



**ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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Another fresh new year is here . . .
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest . . .
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!

- William Arthur Ward

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Moderator's Message

Greetings -

A well-known insurance company ends its commercials with the statement "*That's A___'s stand: Are you in good hands?*" We all know as Christians that we are in "good hands", the hands of Jesus that were nailed to a cross to pay for our sins. Living in our society, we are keenly aware that knowing where *we stand in regards to our faith* is of the utmost importance. In Matthew 7: 24-27, Jesus uses the analogy of building a house on a solid foundation to make his point that the foundations of our faith must be solid and true, otherwise we stand little chance of withstanding the perils of life. This year's conference theme is "Standing on the Promises", based on the scripture from Matthew 7. The Bible is filled with promises, all of which help us ground our faith on a foundation that is rock-solid. As we move through this New Year my prayer is that we "build each other up" leaning on the promises that we have been given through Jesus Christ our Savior.

I would also like to discuss another subject which received several comments at the 2012 Conference. As reported, there has been some uncertainty expressed about the relationship between the churches within the Southern and the Atlantic Northeast districts and the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction (BDRA). Discussions are underway to help clarify and restore the healthy relationship that we have enjoyed for many years. The auction is a vital and fruitful mission for those who have suffered disasters on both an individual and community level. All net proceeds from the auction are used specifically for disaster relief work. Recently, as the result of Hurricane Sandy, shipments of warm blankets were made and in December, 1000 clean-up buckets were assembled to replenish the supply in New Windsor. All of these efforts were underwritten by funds from the (BDRA). Significant contributions from the BDRA to the work of Brethren Disaster Relief in New Windsor will continue to aid those in need. In the meantime, I ask that you do not diminish your support of the BDRA sponsored by the two districts. The destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy, probably the most severe storm ever to hit the East coast, will be with us for many years and the BDRA is one of the valuable ways we can participate in relieving the loss and grief caused by this storm.

In His Service, and yours,

Tom Fritz, your ANE District Moderator

Please note: District Conference dates for 2013
have been changed to: **October 4 & 5**



Photos by Glenn Riegel

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!

Senior High All Nighter

Date & Time: March 8-9, 2013, 10pm – 6am

Location: Ephrata Church of the Brethren

Registration Deadline: March 4

Cost: \$10 per Youth, free for Advisors

Details: To bring some awareness to those who go without food, we are going to collect non-perishable food items to donate to local missions/food banks. We will also hear stories throughout the night from those missions/food banks about how they are feeding individuals' physical hunger and spiritual hunger. In light of this theme, we will provide a juice bar overnight, but no food. At the end of our time together, we will serve a delicious breakfast to break the fast. To keep us busy during the night we will be bowling, playing games, and much more!



We are currently transitioning to a new website. If you can't find what you are looking for, please email me for details. Thanks for your patience!

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www.ane-cob.org

NATIONAL COB YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Christian Citizenship Seminar

"Childhood Poverty: Nutrition, Housing and Education"

Date: March 23-28, 2013

Location: New York and Washington, D.C.

Who: High school youth and adult leaders

Cost: \$375

Registration is currently open!

To register and find more information please visit www.brethren.org/ccs



Young Adult Conference

"Voice: ... the stones would shout out!"

Date: May 25-27, 2013

Location: Camp Pine Lake, Eldora, Iowa

Cost: \$100. After May 1st, \$125

Registration is currently open!

To register and for more information visit www.brethren.org/yac

National Junior High Conference

"Love Speaks"

Date: June 14-16, 2013

Location: Elizabethtown College

Cost: \$155

Registration opens January 4th, 2013

To register and for more information visit www.brethren.org/njhc



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 further details soon.

CHURCH LEADERS CONFERENCE "A Desert Spirituality"

Learning from the Desert Fathers and Mothers

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

Conference Focus:

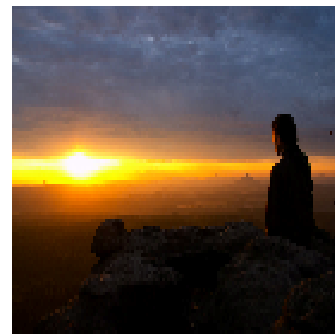
- *Spiritual Replenishment for Church Leaders*
- *An outstanding professional growth experience*
- *An opportunity to build the esprit de corps among leaders*

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Chris Hall

Chancellor of Eastern University, Dean of Palmer Theological Seminary,

Dr. Hall is known as a towering figure of faith, great teacher, and one who brings spiritual growth alive for today. He is author of a number of books on the church fathers and mothers and their influence on the church.



Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA 17545

8:15 am: Registration

8:45 am – 4:00 pm: Conference

.6 CEU will be available for attending this event in its entirety
Registration includes lunch prepared and served by members of Hempfield Church

Sponsored by the Atlantic Northeast District Spiritual Renewal Team

Registration Form - Church Leaders Conference 2013

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____ DISTRICT _____

Please complete and return, along with fees, to: Atlantic Northeast District, 500 E. Cedar Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

NOTE: Registration deadline is **APRIL 3**. No refunds after this date.

Registration fee \$40 x _____ persons = \$ _____

CEU fee \$10 x _____ persons = _____

Total fees enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to
Atlantic Northeast District

~ OPPORTUNITIES ~

ROOTED DEEPER, REACHING FARTHER

Philip Gulley, speaker

Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren
777 S. Mt. Joy St. Elizabethtown, PA 17022
717-367-1000
www.ETownCOB.org

Friday, February 8, 2012, 7:00-8:00 pm

An Evening of Storytelling

Saturday, February 9, 2012, 6:00-7:30 pm

Lecture and Q&A

Sunday, February 10, 2012, 10:30-11:30 am

Morning Worship



Would you like to be rooted deeper in the love of God? Would it help you to reach farther in sharing the good news of Jesus' way? You are invited to attend a Friday evening of storytelling, a Saturday evening lecture and discussion, and Sunday morning worship with **Philip Gulley**, Quaker pastor, writer and speaker at the **Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren February 8-10, 2013.**

In his most recently published book, ***The Evolution of Faith: How God is Creating a Better Christianity***, Gulley asks, What if God wanted us to grow and change? What if Christianity continued to evolve as new ideas and realities are introduced? What if Christianity brought out the best in us, was comfortable with people of other faiths, was grateful for scientific knowledge? Would a Christianity rooted in God's grace and informed by Jesus' example be a Christianity many of us long for, but haven't yet found?

Come join others who are seeking to be rooted deeper in God's love and reaching farther through Jesus' way. Childcare is provided for all events. More information available at www.ETownCOB.org and www.philipgulley.org



Engaged Encounter

The next Mennonite & Brethren Engaged Encounter will be held at Kenbrook Bible Camp on the weekend of January 18-20, 2013. Spaces are limited so reserve your spot by calling 717-569-5676 or emailing love@marriageencounter.org!

Hurricane Sandy Relief Work Support

From the Brethren Disaster Ministries Website:

As the relief effort following Hurricane Sandy gets underway, Brethren Disaster Ministries is encouraging Brethren to donate to the Emergency Disaster Fund (www.brethren.org/edf) to support the BDM response including deployment of Children's Disaster Services volunteers.

"Donors should keep in mind the most effective and useful donation is a financial contribution," said Zach Wolgemuth, associate director of Brethren Disaster Ministries. He noted, however, that "efforts to assemble CWS Clean-up Buckets are extremely important and encouraged."

"Unfortunately there are already reports of mounds of used clothing piling up," Wolgemuth told the Church of the Brethren Newsline on Oct. 31. As individuals and congregations reach out to survivors, they should be certain that any in-kind donations being sent to the disaster-affected area have been specifically requested by a response organization.

"Recovery from such an event will be long-term and financial support will be important as resources often diminish and media coverage wanes."

Support the Brethren Disaster Ministries response online at www.brethren.org/edf. Please make checks payable to Emergency Disaster Fund and mail to Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

Gifts Discernment for District Leadership

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
Romans 12:4,5

The Gifts Discernment Team of the Atlantic Northeast District requests your prayerful consideration in the matter of discernment and calling of persons to District leadership. Please take the task of discernment to heart as "each member belongs to all the others."

We believe that within your Faith Community there are people whom God has endowed with spiritual gifts and abilities which will help to fulfill the mission of the church today. Recommendation forms and a list of open positions with descriptions will be mailed in early January to pastors, moderators, and board chairs of all congregations. Others who would like to receive recommendation materials should contact the District Office (717-367-4730). Descriptions of open positions will be posted in January on the District website (ane-cob.org).

After forms are received, the Team will prayerfully discern those who will be included in the 2014 slate at District Conference.



New Members

Alpha & Omega - *Letter:* Karla Borges, Hector Reyes; *Reaffirmation:* Andrea Putt, Ruben Putt

Coventry - *Reaffirmation:* Tobiah Steinmetz, Yvelisse Steinmetz

Elizabethtown - *Baptism:* Play Bu, Raphael Figueroa, Lay Lay Tin; *Letter:* Gail Bossenga, Benjamin Detrick, Joseph Detrick, Venona Detrick, Nancy Hivner, Carl Strikwerda;
Reaffirmation: Ramona Figueroa, Nelson Say, Bill Siler

Harrisburg First - *Letter:* Beth Vroon, Robert Vroon, Gary Zittle

Hempfield - *Letter:* Craig Smith, Victoria Smith

Hershey Spring Creek - *Letter:* Kimberly Lesh, Jon Sheppard, Michelle Sheppard

Indian Creek - *Baptism:* Joan Feiss; *Letter:* Roy Feiss

Palmyra - *Letter:* Bethany Clark, Bob Donachy

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

Calendar

January

18-20 Senior High Youth Retreat, Camp Swatara

February

15-16 Junior High Lock-In, Lebanon Valley College

March

8-9 Senior High All-Nighter, Ephrata CoB

9 District Board Meeting, Lampeter CoB

23-28 Christian Citizenship Seminar, New York & Washington, DC

April

10 Church Leaders Conference, Hempfield CoB

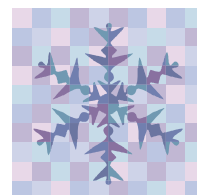
11 Lancaster Area Senior Adult Banquet, Middle Creek CoB

18 Harrisburg/Lebanon Senior Adult Banquet, Hanoverdale CoB

May

8 Philadelphia Area Senior Adult Banquet, Parker Ford CoB

25-27 Young Adult Conference, Camp Pine Lake, Eldora, IA



Deadline for the March/April issue of **ANE Today** is January 28. 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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