



Southern Ohio District

Church of the Brethren

Working Together . . . Empowering Disciples

June 2014

2014 Annual Conference Updates

July 2-6, 2014

Columbus, OH

"Live as Courageous Disciples"

Conference Transportation

The Southern Ohio District has chartered a bus to provide transportation to Annual Conference on Thursday, July 3. Anyone who would like to experience conference for one day without the added responsibility of driving to Columbus is welcome to take advantage of this opportunity. Cost is \$55 per person which includes bus fare and conference registration. You can register online at the district website (www.sodcob.org).

Help Still Needed

As the host District for Annual Conference, we have the unique opportunity to serve our denomination in various ways during conference. Many have already volunteered, but some help is still needed for First Aid, Early Childhood, and Children Grades K-2. Volunteer in one of these areas on the district website www.sodcob.org.

Conference Business

Delegates to Annual Conference in Columbus will consider eight items of business for the Church of the Brethren. Delegates will again be seated together at round tables.

Unfinished business items include revisions to Polity on Ministerial Leadership, and responses to queries on Climate Change and Congregational Ethics, among others. New business includes a revision to the Special Response Process as well as Amendments to the Bylaws of the Church of the Brethren and Brethren Benefit Trust.

Find the full text of business documents, the ballot, and a video briefing for delegates by visiting the annual conference website at brethren.org.

Conference Choir

For 2014 all the choir music is graciously being provided on loan to the Annual Conference so you will not have to purchase a music packet. For more information including how to sign up to sing in the choir at no cost visit the Annual Conference website at www.brethren.org.

"We are God's Servants Working Together"

On August 23, at 3:30 PM the Southern Ohio District will gather at the Troy Church of the Brethren to assemble school kits for Church World Service then join in a celebration of what God has done as we work together. This event supports our District conference theme taken from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 "We are God's Servants, Working Together". Monetary donations will be needed so that we will be able to purchase supplies for the kits. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can mail your check to Southern Ohio District, 2293 Gauby Rd., New Madison, OH 45346.

Camping and Retreat Updates

Youth Service/Leadership Camp and **Performing Arts Camp** are both cancelled due to low enrollment. All other camps are going to be held: Junior High Camp, Junior Camp, Adult/Child Camp, and Quilting Camp. There is still time to sign up for Junior High Camp and Quilting Camp.

Quilters Camp

July 10-14 at Bergamo Center

Registration ends June 15, so there is still time!

Each camper will make a small quilt and learn how to piece the blocks, add borders, sandwich, quilt, and bind. After you register, you will receive a letter detailing how much fabric you will need as well as a list of other supplies. A flyer which can be used as an invitation for your friends can be found on the District Website.

Brethren Disaster Ministry Updates

Volunteer Opportunities:

June 15-21, openings for two volunteers

July 6-12, five volunteers needed

Contact Burt and Helen Wolf at or 937-902-3475.

The Illinois and Wisconsin District is calling for volunteers to help serve in the city of Gifford, IL which is rebuilding in the aftermath of last year's tornado that hit the central part of the state. If you have framing experience and if you are available beginning June 9 or thereabouts call 815-499-3012.

BDM Ice Cream Social Fundraiser

Saturday, Aug. 2--4:00-7:00

Happy Corner Church of the Brethren
Food, Ice Cream, Music, Silent Auction

Church World Service Kits

With the news of the recent storms both in the US and beyond, Clean Up Buckets are in great demand. Another major bucket assembly will occur later this year, and supplies will be purchased between now and then. Funds for buckets are needed on an ongoing basis, and may be given through the Southern Ohio website. Checks may be sent to: District of Southern Ohio Church of the Brethren, 2293 Gauby Road, New Madison, OH 45346

On May 8, fifty folks gathered to assemble Clean Up Bucket Kits, including Matthew Stevens from the Church World Service office in Columbus. He expressed his gratitude to the Southern Ohio District for donations of Clean Up Buckets and other kits. In addition to 500 Clean Up Bucket kits, we've sent 425 Hygiene kits, 172 school kits, 24 baby kits, and 50 baby blankets making us Church World Service's top supplier in the country! Thanks to all who have donated funds and helped with assembly!

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.

