

# Community Development Conference

March 21-22, 2024

Conference Room on Upper Floor Level,  
670 Tyrone Pike, Philipsburg, PA 16866

**Vision:** To facilitate networking and stimulate conversation around sustainable community development.



## Thursday, March 21

- 9:00 *Doors open:* arrive, sign in, get name tag, visiting
- 10:00 Welcome and announcements
- 10:15 **Refugee Farming Project in Greece** - *Dean Taylor*
- 11:00 Question & Answer | Break
- 11:30 **Understanding & Appreciating Our Soil** - *John Kempf*
- 12:15 **LUNCH**
- 1:30 **Field Project Updates 1 & 2**  
Northern Iraq - *Dwight Martin*  
Bangladesh - *Brian Moser*
- 2:15 Question & Answer
- 2:30 **Resettlement and Reintegration of Internally Displaced People** - *Raphael Ogbole*
- 3:45 Question & Answer | Break
- 4:15 **Why & How We Save Seeds** - *John Kempf*
- 5:00 Question & Answer
- 5:15 Organization Presentation: **Sustainable Development Solutions**
- 5:30 Organization Presentation: **ECHO: The Power of Partnerships for Reducing Hunger and Improving Lives**
- 5:45 **SUPPER**
- 7:15 Organization Presentation: **KC Vision and Opportunities**
- 7:30 Panel Discussion: 21st Century Refugees & IDPs—the Possibility of and Challenges Surrounding Resettlement  
- *Raphael Ogbole, Billy North, Shawn Miller, Dean Taylor*
- 8:45 Conclusion

**Register Online:**  
[SustainDevelopmentSolutions.com](https://SustainDevelopmentSolutions.com)

**Register by Phone:**  
Glenn Newswanger • 814-331-5265  
(for those without internet)

## Friday, March 22

- 7:30 **BREAKFAST**
- 8:30 **Moravians and Community Development** - *Dean Taylor*
- 9:15 Question & Answer
- 9:30 **Field project updates 3 & 4**  
Haiti Tigoave - *Gerry Riemer*  
Northern Ghana - *Nate Gray*
- 10:15 Question & Answer | Break
- 11:30 **Community Development Farming Practices** - *Raphael Ogbole*
- 12:30 **LUNCH**
- 2:00 **How Tillage & Monoculture Destroy Community** - *Roman Stoltzfoos*
- 3:15 Question & Answer
- 3:30 **Storefront Vision & Need for Staff** - *Earl Rissler*
- 4:00 Final comments, dismissal, and tour for those interested



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# Several of Our Speakers

The bios below provide a sampling of speakers. From/a renown Amish agronomist and podcaster, to a military-man turned church historian and missiologist, to an African brother working passionately to advance the kingdom through agricultural community development in Nigeria- you will not be disappointed by the expertise these men offer to us.



**John Kempf** is the founder of Advancing Eco Agriculture (AEA). He also writes, runs a fascinating podcast, and is the executive editor of Acres magazine. Through his humility, insatiable curiosity, detailed observations, and open mind, John has acquired an extreme amount of technical knowledge about biological farming systems. He is not only one of the top thought leaders in today's regenerative farming community, he is also putting these ideas into practice on his own farm. John's vision and passion is to see regenerative agriculture principles become the mainstream best practices around the globe by 2040.



**Dean Taylor** is an author, educator, speaker and historian with a passion for agricultural community development. In 2020, in conjunction with his European team, Dean initiated a community farm project on Lesbos Island, providing employment opportunities to refugees. Having worked on Lesbos Island during a refugee crisis, Dean witnessed the challenges faced by displaced individuals firsthand. As a historian, Dean brings a unique perspective to the agricultural community development discourse. Inspired by the resilient Moravians of the 18th century, who were also foreign immigrants, Dean draws inspiration from their remarkable accomplishments in farming and various businesses upon arriving in America.



**Raphael Ogbole** is the Executive Director of Banner Center for Community Transformation (BACCOT), an indigenous ministry in northern Nigeria. He has worked in rural communities for 20 years, reaching the poorest of the poor with the gospel. His passion for proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel includes the resettling and reintegrating of "Internally Displaced Persons" by empowering them to be self-sufficient through community development and sustainable agricultural solutions. Raphael is happily married to Helen, and they are blessed with two children, Joshua and Berachah. He holds a Master of Theology in Biblical studies.

## Registration Details

Early Bird Registration  
Until January 30th: \$25

Regular Registration  
Until March 10th: \$50

*Registration includes both days of conference, name tag, and four meals, but not lodging. For simplicity we are charging a flat rate for either one day or two.*

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