areas besides India. It

is necessary for each Y's Men to learn more of different culture, tradition and Movement from other Area, for exchange of friendship, knowledge and methods for the benefit and growth of Y's Dom. The goal of total BF contribution for the year 2010/2011 was CHF 202,500.00 the actual amount got CHF 144,400.00, percentage of goal 71%. I would feel it is good but could be better. Thanks to all the donators from each Clubs. It is possible to achieve more for 2011/2012. As an International Service Director, I would like to make an additional contribution of USD 1,000 for Brotherhood fund. This is to encourage all the Y's Men to devote them self for Y's Movements.

My best wish to all of you?



**JOSEY JOSEPH, ISD-PR  
ORIGIN OF BROTHERHOOD FUND (BF)**

Brotherhood Fund was established in 1931. At the International Convention held at Cleveland in 1931, a sum of U.S \$ 800 was found as profit which was handed over to the Y's Men International for undertaking some project for the advancement of Y'sdom. During that period, similar projects were carried out by the churches to enable the Bishops to travel and accordingly, the Y's

Men International adopted the project under the name "Bishop Fund". In 1969, the name of the project was changed in to "Brotherhood Fund" to reflect the emphasis on promoting brotherhood in Y'sdom. The Fund is raised through the sale of cancelled stamps and cash contributions of Y's Men's Clubs and related organisations. The fund is meant for the purpose of defraying the travel costs of Y's Men attending the International, Area and Regional Conventions and for making visits to Clubs abroad.

**EDITORIAL**

As everybody knows next month December has been declared as emphasis month for Christian Emphasis. It is the responsibility of the following leaders to contribute a write up on the above emphasis subjects (limited to 200-250 words). We may also need a photograph of the writer to be published along with the article. The expected resource persons are Mr Carl Hetz- Jensen ISD-CE, Hector Renato Ortega, AP LAM. Kindly make sure, that your contribution reaches me on or before 25th of November so as to enable me to compile the matter and disseminate it through electronic media by the first day of December 2011.



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**BROTHERHOOD FUND**



IP WRITES..... In November we have a special focus on the Brotherhood Fund (BF) programme. In November 2005 I had the opportunity to visit India as a BF Delegate. This was a great experience for us (me and my wife). We learned a lot about how Y's Men's Clubs function in

India, and we had the opportunity to bring some inputs from my own club, city and country to club members in India. This is the real idea of the Brotherhood Fund programme; to learn and understand different cultures and countries. When we focus on this programme I want to mention the following 4 important points:

1. The promotion of Fund raising. In order to give the opportunity for the club members to apply for a BF grant, the contributions to the BF programme have to be minimum USD 5 pr. member. Please make sure that your club make the the necessary contributions.
2. The promotion of Travel opportunities. The Mid Year Meeting (MYM) approve the the travel programme and should be announced to the club in due time before deadline for application. Please make sure that all

members are informed about the travel programme.

3. The application of Grants. It is very important to follow the deadline for application even though the travel might be more than 1 year ahead.

4. The BF programme is first of all meant to be used to encourage coming leaders to learn more about the Y's Men movement and not so much to be used as a reward for a life long service in Y's dom.

**The BF programme is divided into two parts:**

1. Full Grant. This Grant is given to visit a Area or Region for 3-5 weeks.
2. Partly Grants is given to attend an Area- or International Convention. I hope to see many of you at International Convention in my home city Stavanger in August 2012.

Please contact your Club President - DG - RSD/BF or RD in order to get more information about the Brotherhood Fund programme.

**IP FINN.A.PEDERSEN**



**CARL HERTZ-JENSEN, ISD-CE**

FJENDSKAB - KENDSKAB - VENSKAB:- Sorry to bring the headline this month in Danish. But as you can see: These three words fit together; they agree to each other. That's why! Let me just translate: "Fjendskab" is enmity or hostility; "Kendskab" is knowledge or recognition; "Venskab" is friendship or fellowship. From enmity it goes by knowledge to friendship. What or who you learn to know, you will learn to love. Knowledge will bring friendship.

Therefore we make twintowns and twinclubs across countries around the world. Visit new places and make new friends by coming to know each other! During the first few years in Y's Men's history it became obvious, that we have to encourage ways to meet each other. Therefore BF (Bishop's Fund) was established as soon as

1931. We haven't had any bishop or episcopal leader in our Y's Men's Movement. But churches or religious organizations have had some practice to set up funds for the bishop to use for different deemed mission in his congregations. The BF was raised to get money to support for overseas participants in International Conventions. 1967 the name was changed to Brotherhood Fund (BF), as it has been since. And the purpose for the Fund is made wider to make and meet Y's Men and clubs in other countries for a short period and if possible in connection with International Conventions. As BF delegates you have the possibility to participate in ICM negotiations. You will get the experience that new knowledge will make new friends, because of new and better understanding in spite of many differences.

When you recognize your enemy and you meet face to face, you have to find a way of understanding to find out