

Church of the Brethren  
Southern Ohio and Kentucky District  
District Conference  
October 11-12, 2019  
Happy Corner Church of the Brethren Hosting  
Moderator Carl Eubanks

The conference was based on Philippians 4:19

“And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Jesus Christ.”

The business meeting was opened by Brian Messler, guest speaker.

The business meeting was called to order with the seating of the seventy seven member delegate body. The agenda and minutes of the previous conference were accepted with corrections. The conference was then transitioned to the workshop sessions.

The business session was reconvened. The slate of new board members was presented and accepted by the delegates: Nick Beam. Moderator-elect, Jennifer Keeney Scarr, Ron Mack, Ann Stackhouse, Mike Yingst, and Jill Schweitzer to the District Board; Barb Saylor to the Program and Arrangements Committee; Fred Bernhard as Standing Committee delegate; and PJ Arndts as District Clerk.

The District Mission Ambassadors Andrew and Debby Wright were presented to the conference to explain their positions and goals for the coming year. The Rest of the Seed is the title for their work as they focus on telling the stories of the work being accomplished in the local congregations.

The Southern Ohio Kentucky Brethren Disaster Ministry report was given. A total of 133 volunteers took 10 trips to repair and or rebuild homes that had been damaged or destroyed in South Carolina, North Carolina, and St. Thomas. Additionally, 10 volunteers traveled to Puerto Rico to work. Children’s Disaster Services worked in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Texas in 2019 with 6 of the workers being from our district. BDM also worked long hours in the district after the Memorial Day tornados hit in the area. They logged 665 volunteer days, at 293 sites. In partnership with the Church World Service there were 7 sewing bees where 57 workers made school bags. Workers gathered to create 528 cleanup buckets, 2500 school kits, and 2200 hygiene kits.

The business session was resumed following the lunch provided by the Happy Corner congregation by recognizing 15 ministers for their years of ordination. Additionally, Dave Balmer, Jon Keller, Larry Lutz, and Mike Yingst were recognized for their completion of the TRIM program.

Laura Brown reported on the District Young Adult Ministry.

Mary Boone updated the conference on the Together Magazine which is inserted into the Messenger for this district. This magazine is in direct response to the request for more printed information about what

is happening in the Southern Ohio Kentucky District. John Kinsel reported on the District Deacons and Jen Scarr presented highlights of the work of the district board during the year.

Glenn Timmons presented the treasurer's report and the proposed budget for the 2020 year. After much discussion, the budget was passed by the delegates to the conference 39 for and 35 against.

The District Board was requested to present a clear and concise report of the financial viability for the district.

Board Chair, Jen Scarr, lead a recognition and sending for the three withdrawing congregations.

The delegates accepted the request from Bear Creek Congregation to be disorganized by the end of the 2019 calendar year.

A summary of the Empowering Grants was given by Glenn Timmons:

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| Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren  | \$2800.00 |
| Constance Church of the Brethren        | \$1500.00 |
| Cincinnati Church of the Brethren       | \$1100.00 |
| Trotwood Church of the Brethren         | \$ 550.00 |
| Artistry Leads (Church Vitality Survey) | \$2000.00 |
| Ecumenical Stewardship                  | \$ 225.00 |
| Happy Corner Church of the Brethren     | \$3000.00 |
| Prince of Peach Church of the Brethren  | \$3000.00 |
| West Charleston Church of the Brethren  | \$2000.00 |

Empowering Leadership Grant:

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| Andrew Wright  | \$ 295.00 |
| Staci Williams | \$ 775.00 |

The Moderator Elect, Sandy Jenkins was presented the service cup and gavel by Moderator Carl Eubanks. Sandy announced that the theme for the 2020 District Conference will be "Christ's Ambassadors".

The conference was closed by prayer.

Minutes submitted by

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