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October, 2019

### 2019 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference

October 11 & 12, 2019 Happy Corner Church of the Brethren Theme: *God Provides* Happy Corner Church of the Brethren "And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Jesus

Christ". Philippians 4:19

#### CONFERENCE IS ONLY TWO SHORT WEEKS AWAY!!

If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms are available on the district website.

This year the SOKD Program and Arrangements and the SOKD Resource Development Commission are teaming up to offer several excellent workshops for the educational portion of our conference which support our theme, "God Provides". These workshops will benefit everyone: Church Treasurers, Board Chairs, Board Members, Stewardship Teams, Pastors, anyone who has a family budget, anyone who doesn't have a family budget, if you preach about stewardship, wish you could preach about stewardship, if you spend money, save money, earn money . . . yes, we will be talking about money! Descriptions of the workshops and registration for delegates, display space, lodging requests and child care requests as well as a brochure with more information can be found on the district website.

## **Quilt offered for Silent Auction at District Conference**

2019 was the 10th anniversary of our Piece-Full Quiilt Camp sponsored by Camping and Retreat Ministries of the S. OH/KY District of the Church of the Brethren. Each camper was sent fabric and a quilt block pattern before camp. We assembled the blocks and sewed it together at camp. It was quilted by Paula Yagisawa who joined us for a day or so at camp. Judy Wellman, a new camper this year, machine embroidered the label. This quilt will be give for silent auction at district conference with the proceeds being donated to Camping and Retreat Ministries for camp scholarships. Come prepared to bid and take this beauty home.

#### **District Women's Bible Study**

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Women's Bible study/spirituality group will begin meeting again in October. This group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Salem Church of the Brethren from 7-8:30 PM. Their first meeting will be Thursday, October 3, 2019 when they will evaluate last year, decide how they want this next year to look and what they will begin studying on October 17. Anyone can join at any time. However, this is an especially good time to add members to the group.

# Young Adult October Gathering

On October 26th at 6 PM we will visit the Brethren Heritage Center. All young adults having graduated high school through 39 yrs. old are welcome.

# Introducing Visiting Pastor Hassan Dicks!

The Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren is delighted to have recent Bethany graduate Hassan Dicks with them as a Visiting Pastor for six months! Pastor Hassan is from Nigeria and is passionate about trauma healing and peacemaking. During his time at Prince of Peace he is interested in learning how the North American church functions and gain experience leading in this context. Pastor Hassan is available to provide leadership throughout the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District. Any church or group interested in hearing him speak or spending time with him is welcome to contact him to set up a time. Mileage reimbursement for his travels would be appreciated as compensation. Prince of Peace hopes that the whole district can benefit from the gifts he brings and get to know Pastor Hassan over these six months. For inquires, please contact the Prince of Peace church office at 937-294-0708 or at popcob1956@aol.com.

## Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

**Local Tornado Response** - The cleanup phase of our local tornado response is winding down for now. Much work has been done cutting trees and removing brush. The current plan is to take a break in October. Discussion is taking place about the rebuilding phase.

**13th Annual Ice Cream Social** – Thank you to all for your support of the BDM Ice Cream Social held August 3rd. There were about 440 in attendance. About \$11,500 was raised which will be used for rebuilding trips, Church World Service kits/buckets, and local response. The support of the S. Ohio/ KY District makes this ministry possible.

**Project Updates** – Work continues in Lumberton, NC and is scheduled through April 2020. A new site opened September 1 in Jacksonville, FL. It is scheduled through Dec. 2019, with the possibility of being extended. The site in Castaner, Puerto Rico is scheduled until mid-December. This site may also be extended into the spring.

**2020** Trip Schedule – The S. Ohio/KY BDM trip schedule is now set. The 2020 trip flyer is on the SODCOB website. The only sites known are for Jan. 19 – 25, February 9 – 15, and April 26 – May 2, which are to Lumberton, NC. To sign up for a trip, call or text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, the Southern Ohio District (sodcob@brethren.org) visit our website: www.sodcob.org. In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to sod-cob@brethren.org before the 15th of the month.