



## 2014 Annual conference

The 2014 Annual Conference will be held in Columbus, OH July 2-6, 2014 with the Southern Ohio District being the host district. We are excited to have this opportunity to provide hospitality to our denomination including our brothers and sisters in other countries such as Africa, Spain, and the Dominican Republic. Many volunteers will be needed for a variety of ministry positions from unloading/loading, to ushering, to helping out with youth and children's events, to registration. If you would like to offer your service to the denomination in any way, you can volunteer at our website, or contact the District office.

## Camping and Retreat Commission Updates

The schedule for this year's camping and retreat events has been posted on the district website and a "Save the Date" postcard will be arriving in your mailbox soon. The location of these events will be decided upon after February 11, 2014 and will be determined by whether we achieve the \$95,000.00 pledge goal. Please come to an Emergency Informational District Forum at Happy Corner on January 26, 2014 at 3:00 PM at the Happy Corner Church of the Brethren for more information about how the Board arrived at this resolution. We will be referring to the following documents which are available on the district website.

- Budget for needed repairs and upgrades to Woodland Altars Facility.
- Insurance Report
- 2014 Proposed Camping and Retreat Ministry Budget
- Camping and Retreat Financial Report ending 12-31-2013
- Accounting of Timber fund (District Reserves) from 2008 through 12-31-2013

## Brethren Disaster Ministry Updates

Thank you to the S. Ohio District churches for your tremendous support of Brethren Disaster Ministries during 2013. We sent 131 volunteers on fourteen trips to Indiana, New York and New Jersey to repair and rebuild homes. We also assembled and shipped to Church World Service 34 baby kits, 170 school kits, 178 hygiene kits, and 600 clean up buckets. All of these will be distributed to disaster survivors. In a tangible way, our district has shared God's love with those in need.

⇒ **Church World Service Clean Up Bucket Kits:** Southern Ohio BDM plans to assemble 500 Buckets at Eaton Church of the Brethren (Barron St. Location) on Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 P.M. In order to meet this goal it will cost approximately \$30,000. These units meet critical need in times of disaster. S. Ohio individuals, churches and groups have been faithful to support this effort and we look forward to a time of fellowship as we move forward with this important outreach. You can donate by mailing a check to the District Office at 2293 Gauby Rd., New Madison, OH 45346. Be sure to write "Clean Up Bucket Kits" on the memo line.

⇒ **Church World Service School Kit Bags--** Barbara Brower has cut fabric for 400 school kits which need to be sewn together. She has scheduled a Sewing Bee on February 1 at 9:00 a.m. at the 1407 Barron St. location of the Eaton Church of the Brethren. If you wish to participate in this event please bring your own sewing machine. If you have further questions you may contact Barb by Phone at (937) 336 2442.

**Oakland Dinner Theatre --**The Oakland Church of the Brethren, 8058 Horatio-Harris Creek Road, Bradford(2and half miles north of Gettysburg, Ohio) will be presenting "Harmony Romances" as their 2014 Dinner Theater production. The hilarious church ladies who make up Harmony Church's funeral committee are back in this laughter filled sequel to last year's production, "The Ladies of Harmony." This time, the church ladies are in charge of planning a wedding instead of a funeral. As before, their planning will take various twists and turns as they deal with some very unusual situations leading up to the wedding. The dates will be March 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 6:00 pm, cost of the dinner buffet and play will be \$22.00. On Sunday, March 9 and 16, dessert only will be served at 2:00pm with the play to follow at 3:00pm, cost of \$12.00. Cost for children 10 and under will be half price. Reservations may be made from 4-8 pm with Brenda Coblentz at 937-548-1895. Proceeds from the dinner theater production will help support Oakland's outreach projects.

**New Carlisle Music on Main Street -- Dreading sitting at home Saturday evenings through the winter season with nothing to do? Worry no more! We've got the perfect solution. Free concerts!** The New Carlisle Church of the Brethren presents the Music on Main Street Concert Series. The six concert series will include a variety of local groups who enjoy performing. Refreshments will be available to enjoy during the concerts with the proceeds going to a ministry of the congregation. The concerts are free, however an offering will be taken to give to the performers. Mark your calendars! Don't miss a one of the concerts in the second year of the ... Music on Main Street Concert Series. A poster with all concert dates is available on the district website.

*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.*

