



2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Cincinnati, OH – July 4-8, 2018

Duke Energy Center

Theme: Living Parables

The 2018 Annual Conference will be held at Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati. Many of us see this as an event that we wouldn't miss. But many more of us have never attended an Annual Conference. If you are one of those who have never attended, now would be a great time to experience the church in a new and different way. Our sisters and brothers from all over the world will be in attendance. There are activities for all ages, the worship is fantastic, and you will have a new sense of being a part of something much larger than your local congregation. Why not make take advantage of this opportunity and plan a unique vacation in Cincinnati, OH. More for information on how to register, hotel reservations, ideas about what to do in Cincinnati, and lots of useful information can be found at www.brethren.org/ac

As a part of the experience, why not take advantage of the opportunity to be a "living parable" by assisting and serving in some capacity at the conference? Volunteers are needed to assist with Early Childhood Care; Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Junior High, Senior High, Young Adults, Single Adults, Conference Registration, Ticket Sales, Ushering, Unloading(7/3/18) and Loading (7/8/18) of equipment.

Contact Glenn and Linda Timmons, On Site Co-Coordinators at 937-832-2630 (H) or 937-623-5609 for more information.

Desserts and Dialogue: *Sharing together with District Leadership*

May 5, 2018 at 2:00 PM

East Dayton Church of the Brethren

Many times when we gather together, we feel like our time is limited. Our times together as a District are infrequent and there is much to be shared. Due to time restrictions, leadership is not able to hear adequately from YOU. Your District Leadership hopes this event will provide a venue which will give opportunity for you to share your thoughts and reflections, joys and concerns, etc. The event will be casual and relaxed over coffee and desserts. A few guiding questions may be provided but it is hoped that you will direct the conversation. There may be one big conversation or many smaller ones, depending on attendance. Everyone is invited!!! But don't feel badly if it's too far away or you can't make it. This is a quarterly event that will change locations each quarter.

Camp Is for Everyone

Registration for summer camps of 2018 is open for everyone in the Southern Ohio/ Kentucky District. Most camps are held at Cricket Holler Boy Scout Camp near Vandalia and Dayton. Contact your church office for a complete schedule and registration forms or they can be found on the District website.

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

Hygiene Kit Assembly Scheduled – On Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 PM there will be an assembly of 1,000 hygiene kits for Church World Service (CWS). The assembly will be at Mill Ridge Village Community Center, 1000 Mill Ridge Circle, Union.

Opportunity for Youth – Sign up Now! Youth BDM trips to Lumberton, NC are set for June 10-16 and July 8-14. Youth fifteen years and older are invited to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew. Transportation is provided in the BDM vans and expenses are covered. Contact Burt Wolf 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com

Project Updates/Volunteers Needed – A new BDM site has opened in Lumberton, NC for recovery from Hurricane Matthew, which hit in October 2016. To sign up for a trip, contact Burt Wolf as listed above. The 2018 trip schedule is on our website.

USVI Response – Category 5 hurricanes, Irma and Maria, struck the Virgin Islands in September 2017. STRT is now ready to welcome volunteers and BDM has three 2-week time periods in 2018 reserved for BDM volunteers to work in the USVI on St. Thomas. Those weeks are June 17-30, September 9-22, and December 2-15. There are 12 spots open each of the 2-week periods for volunteers from all districts on a first come basis. Housing, transportation on island, tools and meals will be provided during these 2-week time periods. Volunteers must be able to work in warm climates and some of the work during the June trip will likely include mucking and gutting homes. S. Ohio BDM will be working on partial reimbursement of airfare for volunteers serving during these weeks. More information will be available after the May 3 BDM meeting. Contact Burt Wolf (937-287-5902) to volunteer or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com for additional information.

Sewing Bee – A Sewing Bee will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. Sewers will be making bags for CWS school kits. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. [Click Here](#) for all the 2018 Sewing Bee dates.

*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.***

