

Resolution Supports Nigerian Brethren Invites worldwide community of Brethren to a week of fasting and prayer

August 17-24

“Christ is just like the human body--a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body.... If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other” (1 Corinthians 1:12a, 26-27, CEB).

Annual Conference delegates voted Saturday in favor of a resolution indicating solidarity with Ekklesiyar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). The resolution comes as the Nigerian Brethren endure turmoil in their country.

Among other things, it commits to a week of fasting and prayer on Aug. 17-24, and invites the worldwide community of the Brethren to join in that commitment.

The circumstances in Nigeria have come to the attention of the world, and to our attention as Brethren. Sisters and brothers of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) suffer kidnappings, bombings, mass killings, and burning of churches and homes. Despite the global awareness, the violence has continued at an alarming rate. Most of the original group of school girls are still being held captive with little in the way of signs of any resolution to this situation. News reports are few and far between after the initial world wide outrage, so our prayers are more important now than ever.

If you wish to learn more about the circumstances of our Nigerian Church, visit the Church of the Brethren website, www.brethren.org.

Annual Conference Wrap-up

Annual Conference 2014 in Columbus, OH is now a part of our history. If you were unable to attend this year's conference, and would like to get a sense of what it was like, visit the Annual Conference website at www.brethren.org.

“We are God's Servants Working Together”

Images of flood and tornado devastation fill our news broadcasts this spring. These families will deal with the effects of such destruction for months or even years. In Southern Ohio, one way we've found that we can help out is through the donation of kits through Church World Service.

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.

Care-givers Retreat

August 2, 2014 9 AM-6 PM

Brethren Retirement Community

This first time event is a day caregivers can come to relax, hear some speakers, shop, go to a park, see a movie, or just enjoy some time off while the BRC will be looking after their loved one in the Adult Day Care Center. This new event will be Saturday, August 2, from 9:00 to 6:00. The cost will be \$50 per couple with a light breakfast, lunch for the loved one, and a dinner for everyone.

Contact your church office, or go online to www.sodcob.org for a brochure with more details including a registration form.

Camping and Retreat Golf Outing

August 9, 2014 at Beechwood Golf Course

All profits of this year's golf outing is designated for the Camp Scholarship Fund that will be used to help individuals to attend Camping Programs in the future.

Prizes will be awarded for a variety of golf achievements determined by the Golf Outing Committee. The committee's goal is to make this a fun day for renewing or creating new relationships. You do not have to be a great golfer to participate. Everyone is invited who desires to support the camping program and campers.

The Camping Ministry in Southern Ohio District has proven to be a vital ministry that has a lasting effect on all who attend. The relationships developed at camp have a life long presence that help individuals in establishing strong family ties, leaders in communities, workplace and the church. Camping has also been a part of many individual's calling to the pastorate or some other leadership role in our churches.

Ask your church office or look on our website for a brochures containing registration forms and hole sponsorship forms.

Fall Ministerial Ethics Training

September 6, 2014

Troy Church of the Brethren

On September 6, 2014 Southern Ohio will hold a second Ministerial Ethics refresher class for all licensed and ordained minister. It will be held in cooperation with the Northern Ohio District at the Troy Church of the Brethren in Troy, OH. if you were unable to attend our spring training,

this gives you a second chance to attend this mandatory training. Please visit our website (www.sodcog.org) to pre-register. Cost for the training is \$20.00 which includes a required book and lunch and may be paid by credit card at the time of registration. Failure to attend a refresher class may place ministerial credentials in jeopardy.

Brethren Disaster Ministry

Ice Cream Social Fundraiser

Did you know that folks who volunteer on a Disaster Ministry trip do so at no out of pocket cost to the individual? All travel, lodging, food, etc. is paid from the Disaster Ministry Budget.

Did you know that BDM is self-funded? This important ministry receives no money from the District Budget.

Did you know that BDM's only fundraiser is their yearly Ice Cream Social? Southern Ohio Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) is holding their 8th Annual Ice Cream Social Fundraiser on Saturday, August 2nd at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. The event will be from 4:00--7:00PM. There will be great food, great fellowship, and lots of ice cream! Come enjoy music by Happy Corner, Eversole, and Eaton COB musicians. There will be a silent auction which will include a plaster cast of the Lord's Supper. Bring the coins you've been saving, or pick up a coin collection jar for the upcoming year. Mark your calendar and plan to attend! All proceeds benefit S. Ohio BDM, as we serve disaster survivors.

A Sewing Bee will be held on Saturday, August 9 at the Eaton Church of the Brethren, 1407 Barron St., beginning at 9 AM. We will be sewing School Kit bags. Bring your own sewing machine. Lunch will be served.

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 [sodcob.org] website. Checks may be sent to:

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