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Empowering Disciples



November, 2020

2020 District Conference

Another District Conference is now a part of our history and now we know that yes, we can have a virtual District Conference. Even though we were not able to be in the same room, it was good to see everyone on our screens and share together all of the ministry that has happened in SOKD even in the midst of a global pandemic. A heartfelt thank you goes to Andrew Wright (Interim Pastor at Oakland CoB) and Mike Sievers (Brookville CoB) for putting together all of the pieces for the Friday night worship. Thank you also to Pastor Lee Saylor, (Salem CoB) and our Zoom Guru for compiling and playing all of the various reports that made up the conference as well as setting up all of the technology required to make the conference work. We look forward to our 2021 conference with Moderator Nick Beam. Our theme for 2021 will be "Move in Our Midst, Thou Kingdom of God".

Annual Conference Moderator Hosts Zoom Q & A

Annual Conference Moderator, Paul Munday is hosting a ZOOM session in districts, focusing on the "state of the church". Both laity and clergy are urged to participate. The ZOOM session will use a Q&A format: any and all questions are invited. Joining Moderator Paul will be the other Annual Conference Officers: Dave Sollenberger, Moderator Elect and Jim Beckwith, Annual Conference Secretary.

The Moderator's District Q&A sessions for the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District will be Wednesday, November 18, at 10 AM and 7 PM. Contact your church office for links to these meetings.

PowerHouse 2020 Regional Youth Conference--A VIRTUAL event!

On November 13 and 14 we will gather on Zoom for three one hour events including worship, games, and a virtual campfire! Youth grades 9-12 and their advisors are welcome to attend this free event. Our keynote speaker is Pastor Jody Gunn from Bethany Church of the Brethren in Delaware. She will speak on John 14:27 "Do not let them be afraid". You will receive Zoom links to attend the events after you register. This is sure to be a weekend of learning and growth, fun and silliness, and you can even win prizes! For more information including how to register visit www.manchester.edu/powerhouse

Who Still cares about climate change?

Congregational responses to denial and despair

This retreat has taken the form of a virtual retreat. There is still time to register if you would like to participate live in the last three sessions live. You can register on the district website to receive links to each session. All sessions will be recorded and available at a later date.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Site Updates from the BDM Office:

2020 Sites – There are currently two BDM rebuilding sites open. One site is in Dayton, Ohio, continuing with the tornado (2019) recovery. The other is the Coastal NC project in Pamlico County, N.C., completing Hurricane Florence (2018) recovery. Both sites are planned to stay open through the end of 2020. Lower numbers of volunteers open to traveling means there are still openings most weeks.

2021 Sites - While there are still many uncertainties about the coming year, one thing we do know is that help is needed on both sites. The complicated balance that BDM and other organizations are adapting to now is the lower availability of weekly volunteers and leaders, as well as the unknown of how the pandemic will affect funding in the new year and beyond.

Primarily due to the lower numbers of weekly volunteers and leaders comfortable going out right now, we will only be able to sustain one rebuilding site for the beginning of 2021. After weighing many dynamics on both sites, the only option for serving on a BDM national site for January, February, and March 2021 will be at the Coastal NC site.

The national BDM Dayton, Ohio, site will be paused during those three months, though there are local BDM volunteers and other local groups who plan to continue to work as the weather allows. In April we will plan to close the Coastal NC site and resume the national site in Dayton, with the expectation for the work there to continue at least through the end of 2021.

Volunteer Now! – S. Ohio/KY BDM has a trip scheduled to the Dayton site for November 15 - 20. There are currently openings for two more volunteers. If you're available a different week, there is a possibility that you may serve. Contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

*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.***

