



### Good Ol' Days? — Pete Kontra, District Executive

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Do you ever think about the “good old days”? Is there such a thing?

Ecclesiastes 7:10 says... *“Do not say, ‘Why were the former days better than these?’ For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.”*

Ah, the wonderful magic of nostalgia. I know I am not that old (okay, depending on who you ask)—only 48! But I certainly get caught up in thinking about events or days gone by and imagine how great they were. And there were some great things about them, that’s why we remember former days fondly.

But my Dad said it well recently. We were walking through a museum, looking at all the old farming equipment and household tools. He looked at me and said, “You know, so many times people say those were the ‘good old days. Everything was simpler and all that.’” He said, “Yes, in some ways things were simpler, and there were good things for sure. But they were not *all* good. We worked hard. It wasn’t so Normal Rockwell as we like to make it.”

How limited our vision can be. So much that we look backward instead of forward.

One of my favorite stories of God’s people is of their journey of freedom from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. Things got challenging, and so they started looking backward, desiring to be slaves again instead of seeing the true freedom they had. Clearly, we as humans do not always

do well with transition, even when we know it is to a better place. We want to go back to what we knew, even though it enslaved us. We may doubt God’s ability to lead us.



What does that say for our younger, upcoming generations? No current time is ever perfect. And so it’s looking expectantly at what God is up to now and where we are going.

As this newsletter goes out, many of us will be on our way to Annual Conference in Cincinnati, OH. It’s been 22 years since we last gathered there. Now, that’s probably not long enough to look back and call those the “good ol’ days.” But I wonder what we would see if we took a close look at who we were then? Any different? I think it’s fair to say that we are still in some of the same conversations now that we were engaged in then. And yet, we know there has been a whole lot that has happened in our lives and in the Church since that time, some good, some not-so-good. Consequently, in some respects we are not the same.

So back to Cincinnati we go. My prayer is, and I hope yours as well, that we go expectantly: Look with eyes to see, and listen with ears to hear. In the midst of all that we are today, remember, we

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## District Conference 2018

### Updates and Information

#### ANE DISTRICT CHOIR

This year's District Conference will feature a District-wide Choir, consisting of choir members from the various congregations throughout our District. The choir will sing during the Friday evening worship service. Joy Brubaker, from Midway, will serve as the Choir Director and Ryan Arndt, from West Green Tree, will serve as Accompanist for the choir. The choir will lead special music for the worship service. Members from all the District churches are invited to participate in this very special event. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Evy Brubaker at 717-733-6253 or email her at [pebru@dejazzd.com](mailto:pebru@dejazzd.com)



#### HOUSING AND HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

This year's District Conference will host a Friday night Worship Service! Brothers & Sisters from all over are encouraged to attend and worship with us!

**Overnight Housing**—For many, the journey to District Conference may be long and hotels can be expensive. Local, hospitable, Brothers and Sisters are offering a simple bed and a welcoming spirit for those traveling to Elizabethtown.

**Hosting Opportunity**—We encourage you to consider hosting our Brethren Brothers and Sisters overnight. A comfortable space and a warm welcome would mean so much to those traveling a great distance.

If you would like to stay with one of our Brethren Hosts or become one, please contact Christine Dugan at (717) 367-4730 or [cdugan@ane-cob.org](mailto:cdugan@ane-cob.org)

#### SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

“Conflict and Reconciliation – Philippian Style” – Philippians 4:2-9

Please join Pastor Brian Berkey, Moderator-Elect, for this year's Saturday morning Bible Study. In keeping with the overall theme of the 2018 ANE District Conference, the Bible study will examine how Paul encourages the Philippian church, as well as us today, to “think about good things” as a way to deal with conflict and bring about reconciliation.





## District Conference: October 5 & 6, 2018

Brothers and Sisters, for many of us Fall seems so far away. Summer is just arriving! We have been planning District Conference almost since last year's was over and, for us, it seems like it's right around the corner.

We are excited! Now, of course, we are going to have an informative day of witness about the good things going on in our District on Saturday and we're going to have some gracious discussion about some things too. What we are most excited about is this great body of believers worshiping together on Friday evening. Mark your calendars for October 5 at 7:00. Bring the kids and enjoy the one thing we all have in common; our desire to worship the King of Glory as one!

Don't forget to think about good things till then!

Love, Misty Wintsch; 2018 District Conference Moderator



**Families of All Ages are Encouraged to Attend District Conference!**

*Free Childcare Provided*



**ONLINE  
REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN FOR  
DELEGATES AND  
NON DELEGATES**

For more information  
and details regarding  
District Conference, visit  
our website,  
[www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)

Discounted delegate  
registration ends July 1,  
and all registration  
closes September 15.

Last year's District Conference evaluations revealed that there were many requests for childcare. In response to your feedback, we are pleased to offer childcare for this year's

District Conference. Children ages 0-12 will be cared for during conference hours on Saturday, October 6th. The Elizabethtown Community Nursery School, located inside the Elizabethtown CoB, is pleased to offer quality care provided by certified educators.

There is a \$20 registration fee per child, with a \$50 maximum per family. This money will be refunded when you pick your children up after District Conference. If registered children do not attend, the money will be donated to COBYS Family Services.

**Registration opens August 1, 2018. Please sign up at [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)**



## Licensings, Ordinations, and Installations

**Lynne Allebach's** (Hatfield) licensing service was on April 29. Kay Weaver, ANE Director of Stewardship performed the service.



**Jamie Nace's** (Lancaster) licensing service was on May 20. Karen Hackett, member of the ANE Ministry Commission, performed the service.

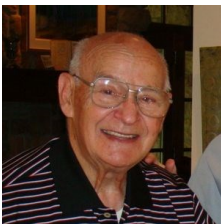


**Doug Hinton's** (Hempfield) ordination and installation service was on June 10. Pete Kontra, District Executive performed the service.

## Placement News

**Akron:** Search Committee formed.  
**Conewago:** Sandy Christophel serves as Interim.  
**Florin:** Called Tom Weber effective August; Mary Etta Reinhart serves as Interim.  
**Geiger Memorial:** Open.  
**Hanoverdale:** Called Kevin Richardson as Interim, Search Committee formed.  
**Lancaster:** Robert Kettering serves as Interim Associate Pastor.  
**Long Run:** Joel Hershey & Bob Spencer serve as Interim Team  
**Mechanic Grove:** Called Jeff Keller as Youth & Young Adult Director starting 8/6.  
**Mount Wilson:** Jim & Sue Eikenberry resigned.  
**Swatara Hill:** Called Bill Wink starting 7/9  
**Wyomissing:** Pastor Tim Speicher retires 9/18; reviewing next steps.

## In Memoriam



Rev. James V. D'Amico passed on Friday, May 4, 2018. He served churches for nearly 60 years in Atlantic Northeast District, Southern Pa District and Western Pa District.

Dale Zimmerman, minister at the Mohrsville Church of the Brethren, passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. He served as an ordained minister for 70 years in the Church of the Brethren, and was one of the ministers of the Mohrsville Congregation since 1976.



## New Members: ANE District

**East Fairview** — *Letter:* Angie Jurisson, Enno Jurisson; *Reaffirmation:* Lorie Rohrer, Bill Rohrer.

**Ephrata** — *Letter:* Jeff Brubaker, Anne Brubaker, Maggie Cardin, Jim Kidwell, Jenn Dorsch-Messler, Alex Myers.

**Mohrsville** — *Baptism:* Louis Boyer, Clarence Edmundson, Patty Lutz, Bob Marko and Tracy Marko; *Reaffirmation:* Florence Sienkiewicz and Linda Wesner.





## Jess Ross, ANE Director of Nurture Resigns

It is with regret we announce the resignation of Jess Ross, Director of Nurture effective June 30, 2018.

Jess joined the ANE District staff in February 2008. She has given 10 years of service and dedication to our Nurture Commission, youth, Christian education, and young adults in our district.

We give Jess, Matt and the children many blessings in this next chapter of life that God has called upon them. She will be dearly missed.



Church Planting

Don Mitchell, Director of CCD&E Commission and Galen Hackman met with Ariel Rosario and Daniel Jasael Bueno of the Dominican Republic to discuss possible church plants.

## District Prayer Requests:

**July 1:** *Program & Arrangements Committee*—As they finalize District Conference details and schedules.

**July 8:** *Hispanic Leaders* —Please pray for the newly appointed leadership for our Hispanic churches who are organizing together under the umbrella of ANE District Hispanic Ministries. Pray for vision and clarity as they seek to find ways to partner together to reach out to our growing Spanish speaking communities.

**July 15:** *National Youth Conference* —Please pray for our ANE District Youth and their leaders who will be travelling to National Youth Conference July 21 to July 26. Pray for safety in travel and pray that this will be a time of significant spiritual renewal and inspiration for our youth.

**July 22:** *ANE Disaster Response* —Please pray for our ANE congregations and individuals who are volunteering to support the Brethren Disaster Ministries rebuilding efforts in North and South Carolina in their recovery from Hurricane Matthew. Also pray for those in our ANE District who will volunteer to travel to the US Virgin Islands to support the efforts of BDM in the recovery from Hurricane Irma.



**July 29:** *District Executive* —in his work and ministry throughout the District.

**August 5:** *Licensed Ministers*—as they discern their calling and work to complete their educational journey.

**August 12:** *Women's Camp*—Please pray for those who will gather at Camp Swatara August 19 to 21 for a time of worship and fellowship. Pray those who are organizing the event and for those who will be providing leadership during the three days of this gathering.

**August 19:** *Ordained Ministers*—who walk alongside of licensed ministers, offering support, guidance and prayer.

**August 26:** *Urban Ministries Initiative*—Please pray for the group planning the upcoming Faith and Fellowship conference scheduled for September 8 at Lancaster COB. Pray for those who will share their gifts of music and for those who will be presenting workshops at this event. Also pray for those who will travel from all around the ANE district to participate in this day of worship and fellowship.



## Annual Conference, Church of the Brethren



**July 4-8 • Cincinnati, OH**

For more information, visit:  
<http://www.brethren.org/ac/>

### Webcasts:

All Annual Conference business sessions and worship services will be live streamed over the internet.

#### Wednesday, July 4

6:45-8:15pm Opening Worship

#### Thursday, July 5

8:30-11:30am Morning Business Session  
2:00-4:30pm Afternoon Business Session  
6:45-8:15pm Evening Worship  
(Brian Messler, Ephrata)

#### Friday, July 6

8:30- 11:30am Morning Business Session  
2:00- 4:30pm Afternoon Business Session  
6:45- 8:15pm Evening Worship

#### Saturday, July 7

8:30- 11:30am Morning Business Session  
2:00- 4:30pm Afternoon Business Session  
6:45- 8:15pm Evening Worship

#### Sunday, July 8

8:30- 10:30am\* Closing Annual Conference  
Sunday Worship

\*Service can be viewed later during normal service time.

Stream link is:

<https://livestream.com/livestreamcob/AC2018>



### An Everence guide to the new tax law

Much has been written about the new tax law (Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) signed in late December 2017. Because of your attendance at an Everence Development Conference, we wanted to offer you ideas about ways to address the potential impact on charitable contributions – and how Everence can help.

### Mission and impact drive donations

We believe that now – more than ever – it's important to share stories of your mission and the impact of the gifts you receive. Stories of life change, passion and outcomes remind donors why they give. Research generally shows that people give because of their interest in generosity, rather than the associated tax deductions.

### Additional resources

A resource page has been created to provide you with easier access to information related to the new tax law – [www.everence.com/tax-law](http://www.everence.com/tax-law).

Topics include:

- Seven key points that could affect your financial planning
- Webinar on demand: *New year, new law. Now what?*
- IRS withholding calculator



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The 8<sup>th</sup> Tractor Sunday was held May 6, 2018, at West Green Tree Church of the Brethren. The weather was cloudy, but we had 98 tractors on display for people to look at and admire and about 540 people in attendance.

Coffee and doughnuts were served an hour before the service so farmers could chat with one another. At



the farmers for the job they do providing food for us and to pray for a bountiful crop and a safe season. That first Tractor Sunday, we had 26 tractors and about 250 people attend. It has been growing ever since. It seems everyone is telling everyone and it keeps growing.

We only have four farmers in our congregation. We have several farmers that have shared that this day is the only time they attend church. One of them calls our church "his church". He has not made a commitment but we are praying that he sees the way and makes a commitment to Christ.

~ Doug Brenneman, West Green Tree



10 am we gathered in the Sanctuary for the service. Pleasant Passage Quartet from Elizabethtown did a great job singing lots of songs. Pastor Marlin Heagy from Lebanon, who is a farmer himself, brought the message, "The Soil Condition of the Heart", using Matthew 13:1-9 as his text. Two farmer's wives spoke about the blessings of being a farmer's wife.

The service was followed by a family style dinner provided by the congregation. The menu consisted of delicious ham loaf, baked potatoes, green beans and corn along with salads and desserts brought by those in attendance. There was plenty of food and no one went away hungry.

This idea of Tractor Sunday started eight years ago when I was on the Witness Commission and the church was looking for ways to reach out in the community. I suggested we invite farmers to drive their tractors to church and serve them lunch. The idea was to thank







**BRETHREN**  
Disaster Ministries

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS



Photo by: Jocelyn Augustino/FEMA

Recovery efforts from 2017 Hurricanes are moving forward on the island of St. Thomas. Through the Disaster Recovery Support Initiative, BDM has been supporting the St. Thomas Recovery Team since October and they are now ready for volunteers for clean-up and rebuilding work.



Disaster Recovery  
Support Initiative

#### TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT:

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Ephrata, PA 17522  
717-733-7413  
717-203-7270 (c)

#### BDM sponsored weeks:

June 17-30, 2018  
Sept. 9-22, 2018  
Dec. 2-15, 2018

#### Volunteering for 2 weeks during BDM sponsored Short-term Responses includes:

- Lodging
- Meals Monday through Friday
- Groceries for weekend meals
- Transportation to/from job sites
- Up to ½ airfare reimbursement during BDM sponsored weeks\*\*

\*\*rules apply

## District Calendar

**July 4**  
Office Closed

**July 11**  
CCD&E Commission

**July 17**  
Nurture Commission,  
East Cocalico

**July 19**  
Ministry Commission

**August 8**  
CCD&E Commission

**August 9**  
Witness & Outreach,  
Chiques

**August 19-21**  
Women's Camp,  
Camp Swatara

**August 21**  
Stewardship Commission  
Nurture Commission

**August 23**  
Ministry Commission

To volunteer for times outside of the BDM sponsored weeks, contact your local District Disaster Coordinator.

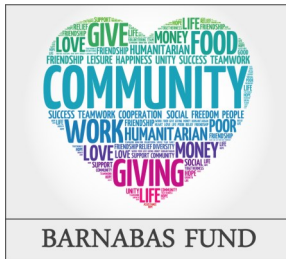
Travel costs for ANE congregations who travel to BDM work sites under the coordination of our District Disaster Coordinator, Robert Eisemann, may be reimbursed by funds from the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction and the ANE Helping Hands Benevolence Fund. For more information you may contact Robert Eisemann by phone at 717-733-7413 or email at [rqeisemann@gmail.com](mailto:rqeisemann@gmail.com) or Mary Etta Reinhart, ANE District Director of Witness and Outreach, by phone at 717-808-4306 or email at [mreinhart@ane-cob.org](mailto:mreinhart@ane-cob.org).







## Barnabas Fund In Action



The Barnabas Fund Team met in early May to determine 2019 funding based on requests received from ANE district churches. Alpha & Omega, Brooklyn First, Germantown, and Harrisburg First were all offered funding

for 2019 contingent upon approval from the ANE District Board and the ANE District Conference in October of the 2019 Ministry Investment Plan.

In addition to annual funding, the Germantown Church of the Brethren received funding to support their ongoing RISE Reading program which includes a summer day camp as well as ongoing ministry throughout the school year. Here are some interesting facts about this outreach ministry taken from their website at [www.risereadingcenter.com](http://www.risereadingcenter.com):

*The RISE READING CENTER (RRC) is one of the educational initiatives of the Lafiya Family Services Center (LFSC) - a 501(c)3 - registered in the State of Pennsylvania. The center evolved out of its after school initiative began in 1993. Recognizing the staggering numbers of children in the School district of Philadelphia reading below their proficiency levels, LFSC made a strategic decision in 2000 to focus on reading and developed the R.I.S.E. Program (Reading Incentives for Supplemental Education) - an afterschool reading initiative. RRC was created to offer more comprehensive services in this reading remedial effort.*

**OUR MISSION:** To provide an affordable, convenient, community-based culturally sensitive reading remediation resource in schools and communities where an excessive number of students struggle to meet grade level standards. To provide testing and immediate support to establish reading proficiency by high school.

**OUR VISION:** To see a generation of young Americans reach proficiency in reading one child at a time.

**OUR PHILOSOPHY – READ 360:** Read 360 affirms that all children given the right tools in a nurturing environment can overcome any barriers hindering reading proficiency, and ultimately develop a passion for reading.

The Germantown congregation's RISE Reading Center outreach ministry is being supported by the District Barnabas Fund with a \$5,000 grant in 2018. This is just one more way that our ANE District congregations are able to work together to enable congregations with identifiable needs to more productively offer successful outreach and evangelism ministries in their communities.

**For more information about the ANE District Barnabas Fund check out the "ANE Special Funds" section of the District website at [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org).**



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are God's children in Christ, His Body, through whom God has great things for us to do for His Kingdom.

Where is God in all this? What is He calling us to be and do? Because when we get stuck in the past or even in today, then it is all about ourselves. And we all know our purpose is much greater than that!

So yes, let's celebrate all that God has done through us, and pray that our hearts be broken once again to receive His transforming love and grace to be His hands and feet in a world that so desperately needs it too.

*"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God." -Ephesians 2:20*

Blessings!



## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

### Klein Meetinghouse

Located alongside the Peter Becker Community in Harleysville, PA is a historic Meetinghouse of the Church of the Brethren known as the Klein Meetinghouse. Built on land donated by the Klein family from the Indian Creek Church of the Brethren, it was dedicated on Christmas day, 1843. It was actively used through the 1940's, but is no longer regularly used for worship. It is cared for by the Indian Creek Church of the Brethren, located nearby on Main Street in Harleysville.



The Meetinghouse is a small frame structure, with a central door used for the men, and a doorway to the right used for the women. The Harleysville burial ground adjoins the Meetinghouse. Its most famous occupant is Peter Becker, leader of the first Brethren who came to America in 1719, who was buried there in 1758. Abraham Harley Cassel, the famous Brethren bibliophile who collected thousands of books to preserve Brethren history, is also buried there.

~ David Fuchs, Historical Committee



### Historical Committee Hosted May 6 Hymn Sing

On Sunday afternoon May 6, nearly 150 Brethren from the District gathered at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren for a Hymn sing. Old favorites were enthusiastically sung by the body of Christ, led by Bob Kettering and Janice Holsinger. Margaret Marsch and Ryan Arndt provided lively accompaniment on organ and piano. An added treat was a brief presentation of the history of Brethren Hymnody provided by Jeff Bach, Ph.D., Director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College. Members from more than ten different congregations came and enjoyed singing such old favorites as "Move in Our Midst," "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." The program concluded with an a cappella rendition of The Lord's Prayer.



### Anabaptist Historic VA Day Trip

Save the Date!

The Atlantic Northeast District Historical Committee is planning a one-day bus trip to Virginia on Saturday, December 1, 2018. We will stop at the John Kline Homestead in the morning and the Crossroads Valley Mennonite-Brethren Heritage Center in Harrisonburg in the afternoon. On our way home we will enjoy a luminary-lit bus drive through the Antietam Battlefield, where a replica of the famous Dunkard Meetinghouse is visible. Cost is estimated to be \$60 per person. Watch for further details in the months ahead!





## Brethren Disaster Relief Auction, Inc.

Atlantic Northeast and Southern PA Districts

May 14, 2018

To our friends of the Atlantic NE District and Southern PA District

We are sharing a copy of our audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2017 for the benefit of both districts to assure you that we remain a viable ministry partner. Our accounts have been audited by Ellis Lee Hostetter & Co., P.C., a Certified Public Accountant from Lebanon, PA. The report includes his Independent Auditor's Report and the results of our 2017 operations. Our 940 Charitable Organization 501(c)(3) tax return is also at <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/23-2831879>.

Our revenue for 2017 yielded \$478,186 which allowed us to distribute

\$230,000	Brethren Disaster Ministries of the Church of the Brethren
\$ 78,813	Used to build School Kits for BDM
\$ 25,000	Hurricane Grant
\$ 67,000	Hurricane Donations
<u>\$ 35,000</u>	Allocated toward 2018 Bucket Building Project
<b>\$435,813</b>	<b>2017 TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS</b>

We also provided a \$10,000 grant to the Southern PA district for travel expenses for disaster relief trips. If your community has a local disaster and your congregation is willing to work with the affected persons, contact our Board co-chairs- Tom at 717-823-2745 or [twfritz@ptd.net](mailto:twfritz@ptd.net) or Bob Bingaman at 717-581-5651 or [paearl1@comcast.net](mailto:paearl1@comcast.net) - for more information on how BDRA may be able to assist.

We have investments of approximately \$535,000 (designated endowment funds from individuals) with Fulton Financial Advisors from which we use the earnings to offset the cost of operations at the Lebanon Fairground.

We work diligently to keep the auction activities fresh and attractive to all ages. We've added to our car show (a new venture in 2017) with antique tractors. We've also designed "Artisan Alley" (our latest improvement) to appeal to the more refined taste buds with flavorful coffees, Bavarian, nuts, and breads. But the old favorites will still be there! One thing that has changed is that we will not be building any "Gift of the Heart" kits this year. Be sure to check out our newly designed website as it become available closer to the auction.

Our efforts represent the work of all churches and their members in our two districts. We encourage churches to support our efforts by promoting the auction within their fellowships, volunteering during the auction, donating, and certainly most of all by your presence - showing up as a bidder or just to enjoy the food! We represent you! And we thank you for your support in this regional endeavor to support the larger brotherhood!

Please share this report with our constituents at your district conference.

Sincerely,  
 Evie Dehmey  
 Treasurer



## Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Rooted and Growing

SVMC is a partnership for ministry education between five Church of the Brethren districts: Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle PA, Southern PA, and Western PA, as well as Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership and Bethany Theological Seminary.

### **SVMC provides Church of the Brethren ministry training . . .**

Graduate and certificate-level classes are offered locally—all grounded in the principles and practices of Brethren tradition. This past year, 63 students participated in 20 courses. Most who complete their training apply for ordination and minister within our geographic area.

### **SVMC offers lifelong learning . . .**

Continuing education events offer growth opportunities for pastors, but anyone is welcome to attend. Registration is required. Visit the SVMC website for forms and details. Upcoming events:

- **The Body of Christ in Corinth and America**  
October 15, 2018, Juniata College  
Presenter: Dr. Dan Ulrich
- **Art and Biblical Interpretation**  
April 1, 2019, Elizabethtown College  
Presenters: Dr. Christina Bucher & Dr. Bob Neff

### **SVMC needs you . . .**

- to identify and call forth leaders for ministry service
- to support these efforts with prayer
- to undergird the work with your gifts

Tuition covers only one-fourth of SVMC's operating expenses. Your individual and congregational support helps us to keep costs affordable for the next generation of Brethren leaders.

One Alpha Drive • Elizabethtown, PA 17022  
SVMC@etown.edu • 717.361.1450 • www.etown.edu/SVMC

## **Pastoral Crisis Intervention II**

**Saturday, September 8, 2018**

Dale Leverknight, Instructor  
Moxham Church of the Brethren, Johnstown, PA  
**Or Monday, September 10, 2018**  
Ligonier Church of the Brethren, Ligonier, PA

This course will begin immediately where Intervention I ends and will be building upon those basic skills. This training will now move the pastor into utilizing those skills within the larger context of the Family or Small Group setting. This course will explore: Vocabulary and Family/Group Dynamics during Crises, Listening Skills, Biblical Foundations, Understanding "What affects one...affects all!", Group Practice.

Registration @ 8:30 a.m.

Deadline to register is August 27, 2018

Course will run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10.00 **and includes your 0.5 CEUs from SVMC (Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center), workbook, a continental breakfast and a hot lunch.**

More information is located on the District wide calendar on the ANE District website ([www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org))



The following ANE Congregations are sending youth, young adults and/or advisors to a 2018 workcamp!

**Elizabethtown  
Heidelberg  
Indian Creek  
Lewiston**

**Lititz  
Mountville  
Spring Creek  
White Oak**

"May their workcamp experience be a humbling one that instills in them a passion for being fully present in serving the needs and wants of their community. We pray that each participant has a joy-filled week of meaningful work and comes home with a renewed love for God and people." ~Grey Robinson & Emily Tyler, 2018 Workcamp Coordinators





# Faith & Fellowship Conference

September 8 • 10-4 • Lancaster CoB

“A day filled with worship, workshops, and enhanced opportunities to strengthen relationships among members of ANE urban and multi ethnic congregations. Leadership will be provided by gifted congregational leaders and District Staff. Worship Teams will provide a variety of musical offerings to include contemporary, traditional, and instrumental praise. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this inspirational and educational event.”

## Workshops:

**Stewardship**—Kay Weaver, ANE Director of Stewardship & Carolina Izquierdo, Pastor, of Un Nuevo Renacer

**Who are the Brethren**—Belita Mitchell, Pastor of Harrisburg First CoB

**Church Security**— Edwin Quijano, Former NYC Police Detective, Moderator, Deacon and Acting Treasurer, Brooklyn First CoB

**Stranger Things: Helping Churches Engage Young People**—Calvin Park, Pastor of Mechanic Grove CoB

## Music Provided By:

- ▶ Alpha & Omega Worship Team
- ▶ Brooklyn First Worship Team
- ▶ Janet & Dave Myers
- ▶ Ridgeway Brass
- ▶ Light of the Gospel

Online registration is available at [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)

Registration: \$20.00  
(.2)CEU equivalents available  
Lunch Included  
Translation Available

Payment, along with name, phone, church affiliation, and whether CEUs or translation is needed can also be sent to:  
ANE, 500 E Cedar St., Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Deadline to register is August 30.

Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
1601 Sunset Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17601





## RE-CREATION

Palmyra CoB Music Ministries is pleased to announce that Re-Creation will perform in Concert at Palmyra Church of the Brethren, 45 N. Chestnut St., Palmyra, PA on Sunday, August 26 at 7pm.

Re-Creation is a group of dynamic young people who present both religious and family-oriented music.

The sacred program is designed as a worship service and features both traditional and contemporary styles, sing-a-long hymns and children's songs, dramatic works and original music. This year's program, "Classic: The Worship Suite" is a live worship experience unlike any other! Dynamic vocal blend combined with a lively, yet sensitive state-of-the-art sound...Tasteful, appropriate presentation...Light staging / Fun elements...Congregational participation...Biblically referenced songs!

The public is invited to attend the concert. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be received.

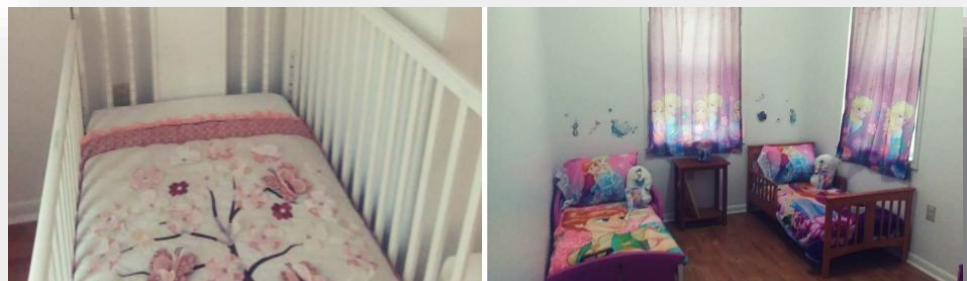


## Women's Camp August 19-21

**Doris Abdullah,**  
Ordained International Pastor at the  
Brooklyn First CoB  
and Church of the Brethren  
Representative to the United  
Nations,  
Speaker

Online Registration Open  
[www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org)  
or see your church  
representative

**Camp Swatara**



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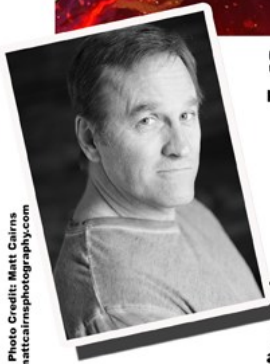


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**Springfield Church of the Brethren**  
presents internationally known comedian/illusionist

## Brad Stine LIVE!

**Sun. July 15, 2018-6:00 p.m.**

920 Passer Rd., Coopersburg, PA 18036

This is a free program, but there will be a free-will offering.

For more information contact the church  
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## THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

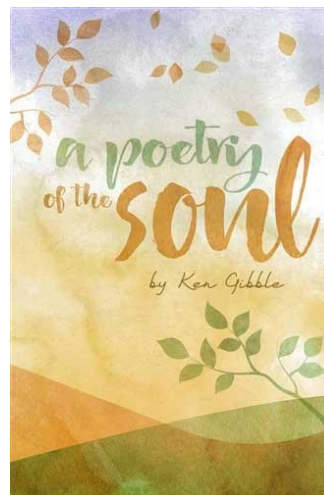
Thursday-Friday, August 9-10, 2018

**ANE GROUP RATE \$129**

It is with great pleasure to offer a group discount rate to our ANE leaders for this summit!

There is limited space. For details and to register, please go to our website at [www.ane-cob.org](http://www.ane-cob.org).

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JULY 1**



In this captivating collection of poems from pastor **Ken Gible**, readers will encounter the worries, hopes, sorrows, and joys that pour forth from the mouths and hearts of those around us. *A Poetry of the Soul* serves as a holy exchange, rising from the tension between heartache and happiness, doubt and faith, lament and praise. Let these poetic expressions bring a clearer understanding of what it means to be human and allow them to powerfully transform your life. Available at

[www.brethrenpress.com](http://www.brethrenpress.com)

A South Korean Women's Choir of 25 voices plus the director and pianist will appear in concert on Monday evening, June 25, 2018, 7 p.m. at the Lititz Church of the Brethren. Dr. Hyun Joo Yun, professor vocal music at Seoul National University, received her undergraduate degrees in Korea and here doctorate from Manhattan School of Music in New York. The varied program includes both secular and sacred music.



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