



A Christmas Blessing

*God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.*

~ Wilda English

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Atlantic Northeast District Conference

Wrap-Up

October 12-13, 2012

The forty-third Atlantic Northeast District Conference of the Church of the Brethren was held at Elizabethtown College, Leffler Chapel and Performance Center, on October 12-13. **Made Alive in Christ** was the theme. Moderator was Robert Wintsch, member of the Mechanic Grove congregation, which was the host church for this year's conference. A total of 202 delegates attended, representing 75 out of 80 congregations.

Before Friday evening's worship service, a Ministers' Recognition Dinner, hosted by the District Ministry Commission, was held in the Susquehanna Room, Myer Hall. This year Anthony DiBenedetto, Philadelphia Geiger CoB, was recognized for his 50 years of ordained ministry. Newly ordained, licensed, and placed ministers were recognized as well as ACTS and TRIM Graduates.

Friday evening's service of worship and praise was attended by 361. They were inspired by a 53-member district choir, led by Joy Brubaker. Keynote speaker Moderator Robert Wintsch presented an uplifting message on the conference theme **Made Alive in Christ**. An offering was shared of \$2375 for SeBah – Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary).

Saturday's business included the following:

Celebration of two new projects: Potter's House, Islip, NY and Source of Grace, Hyde Park, MA

Disbanding of Gardiner Road Fellowship

Board Chair Dave Stauffer gave updates on the Haitian First CoB and the Disaster Relief Auction

Approved a budget for 2013 of \$634,374

Approved the following slate: Moderator-Elect – **Sherry Eshleman**; Program & Arrangements – **Josh Tindall**; Gifts Discernment – **Stephen Hess, Aida Sanchez, David Shissler**; Standing Committee – **Larry O'Neill**; Alternate Standing Committee – **Donna Hollinger**; District Board Vice-Chair – **Robert Di Salvio**; Church Development & Evangelism – **Mary Etta Reinhart, Chris Smith**; Ministry – **Marvin Foster**; Nurture & Christian Education – **Josh Bytwerk, Donna Lefever-Hoover**; Stewardship – **Robert Pickering, Barbara Hershey Platt**; Witness & Outreach – **David Samaan, Gloria Torres**

Learned from the ANE District Displays

Consecrated Thomas Fritz, from the Hempfield congregation, as the 2013 Moderator.

**Conference next year will be
October 11 & 12 at Elizabethtown College**



Congratulations to Pat Horst, District Director of Witness and Outreach, on her ordination service held at Hershey Spring Creek CoB on September 30.



L-R: District Executive Craig Smith,
Pat Horst, Paul Horst



Gerald & Rita Rhoades

Retirement of Pastor Gerald Rhoades

Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren announces the retirement of Rev. Gerald W. Rhoades effective December 31, 2012. Pastor Gerald has served Harrisburg's Allison Hill neighborhood since 1983 as Director of Community Ministries at Harrisburg (PA) First Church of the Brethren and since 2000 as the Executive Director for Brethren Community Ministries. In this role, he established programs for children, youth, and adults--these include developing Agape-Satyagraha Conflict Resolution Training for youth, KIDS' Church, computer classes, coordinating a weekly food distribution and Bible study, and serving as the first executive director of Brethren Housing Association. Pastor Rhoades has been recognized by the Governor and Mayor for his ministry.

Before coming to Harrisburg, Gerald served as the pastor of the Douglas Park (Chicago, IL) Church of the Brethren and Rice Lake (WI) Church of the Brethren. He holds a Master of Divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary and a bachelor degree from Manchester College (now Manchester University). Gerald grew up at the Greenville (OH) Church of the Brethren. He has been an ordained minister for 39 years.

Gerald is the husband of Rita Rhoades and father of Marie Benner-Rhoades and Diana, Lisa, and Christine Rhoades. He looks forward to remaining active in the church and community, to reading, writing, and visiting his daughters.

You may send cards to Pastor Gerald Rhoades, c/o Helen Fuge, 512 Springhouse Court, Harrisburg, PA 17111.



Youth & Young Adults

Senior High Retreat

Date & Time: January 18-20, 2013

Location: Camp Swatara

Registration Deadline: January 10

Cost: \$90 per youth; \$45 each per first two advisors (\$90 for additional advisors)

Details: Our theme revolves around the question "What's Your Story?" Our speaker for this year will be Bekah Houff. Bekah grew up in the ANE District, at Camp Swatara, and served on District Youth Cabinet. In fact, this district is where she first got excited about youth ministry! She is currently working as the Coordinator of Outreach Programs at Bethany Theological Seminary, facilitating and planning youth and young adult programs. *Everything Dear* will be leading us in music during our sessions and doing a concert for us Saturday night! To find out more about them, visit <http://www.reverbnation.com/everythingdearmusic>.

And there will be plenty of great food, great games, & great people at retreat!



Junior High Lock-In

Date & Time: February 15-16, 2013, 10 pm – 6 am

Location: Lebanon Valley College, Arnold Sports Center

Registration Deadline: February 11

Cost: \$10 per Youth, free for Advisors

Details: Games, craft, gym time, movies, swimming and food!



Mission Alive 2012, a conference sponsored by the Global Mission and Service program of the Church of Brethren, will take place Nov. 16-18 at Lititz Church of the Brethren. The theme is "Entrusted with the Message" (2 Corinthians 5:19-20). The goal of the conference is to educate and invigorate church members to get involved in Church of the Brethren missions.

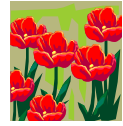
A special event during Mission Alive 2012 is a concert by **REILLY**, a Philadelphia-based band known for a unique blend of rock and dueling violins, an energetic live show, and spiritual depth. The concert is open to the public on Saturday evening, November 17, at 8:30 p.m. (\$5 ticket price charged at the door.) Bring the whole youth group!

Check the Youth tab on the District website for more details on all events!

www.cob-net.org/church/ane/youth



Senior Adult Ministry



Spring Banquets Planned

Lancaster Area

April 11

Middle Creek CoB

Harrisburg/Lebanon Area

April 18

Hanoverdale CoB

Philadelphia Area

May 8

Parker Ford CoB

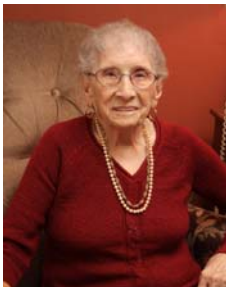
Watch for complete information early next year.

50-Year Minister

Anthony DiBenedetto (Philadelphia Geiger CoB) was honored at the District Ministry Recognition Dinner for serving fifty years as an ordained minister. Congratulations!



Angelina Colaiacovo celebrated her 100th Birthday! *at Peter Becker Community*



Angelina Colaiacovo celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, October 14th with approximately thirty of her grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as friends and staff

of the community. She outlived all of her children. Angelina loved the attention and was thrilled to have attained her goal of reaching 100 years of age.



In Loving Memory

Norman Fiske, father of Florin CoB Pastor Randy Fiske, died August 4.

Ryan Wintsch, son of Bob and Misty, passed away September 14. Bob served as this year's District Moderator and Misty is Associate Pastor at Mechanic Grove CoB.

Phill Carlos Archbold, past Annual Conference Moderator and former Associate Pastor at Brooklyn First CoB, died October 1.

~ OPPORTUNITIES ~

Workcamps are Available for All Ages!

Senior High

Completed 9th grade – age 19

Innisfree - Crozet, VA June 8-14

Camp Wilbur Stover, ID June 9-16

Caimito, Puerto Rico June 15-21

Brooklyn, NY (BRF) June 16-23

Bayamon, Puerto Rico June 22-28

Concord/Charlotte, NC June 23-29

Disaster Response, Location TBD July 7-13

Koinonia Partners - Americus, GA July 15-21

Pine Ridge Reservation - Kyle, SD July 15-21

Peoria, AZ July 22-28

Washington DC July 22-28

Lombard, IL July 22-28

ECHO - N. Fort Meyers, FL July 29-Aug 4

Los Angeles, CA August 5-11

Camp Eder, PA August 5-11



Young Adults

Ages 18-35

Seattle, WA May 28-June 2

We Are Able Assistants

Age 18 and older

New Windsor, MD June 10-13

We Are Able

Ages 16-23

New Windsor, MD June 10-13

Intergenerational

Completed grade 6 and older

Camp Colorado, CO July 29-Aug 4

Junior High

Completed grades 6 - 8

New Community Project - Harrisonburg, VA June 16-20

New Windsor, MD June 17-21

John Kline Homestead - Broadway VA July 3-7

Harrisburg, PA July 10-14

Springfield, IL July 17-21

Indianapolis, IN July 24-28

Greenville, OH July 29-Aug 2

**Registration opens
January 9, 2013 @ 7pm CST**

Church of the Brethren · **Workcamp Office**
1451 Dundee Ave, Elgin, IL 60120
Phone: 1-800-323-8039
cobworkcamps@brethren.org
www.brethren.org/workcamps

Church of the Brethren Position Opening

The Church of the Brethren seeks a program assistant for the director of Donor Relations and the associate director of Donor Communications, to work at the CoB General Offices in Elgin, IL. This newly-created, fulltime, hourly position will support and assist the donor relations and communications staff in developing connections with donors and friends of the denomination through electronic and print correspondence, individual and congregational contacts, special offerings, and stewardship education resources.

For an application form and a full job description contact the Office of Human Resources, Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120; 800-323-8039 ext. 367; humanresources@brethren.org .

Camp Swatara Travels to Acadia National Park

Why is the area around Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park called Downeast Maine? In 2013 you will have the opportunity to not only learn the meaning of "Downeast," but also experience firsthand the wonders and beauty of this area where the "waters meet the forests." From September 6-15 Camp Swatara is sponsoring a trip to Acadia National Park and the surrounding area. Ray and Judy Powell who have co-led this trip for the past six years, have more than 25 years of experience exploring the Park. Activities will include nature discovery walks and boat rides, as well as a carriage ride through the Park. Park Ranger presentations will be included on several of these discoveries. Sightings of deer, eagles, seals and beaver are common. (Sorry no moose, but you never know.) There will also be a stop at the famous Jordan Pond House to eat popovers and time to explore the shops of Bar Harbor.



Housing accommodations while in Maine are in 2-3 bedroom cottages located on the water's edge at Clark's Cove outside of Bar Harbor. Each cottage is comfortably furnished and includes private bedrooms (double occupancy), as well as a shared bath, kitchen and living room. Travel to and from Acadia is done in two Camp vans and overnight accommodations while traveling are in three star hotels included in the cost of the trip. The estimated cost is \$850 per person, which includes all housing accommodations, transportation, tickets, several dinners and a buffet breakfast each morning. Similar trips with commercial vendors cost more than \$2,500. Space is limited to no more than 17 persons.

Past trips have included participants from various COB congregations such as Chiques, Palmyra, Myerstown, Lancaster, Phoenixville, Indian Valley, Spring Creek and Elizabethtown.

If you wish to register for this trip you may contact Camp directly or for additional information contact Ray and Judy at jmprkp@comcast.net or 717-669-7403.



Classical Concert Series

Artists: Amy Yovanovich, Christyan Seay, Josh Tindall

Date: November 4, 2012 Time: 2:30 pm

Location: Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren
777 S. Mt. Joy St., Elizabethtown, PA 17112

Mezzo-Soprano Amy Yovanovich and Tenor Christyan Seay, accompanied by Josh Tindall, will perform a varied program in concert as part of the Elizabethtown CoB Concert Series. The concert is free to the public. A free will offering will be taken to support the concert series.

The artists plan a varied program, including arias from three French operas, as well as sacred music, spirituals, and selections from musical theater, including The King and I, Carousel, and The Sound of Music.

The Classical Concert Series is supported through the generosity of the K. Ezra and Esther M. Bucher Music Fund and the generous donors who provided the resources to upgrade and restore the organ.



Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren

Alternative Gift Fair

Saturday, December 1, 8 - 11 AM

ECOB Fellowship Hall

Holiday gifts that help those in need!

Please join us for a fun morning filled with music, food, a festive atmosphere, and a spirit of giving. Support a great organization in the name of a loved one.

Organizations invited to attend include:

BHA
COBYS
Camp Swatara
Samara
New Community Project
On Earth Peace



Donations, in any amount, can be made to any of these organizations, and a card will be provided to give to the gift recipient.

Featuring a Fair Catalogue:

With the Fair Catalogue, the recipient of the gift may learn about and choose from one or more of these six agencies to support with the donation monies. These choices will be sent back to ECOB in the provided envelope, and the money will be forwarded to the specified organizations.

Items for purchase available from:

SERV
Equal Exchange
My Sister's Company

Breakfast will be available and served from 8-10 by ECOB Youth to raise funds for National Youth Conference.

For more information, please contact Terra Hovan at (717)366-4653 or tlh213@yahoo.com.

Mohrsville CoB will be holding their annual fall clothing give away
November 10th
from 8 am – 11 am.

Church Leaders' Conference

"A Desert Spirituality"

Learning from the Desert Fathers and Mothers



A day of Spiritual Replenishment for Church Leaders

An outstanding professional growth experience

An opportunity to build the esprit de corps among leaders

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Chris Hall

Chancellor of Eastern University, Dean of Palmer Theological Seminary, and leader in Renovare retreats

This Conference is designed to be a day apart for ministers, church leaders, and other interested persons

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

8:15 am Registration

8:45 am – 4:00 pm Program

Sponsored by the Atlantic Northeast District Spiritual Renewal Team

New Members

Annville - Olivia Blauch, Jason Brimmer, Deb Finkbiner, Larz Kegerreis, Rebekah Kegerreis, Jack Kintigh, Toby Mongkon

Blue Ball - *Baptism*: Kendall Wanner, Savanna Wanner, Lisa Weaver, Logan Weaver

Ephrata - *Baptism*: Kevin Antol Jr., Ryan Groff, Taylor Hoeffner, Bobbijo Pfautz, Cory Pfautz, Beckah Shenk

Hempfield - *Baptism*: Cameron Hess, Jordan Hess, Katie Miller, Libby Myers; *Letter*: Hilary Hoffman, Jason Hofman, Delbert Kautz, Mary Ann Kautz, Peter Kontra, Sara Kontra, Shelley Kontra, Zach Kontra

Mohler - *Baptism*: Judy Hibshman

Mountville - *Baptism*: Ruhama Lamure, Devin Ritchie; *Letter*: Harold Enders, Jo Ann Enders

Nuevo Amanecer - *Baptism*: Milagros Alvares, Erika Martinez, Katherine Martinez, Daniel Roldan; *Reaffirmation*: Benjamin Alvarado, Marilyn Correa, Angel Gonzalez, Minerva Gonzalez, Oscar Oquendo, Malaynee Otero, Jerson Rivera, Joel Rivera, Juan Rivera

Palmyra - *Baptism*: Abigail Serafini

Quakertown - *Baptism*: Joseph Czop, Carroll Donnelly, Logan Evans, Jennifer Steich, Shawn Swavely, Moriah Wilt; *Letter*: Ellie Mapes, William Mapes, Blanche Peiffer, James Peiffer

White Oak - *Baptism*: Caitlyn Cassel, Jaden Fahnestock, Cherish Heagy, Hunter Longenecker, Blair Martin, Christina Patches, Nathan Stoltzfus, Jordan Walter, Madison Walter; *Letter*: David Alspaugh, Amanda Alspaugh, Amanda Eberly, Larry Kreider, Lisa Kreider, Anna Stoltzfus

Wyomissing - *Reaffirmation*: Kim Cataldi, Joyce Fidler, Nathan Grayek, Robert Keim

Calendar

November

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| 3 | District Board Retreat, Camp Swatara |
| 8-9 | Interim Ministry Basics, Elizabethtown College |
| 16-18 | Mission Alive Conference, Lititz CoB |
| 21(noon) - 22 | Office Closed: Thanksgiving |

December

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| 24-Jan. 1 | Office Closed: Christmas/New Years |
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January

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| 18-20 | Senior High Youth Retreat, Camp Swatara |
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February

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| 15-16 | Junior High Lock-In, Lebanon Valley College |
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Deadline for the January/February issue of ANE Today is December 3. Articles may be faxed (717-367-8737) to the District Office or emailed to: jreed@ane-cob.org. When possible, include appropriate logo or other graphic designs.

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