



**Southern Ohio District
Church of the Brethren**
Working Together . . . Empowering Disciples

August 2014

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

“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.** 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"

Pictures of flooding in the Midwest and tornadoes in the south fill our news broadcasts. In Southern Ohio, we seek to help out in any way possible. 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.

District Conference Registration is now open. Information about how many delegates each congregation may send as well as registration forms is available online. Please remember, non-delegates must register as well.

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. Contact your church office or go online to our website (www.sodcob.org) for more information including how to register or how to become a hole sponsor.

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.sodcob.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

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.

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.

