

Dear Friends in the ECCB and PCUSA,

Over the last seven years, we have organized an **Advent Devotional guide** together. This has enabled us to know and connect with one another during this special time of preparation in our lives in the church. Many have expressed that the guide enriches our partnership both as a denomination and individually.

Now is the time to begin the Advent devotional guide for 2025. The theme is “How to Speak the Language of Love”. The Scripture text is provided for each day on the sign up sheet below.

We are given a gift by the editor, publisher, and translator, and you, the authors of the devotions, to make the guide possible. Following are Guidelines, dates, link, etc. First, sign up to write as soon as possible. Due to requests last year, we have asked that you give us permission to publish your email in the guide so that we can be in touch.

SIGN UP DETAIL

Please visit the link below and choose one of the Advent days for your devotional. Fill in your Given Name, Surname, Church, Email address, Yes/No for printing your email, City, and State (US) or Country (non-US). Please provide an email address that you monitor regularly in case we have questions.

There's a lot which needs to be done to prepare the guide! PLEASE SIGN UP as soon as possible (and no later than 11 July).

DEVOTIONAL SUBMISSIONS DETAIL:

Your devotional is due 5 September. That gives us nearly two full months to write! Submitting earlier will be a kindness to the editor, translator, and compositor.

The text of the devotional should be 1500 CHARACTERS or fewer (2000 characters if in the Czech language). Our intent is to have each translated into the other language and both will appear on facing pages.

If you wish to include a picture, please provide the best resolution image you can. Please send the image in a separate file.

Please submit your devotional in the Microsoft Word .docx format. If you are unable to do that, please contact David Hancock (dhancock@pobox.com) to discuss an alternative. You don't need to include the scripture reference or your name, city, etc. We will pull that from the signup spreadsheet.

Naming convention: Please name your devotional file with the date (for example "Nov30.docx" or "Dec08.docx:"). If there is a picture, name it similarly (for example "Nov30-picture.jpeg").

We thank you for your consideration and have a beautiful summertime!

Joy and peace,

Betty McGinnis and Gerhard Frey Reininghaus
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