



Southern Ohio District

Church of the Brethren

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November 2014

160th District Conference Wrap-up

The 160th District Conference of Southern Ohio is now a part of our history. It was held at the Happy Corner Church of the Brethren on October 10-11, 2014. Conference delegates accepted the following framework of a plan presented by the Program and Arrangements Committee:

*Whereas, the Troy congregation has presented a proposal to sell Woodland Altars property. Click hereto read.

*Whereas, a conservation organization has presented a letter of intent to purchase the undeveloped areas of the Woodland Altars Property.

*Whereas, the Friends of Woodland Altars have expressed interest in purchasing the developed areas of the Woodland Altars property.

The Program and Arrangements Committee is presenting the following recommendation for delegate's consideration.

1. Accept the proposal from the Troy Congregation with the Program and Arrangements Committee coordinating efforts of the interested parties to arrive at an acceptable plan.

2. A special District Conference be called with a target date within the first quart of 2015 to present a plan for approval by the delegates regarding the Woodland Altars property and related issues.

Other business can be found on our website.

Emergency Financial Aid for Nigerian Church

At their fall meeting, the Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board approved up to \$1.5 million to begin funding an emergency response fund to the church in Nigeria. An allocation of \$500,000 from the Emergency Disaster Fund was approved. The board also decided to commit \$500,000.00 from reserves and up to another amount of \$500,000 from reserves as a matching challenge to donors. The Southern Ohio District Board will consider our response to this challenge at their meeting November 7-8. More information will be forthcoming. More information about EYN (the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), including how this money will be used can be found at the denominational website (brethren.org).

NOAC (National Older Adults Conference)

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center
Asheville, NC

September 7-11, 2015

Registration begins March 1, 2015

Registration brochures will be mailed to attendees of previous NOACs, congregations, districts, and retirement communities in late February 2015.

Mark Yaconelli will be at the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren on November 15, 2014 to present "The Way of Radical Compassion". Your church office has received a flyer with more information including how to register. Inquire there if you have an interest in this event.

Youth Winter Adventure

January 17-19, 2015 --Camp Wilson in Bellefontaine Ohio

This would make a great Christmas gift for a youth on your shopping list!

Led by Jon Keller and Seth Hendricks, the daily schedule will include meals, worship, tubing, tobogganing, skiing, hiking, devotions, games, etc. Unsure about skiing? There will be lessons for beginner through advanced skiers. Still unsure? Spend your time hiking, tubing, or tobogganing instead of skiing.

Ask your church office for a brochure with more information including cost and how to register.

Disaster Ministry Updates

The 2015 S. Ohio BDM Schedule is now available. We are signing up volunteers for trips. Currently all trips are to New Jersey for Superstorm Sandy recovery. There is the possibility that another site could open during 2015. Click here for the 2015 schedule, which is formatted so it can be used as a bulletin insert. Please share this with your congregation. To sign up for a trip, contact Burt and Helen Wolf 937-287-5902 or at SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

A Sewing Bee, sponsored by Brethren Disaster Ministries, was held on Saturday, October 18. Seventy-eight bags were sewn for Church World Service School Kits. Numerous gowns for Baby Kits were cut out. The next Sewing Bee is scheduled for Saturday, January 24 at 9:00 AM at the Eaton Church of the Brethren 1407 N. Barron Street. Sewers need to bring their sewing machine. Others are invited to bring scissors for cutting out bags or gowns. Lunch will be served.

With **School Kits** being the current item of greatest need for CWS, a decision was made at the Oct. 2 BDM meeting to move our next Clean Up Bucket assembly from November to March. This will allow us to continue to focus on School Kits, and gives more time for purchasing Clean Up Bucket supplies. Funds for buckets and CWS kits are needed on an ongoing basis, and may be given through the Southern Ohio [sodcob.org] website. Checks may be sent to: District of Southern Ohio Church of the Brethren
2293 Gauby Road
New Madison, OH 45346

Orange Leaf Yogurt BDM Fundraiser --Orange Leaf Yogurt in Town and Country Shopping Center is partnering with Southern Ohio Brethren Disaster Ministries. Each month they are donating 15% of their sales on the second Monday from 6:00 - 9:00PM. We appreciate their generosity, and invite you to visit their store.

Powerhouse 2014

November 15-16, 2014

Powerhouse will return to Camp Mack again this year, providing a weekend of worship, workshops, music, recreation, and more for senior high youth in the Midwest and their advisors. Join us for this action-packed and faith-filled weekend as we follow up on National Youth Conference. Go to www.manchester.edu/powerhouse for more info.

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.

