

Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples



August, 2020

2020 District Conference

October 9 & 10, 2020

Theme: Christ's Ambassadors

Registration forms and a complete conference schedule can be found on the district website.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, and our care for the safety of one another, the 2020 District Conference will for the first time be in a virtual online format. The Program and Arrangements Committee has been working on ways we can have our conference in the virtual format and still hold all of the elements of conference which we hold dear. It will be a challenge, but one we are willingly accepting.

Registration is now open and we can't stress enough the importance of early registration. The technological complexities of allowing for delegates to share comments and vote, necessitate that each delegate have their own personal email address, and their own device to connect to the conference.

We are asking that you please register before August 31, 2020.

One advantage when having an online format is that folks can participate in all or any part of the conference, including the Friday evening district worship and all fellowship sessions, from the comfort of your own home, whether or not you are a delegate. Simply go to the district website (www.sodcob.org) and register. We will send you a link so that you can log in to the conference.

"Monies or Masks" will be our service project at this year's conference.

The pandemic has increased the need for personal protection equipment at the Brethren Retirement Community. We invite congregations to donate monies for the purchase of masks or make masks for staff and residents at the Brethren Retirement Center. Send monetary donations to Southern Ohio/Kentucky district marked "Monies for Masks". If you choose to make masks or purchase them you may send them to BRC at 750 Chestnut, Greenville, OH 45331. Mark them "district conference service project." Let's spread the love and compassion of Jesus Christ as we care for all our BRC folks.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Ice Cream Social, Share-a-Meal Donations - You're invited to make a donation of the amount that you would usually spend/donate at the Ice Cream Social for dinner and Share-a-Meal tickets. We're unable to have these events, but your gifts will enable the ministry to continue reaching those in need. In 2020 we're working with national BDM and local long-term recovery groups

rebuilding tornado damaged homes in Dayton and flooded homes in Pamlico County, NC. For Church World Service 1,000 clean-up buckets and 1,000 school kits will be assembled. Click here to donate on-line. Checks can be made out to S. Ohio/KY District COB, with BDM on the memo line. Mail checks to S. Ohio/KY COB, PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331. Thank you for your donations, as we serve Christ by serving others together.

Dayton BDM Site – The long-awaited BDM rebuilding site has now opened in Dayton. Local volunteers are serving in July and the first week of August. In August the volunteer housing at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1541 S. Smithville Road, Dayton, will be opening. Volunteers from outside the area will be coming to serve. It has taken extensive planning to develop Covid-19 protocol for the housing and work environments. There will continue to be opportunities for local volunteers to serve. To volunteer contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

School Kit Assembly – On Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 PM there will be an assembly of 1,000 school kits for Church World Service. It will be held at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Road, Eaton. Thirty volunteers who are eighteen or older are needed. Because of the pandemic, we will need to follow the Covid 19 protocol that Bullens has in place. Volunteers will need to be able to stand for the duration of the assembly because there will be no chairs. Call or text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 to volunteer or for more information.

Sewing Bee – On Saturday, August 22, there will be a Sewing Bee at Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. Come at 9:00 AM to sew school bags for Church World Service school kits. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, a sack lunch, and a mask. Tables will be spread out for physical distancing. Call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442 for more information.

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or 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.***

