



Southern Ohio District
Church of the Brethren
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August, 2013

Special District Conference

A special District Conference was held Saturday, July 27, to receive a report and recommendations from the District Board in regards to Outdoors Ministries and Woodland Altars. After much discussion, the delegates voted 67-50 to reject the Board's recommendation on selling Woodland Altars. The Board will be meeting sometime during the first full week of August to consider next steps as the lessee is vacating the lease as of the end of August. Your prayers are requested as the Board deals with this important matter facing our district.

Southern Ohio District begins Vital Ministry Journey

Congregational health and vitality is a priority for the Southern Ohio District. We want you to be alive in Christ and thriving in your local community. If you share that same vision, we encourage you to send your pastor and a team of three to five lay leaders to Happy Corner Church of the Brethren on August 10, 2013, 10 AM-2 PM. There we will introduce the Vital Ministry Journey (VMJ). VMJ is a process that empowers congregations to recapture a dynamic vision and mission so as to live abundantly and be God's blessing to its community. Your District Missional Renewal Team will walk with you through a 60- day process of prayer, Bible study and small group conversations shaped just for the congregations of our district. For more information including how to register, visit our website, www.sodcob.org

159th Southern Ohio District Conference

"For all of you are one in Christ Jesus" Galatians 3:23-28.

October 11& 12, 2013

Trotwood Church of the Brethren

More information about the pre-conference pastor's gathering; a first time gathering for Administrative Assistants, Church Secretaries, and other office staff; and an all-day Saturday youth event will be coming your way very soon.

Bi-lingual worship service

Cristo Nuestra Paz would like to invite the District to a special bi-lingual service on Sunday August 11 at 6pm at the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren. Music will be provided by the New Carlisle and West Charleston Praise Bands. Everyone is invited to attend and worship our cross-cultural God together!

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Brethren Retirement Community hosts Gala in the Garden

September 6, 2013

Romer's Catering in Greenville, OH.

This 7th Annual Charity Auction and Dinner begins at 6 PM with appetizers and a Silent Auction followed by dinner at 7:15. The BRC is asking for our congregations to be involved by assembling a basket to be auctioned. For more information visit our website at www.sodcob.org and click on the Calendar link then click on the forward arrow to view the month of September for more information.

District Women's Retreat

September 13 & 14

Bergamo Center in Dayton , OH

Ladies . . . Mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's retreat. It will be held at the Bergamo Center in Dayton, OH. More information can be found on the District Website.

Ted & Company will visit Southern Ohio District on November 24, 2013. Mark your calendar, check the website and watch this publication for more details.

Gifts Assessment tool available

The Southern Ohio District New Church Development Commission, along with several other districts, recently participated in a web conference with the denominational New Church Development Team about a new assessment process for folks who are interested in the possibility of a church planting ministry.

Although geared toward those discerning if church planting may be a ministry for them, the results can be affirming of other ministry skills as well. It takes about 15 minutes to complete and the results are immediately available. The site does require that you register, if you do so, please choose Church of the Brethren from the drop down menu for your affiliation. A second level of assessment, consisting of several assessment tools, is also available for \$89.00. Visit www.sodcob.org to find a link to this information.

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) or you can always 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.