



**Southern Ohio District
Church of the Brethren**
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March 2014

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.

Ethics Training--The Southern Ohio District will hold a mandatory Ministerial Ethics refresher class for all licensed and ordained ministers on April 26, 2014 from 10 AM-6PM at the Brethren Retirement Community in Greenville, OH. Please pre-register on our website (www.sodcob.org) Cost for the training is \$20.00 which includes a required book and lunch. Failure to attend this mandatory training may place credentials in jeopardy.

Ordination Recertification takes place every five years for Ordained Ministers, actively engaged in a ministry function. During 2015, two sets of forms will be sent regarding this recertification. One form to all ordained ministers, and different form to the ordained minister's congregation where their primary membership is held. Ordained ministers, actively engaged in a ministry function, will also need to make sure their Continuing Education (CEU) Report Form is up-to-date. Watch for more information.

Attention Caregivers! Are you the primary caregiver of a loved one who has demanding health issues? Southern Ohio District Camping and Retreat Ministry is interested in serving **you**. We have made arrangements with the Brethren Retirement Community Shuff Adult Day Care Center in Greenville, OH to offer **you** a day set aside for **you** while your loved one is cared for by professionals who are trained to deal with a wide variety of adult health issues. This Caregiver's Day will be August 2, from 9 AM-6 PM. The event will offer educational opportunities and free time for the caregiver. We hope you will take this opportunity as a caregiver to find renewal, relaxation, and network with others who share the same responsibilities, rewards, concerns, and joys that you do. Cost for the day is \$50 for both participants and includes a light breakfast and dinner which the loved one and caregiver will share together. You will be on your own for lunch. Registration for the event will open in May

The New Ingleenook Cookbook website has all-new content

www.IngleenookCookbook.org. Share your favorite Ingleenook recipe or story on our new blog, Kitchen Scrapbook. Visit the online store to see all our cookbooks and merchandise, including mugs and aprons. And don't forget to check the home page for a link to an updated list of cookbook corrections. (If you don't have access to the Internet, call Brethren Press Customer Service at 800-441-3712 to receive the list of corrections by mail). Stay connected, spread the word, and keep cooking!

One Great Hour of Sharing

We are one in the body of Christ with brothers and sisters around the world. As the hands and feet of Jesus, we can uphold each other in ministry and help those in need. One Great Hour of Sharing is a special opportunity to support ministries of the Church of the Brethren. The suggested offering date for One Great Hour of Sharing is March 16. Learn more at www.brethren.org/oghs.

Mark Your Calendars and plan to attend these upcoming District Events

March 3--Clergy Tax Seminar
March 8--District Board Meeting at Bear Creek
April 4-5-- Trail Work at Woodland Altars
April 5-- Volunteer Appreciation Banquet
April 12-- School Kits Sewing Bee
April 26-- Ethics Training for Licensed and Ordained Ministers
May 8-- Clean Up Bucket Assemble
More information on all of these events can be found at our website:
www.sodcob.org

Congregational Events to Remember--*The Oakland Church of the Brethren Dinner Theatre*-- March 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 6:00 pm. On Sunday, March 9 and 16, dessert only will be served at 2:00pm with the play to follow at 3:00pm. Reservations may be made from 4-8 pm with Brenda Coblenz at 937-548-1895. More information is available at www.sodcob.org.

New Carlisle Music on Main Street -- 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.

