

Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples



October, 2020

2020 District Conference

October 9 & 10, 2020

Theme: Christ's Ambassadors

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. You will need to pre-register, even if you only plan to attend the worship service since none of the links will be made public. Registration forms are on the district website, including a registration form for the worship service only.

"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.

Who Still cares about climate change?

Congregational responses to denial and despair

This "retreat" will take the form of a weekly virtual seminar, beginning mid-October. Registration forms and more information about the speakers and the event are available on the district website.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Women's Retreat

October 23-24, 2020

Our virtual Women's Retreat will be very different from the usual face-to-face retreat. We won't be eating together, hugging each other, or sitting together. But we will be gathering, sharing, socializing, discussing and worshiping together. Most of our usual retreat activities will now be experienced from the comfort of our own homes. A brochure with more information can be found on the district website or ask your church office. The registration deadline is Oct. 15. This virtual retreat is an expression of our district's commitment to step out in faith to bring God's message of love, compassion, and mercy to you in a new and exciting way.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Thanks to all who are involved with Brethren Disaster Ministries. On Thursday, Sept. 24 S.Ohio/KY BDMers completed our second emergency cleanup bucket assembly in 2020. We have now filled 1000 much needed buckets for Church World Service (CWS). On Saturday, Sept. 26 volunteers gathered at the Greenville Church of the Brethren to sew the bags we use for CWS school kits.

Since the first of the year we have had at least 32 volunteers who have worked in our rebuild program through either SO/KY BDM and/or the National BDM unit in Dayton. In addition, we have received donations from many people and congregations that make our work possible. Together we serve Christ by serving others. Thank you for your part in this ministry.

Contact: Burt and Helen Wolf at SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com or 937-287-5902.

Donations: 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.

Sewing Bee – On Saturday, October 26, there will be a Sewing Bee at Eaton CC, 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.***

