



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

September 2014

**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.

*Church Leader's Pre-conference Gathering* will be led by Jeff Carter, President of Bethany Seminary. It will be held from 1-5 PM Friday afternoon. A meal will be served following the event only for those who attend the event. Registration is available online at [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org).

*District Business Item:* A change in the Code of Regulations is being proposed by our Gifts Discernment Team. They believe this change better reflects how things are currently being done.

**All District Choir:** This year you have the opportunity to raise your voice in worship as a part of an All-District Choir. The choir will be directed by Linda Timmons and will be singing "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" during the Friday evening worship service. If you would like to take part in this unique opportunity, please register online at [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org) before September 15.

## **Brethren Disaster Ministry**

### *School Kits Assembled*

On Saturday, August 23, Southern Ohio District members assembled 200 school kits for Church World Service. This was followed by vespers, which included a blessing for the kits and those who will receive them. This event was planned by the Program and Arrangements Committee, and supported our District conference theme taken from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 "We are God's Servants, Working Together". Thank you to the Troy congregation for hosting this event.

Monetary donations are being accepted to cover the cost of the supplies for the kits. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can donate online at [sodcob.org](http://sodcob.org) or mail a check to Southern Ohio District, 2293 Gauby Rd., New Madison, OH 45346. Please designate the donation, "school kits."

### *8th Annual Ice Cream Social Held*

The 8th Annual Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) Ice Cream Social Fundraiser was held on Aug. 2 at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. About 425 people attended and enjoyed a time of fellowship, dinner, and pie with ice cream. The evening featured musical groups from Eaton, Eversole, and Happy Corner Churches. There was a silent auction and collection of coin jars. The total amount raised at this event was \$6,180.19. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. Attendees, musicians, pie bakers, and workers all had an important part in making it a success. The funds raised support the work of S. Ohio BDM which sends crews to build and rehab homes for disaster survivors. We also partner with Church World Service, assembling clean up buckets and

hygiene, baby, and school kits.

All are welcome to be a part of this ministry. Southern Ohio BDM meets the first Thursday of each month (except Aug. and Dec.) at Mill Ridge Village Community Center. Come join us at 6:30 for fellowship time, and 7:00 for the meeting. For more information contact Burt and Helen Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com).

## **Camping and Retreat Updates**

### *Adult Bible School*

Southern Ohio Camping and Retreat Commission invites you to participate in their first ever Adult Bible School. It will be held at the Salem Church of the Brethren September 29-October 3 from 9 AM-1 PM and will feature all of the activities of a typical children's Vacation Bible School--crafts, snacks, Bible lessons, etc. Please join the fun by showing up at the Salem Church on September 29 at 9 AM.

### *2015 Summer Camping Schedule*

The 2015 Summer Camping Schedule is decided! Please take the time to click here if you are interested in sending your child to camp or attending one of the many multi-generational camps with your child or grandchild next summer. We are excited about the addition of a Family Camp to the schedule. Mark your calendars and anticipate early registration opening in January, 2015.

## **Budgeting for 2015 Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida**

Some have been asking about the costs for next year's Annual Conference in Tampa for budgeting purposes. Available information is posted online at [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org)

## **Thank you**

Dr. Rebecca Dali would like to express her thanks for her warm reception at the Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren on Sunday evening, July 6. There were over 70 people in attendance. Their support and concern for the girls of Chibok and the Brethren killed and injured by numerous attacks was very moving and appreciated by Dr. Dali. She continues her work with the homeless, orphaned and ill through her work with CCEPI. Contributions to the Center for concern, Empowerment and Peace initiatives that evening totaled \$866.00. Dr. Dali has shared that the attacks by Boko Haram have continued. She asks that we continue to keep the people of Nigeria in our prayers.

*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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org)) or you can always visit our website: [www.sodcob.org](http://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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org) before the 15th of the month.*