



2016 Southern Ohio District Conference

Our 162nd District Conference is now a part of history. Approximately 150 folks gathered at the Oakland Church of the Brethren September 30 and October 1 for a delightful time of fellowship, worship, learning, growing, eating and conducting the business of the District. We deeply appreciate the sincere welcome and warm hospitality shown by our sisters and brothers at Oakland and thank them for their sacrifice, as they have been making preparations for this conference for many weeks.

If you have never attended a District Conference, maybe next year will be a time for you to share in this unique experience in the life of the church. Our 2017 theme will be "Created to Love". The scriptural basis Matthew 22:37-40 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Camping and Retreat Upcoming Events

Be sure to save these dates for exciting events sponsored by the Camping and Retreat Committee:

Sept. 26 - 30 Adult Bible School at Salem COB

Oct. 10 - 14 Adult Bible School at Troy COB

Registrations, brochures, and more information about these events can be found online or by contacting your congregation's church office.

District Board Meeting Our next District Board meeting will be held November 11 & 12, 2016. You can go online to read reports at any time preceding the meeting.

Disaster Ministry Updates

Sewing Bee – On Saturday, Oct. 8 there will be a Sewing Bee at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Come at 9:00 AM to sew bags for Church World Service school kits. The S. Ohio District just sent a shipment of 1,701 school kits to the warehouse at the Brethren Service Center. Now we need more bags sewn. There is a great demand in the U.S. and internationally for school kits. Bring your sewing machine and a sack lunch. For more information, call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. Prior to the Sewing Bee, you're invited to join the women of Greenville COB at the Coffee Pot on Broadway in downtown Greenville. They meet the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM for coffee, goodies, and fellowship. Click here for a flyer with 2017 Sewing Bee dates.

Workday at Mack Memorial COB– A new project is starting for Brethren Helping Hands, the local arm of S. Ohio BDM. Mack Memorial COB needs help restoring part of their educational wing that suffered vandalism from a rental daycare. Insurance money will buy materials, but labor is needed to get the job done. On Saturday, Oct. 15 there will be a workday beginning at 9:00 AM. Mack Memorial COB is located at 1717 Salem Ave., Dayton, OH. If you are able to help, please call Burt Wolf (937-287-5902) or Pat Via (937-681-3143). They need to know the number of workers for planning the work and lunch. Additional workdays will be scheduled.

2017 Trip Schedule – We now have the dates for the 2017 S. Ohio BDM trips. Some

trips are to Columbia, SC and others will be to another site that opens in January. Click here for the 2017 trip schedule flyer. Please note that the June 11-17 and July 16 – 22 trips are for youth. To sign up for a trip or for more information contact Burt Wolf 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

District Women's Bible Study Begins New Series: Women of the Hebrew Bible

Paula Bowser is in the process of creating a People of the Covenant Bible Study Guide on Women of the Hebrew Bible. There are 10 studies on fascinating women like Lady Wisdom, Abigail and the Queen of Sheba who are not as well known as, say Ruth, Esther, Sarah et cetera. The group regularly meets on the first and third Thursday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Salem Church of the Brethren, 6037 Phillipsburg Rd. Englewood, OH 45322. Any women in the Southern Ohio District are welcome to attend.

Books for Nigeria

One of the ways to help Nigerians recover from the violence they have experienced is to support education. This new initiative allows you to partner with EYN as it rebuilds its education programs. There are two focuses of this book drive: children's education and pastoral education. All books must arrive at the Brethren Service Center by November 20, 2016 so they can be sorted and packed for shipment to Nigeria.

Send books to:

Books for Nigeria
601 Main Street
New Windsor, MD 21776

Books for Children: EYN related schools are in need of books for their school libraries and classrooms. Please collect new or used books in good condition for children ages 6 to 16 years old. Specifically requested are paperback chapter books for children, such as those recognized by the Newberry Award (easily found online). Non-fiction books and children's encyclopedias are also requested. All books should be in good condition and published in the last 20 years.

Books for Kulp Bible College: EYN's Kulp Bible College is requesting help supplying their library. They are in need of materials for training pastors including Bible commentaries, reference books, and resource books for pastors as well as books on Christian education, theology, preaching resources, Hebrew and Greek languages, pastoral counseling and ethics. All books should be in good condition and published in the last 20 years. The KBC staff have provided a wish list of specific titles that are needed (found online at brethren.org). For larger donations, call Pat and John Krabacher (937-765-0483). A Southern Ohio District transport.

*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 sodcob@brethren.org **before the 15th of the month.***

