Building Bridges: Year 2026 Review

ACF-USA Building Bridges Directorate

Year One: Restructure & Reignite · 3-Year Plan 2025–2028

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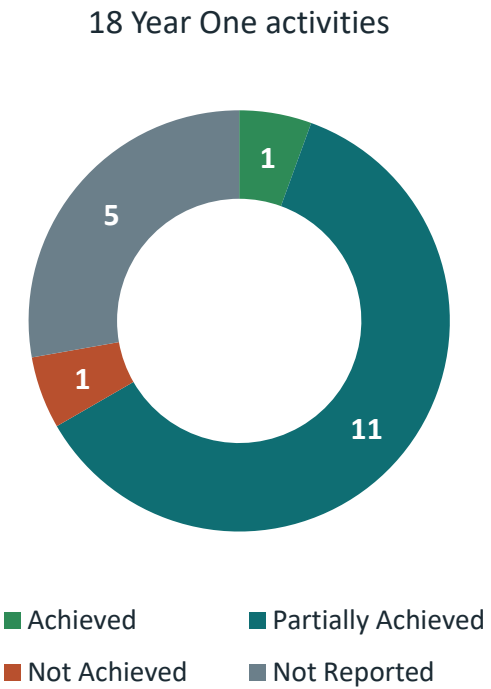
Purpose of Year One

- Reorganize leadership and communication structures
- Make Building Bridges visible and inclusive in every chapter
- Launch foundational events connecting generations, cultures and languages

This review covers the 18 Year One activities: what is accomplished, what remains, and the path for Year Two.

> *"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."*
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> **2 Corinthians 5:18**

Year One at a Glance



12 of 18 activities achieved or under way

11 activities carry over to Year Two

5 activities awaiting chapter or national reports

The foundation is laid. The work now is to extend it to every chapter.

Highlights and Accomplishments

Structures restructured

National leadership and communication structures reorganized: the first Year One objective.

South Region leads the way

Contact details for every Chapter BB Director are complete: a model for the fellowship.

Representatives trained

Regional representative training completed in the South and East Regions.

Events across chapters

Black History Month, Africa Day, Open Houses and worship workshops held in several chapters.

Language inclusion

Translation into French, Spanish and Portuguese begun; multilingual Worship Booklet in progress.

Partnerships growing

Partnerships with local churches have begun at regional level.

Year One Activity Review (1 of 3)

Key Activity	Status	Reasons	Carry Over
Reorganize leadership and communication structures	**Achieved**	Completed as planned.	No
Appoint/activate Chapter BB Directors and form the BB Council	**Partially Achieved**	Several chapters have yet to appoint a BB Director; appointments encouraged before the November Council meeting.	Yes
Integrate quarterly BB activities in chapters	**Partially Achieved**	In place in some chapters; wider adoption is needed.	Yes
Youth Day (celebration and empowerment event)	**Not Achieved**	Not held in Year One; set as a Year Two priority.	Yes
Professional Mentorship Day	**Not Reported**	Chapter reports pending.	To be confirmed
Black History Month events	**Partially Achieved**	Celebrated in several chapters; participation to be extended to all.	Yes

Year One Activity Review (2 of 3)

Key Activity	Status	Reasons	Carry Over
Africa Day / African Heritage events	**Partially Achieved**	Celebrated in several chapters; wider participation is encouraged.	Yes
Community Open House	**Partially Achieved**	Held in some chapters.	No
Translation of chapter activities (French, Spanish, Portuguese)	**Partially Achieved**	Translation has begun in some chapters and is being expanded.	Yes
Worship Booklet with songs in African languages	**Partially Achieved**	Compilation in progress; more chapter contributions needed.	Yes
Multicultural worship workshops	**Partially Achieved**	Held in some chapters; to be extended fellowship-wide.	Yes
Bilingual fellowship activities	**Not Reported**	Chapter reports pending.	To be confirmed

Year One Activity Review (3 of 3)

Key Activity	Status	Reasons	Carry Over
Train regional representatives	**Partially Achieved**	Completed in the South and East Regions; other regions to follow.	Yes
Partner with churches	**Partially Achieved**	Partnerships begun in some regions; to be expanded.	Yes
Include BB in regional retreats	**Not Reported**	Regional reports pending.	To be confirmed
Add French and Portuguese pages to the ACF website	**Not Reported**	National update pending.	To be confirmed
Translate ACF documents	**Partially Achieved**	Translation begun; completion planned for Year Two.	Yes
Host the National Summit	**Not Reported**	National update pending.	No

Areas for Growth



Chapter participation

The most common reason for partial progress: not all chapters have taken part yet. Full participation moves most activities from partial to achieved.



Youth Day

Not held in Year One. Engaging our young people remains central to our mandate, and Youth Day is a Year Two priority.



Reporting

Five activities are still unreported, including the National Summit and Mentorship Day. Chapters, regions and national leads: please send updates.

Every Chapter: Appoint Your BB Director

Every bridge needs builders on both sides. Where a chapter has a BB Director, activities follow; where the seat is empty, the work stalls.

The Chapter BB Director:

- Implements BB activities locally and reports to the regional coordinator
- Sits on the Building Bridge Council, giving every chapter a voice
- Keeps activities aligned with chapters across the nation



Our request

Appoint a BB Director or Representative and share their name and contact details with your regional coordinator before **November 21, 2026.**

One committed person is enough to start building.

Plan for Year Two (2027)

1. **Complete Year One activities**
   Move every partially achieved activity to fully achieved, across all chapters

2. **BB National Council meeting**
   November 21, 2026: align chapters and confirm appointments

3. **Regional Building Bridges Day**
   Held alongside the regional Family Day

4. **Multilingual worship song booklet**
   Complete the ACF booklet

5. **Compile chapter activities**
   Share good practices fellowship-wide

6. **Commendation report**
   Recognize chapters fully engaged in Building Bridges

7. **Youth Day and pending reports**
   Hold Youth Day; confirm all unreported activities

A Solid Foundation for Year Two

The structures are in place, several regions are showing what is possible, and every activity has a clear next step. Thank you to every director, coordinator, volunteer and member who has given time and heart to this work. Together, we build bridges that unite generations, languages and communities under Christ.

Save the Date

BB National Council Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, November 21, 2026
1:00–2:30 PM

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