

ANE Today



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The Most Important One

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I remember well the feelings I had as I started my first pastorate. It was going to be fields of flowers and unicorn bliss—happily ever after like a Norman Rockwell painting.

And then something happened: People showed up.

Yes, we are a messy people. And yes, it can cause us to forget what is most important in our lives, the reason we exist, actually: Our relationships with—1) God through His Son Jesus Christ; and 2) All others as we share Christ's transforming love with them.

And so we must always and everyday ask ourselves individually and as the church: What is most important in your life?

You see, because this is one of those pesky questions that you can't hide from. You may say that "this" or "that" is most important, but the truth is, your actions will show what it really is.

Are there times in our lives we elevate other things above our relationships with God and others? What are those things for you? What about for us as the church?

In Mark 11, Jesus enters Jerusalem and the crowds shout their hosannas. The next day, He goes to the temple and cleans it out, which doesn't sit well with the chief priests and teachers of the law.

So they questioned Jesus' authority. You know, who made you the boss, Jesus? Who anointed you King? Then they looked for a way to arrest Jesus, because they knew He had spoken the parable of the tenants against them. Then they ask Jesus a political question, followed by a convoluted theological question.

Finally, the teacher of the law brings it all into focus with his question:

Of all the commandments, which is the most important?

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And love your neighbor as yourself."

Even though there are many important things in this world to know and to do, we must be careful not to raise those up higher than God's command to love.

As I have stepped into this role as District Executive, it has opened up a whole new world for me in the life of the church - some in many great ways, and in some, that leave me scratching my head. As I sort through all the layers and inner workings of the church, with all the emails and questions I receive daily, sometimes I stop and think: How in the world did church get so complicated?!

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District Conference Registration Opens



Register online at www.ane-cob.org

Registration discounts offered May 1—July 1!



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It serves as a tremendous reminder to me as to what is most important.

Because lots of things change over the generations. How we “do” church, our polity and policies, our buildings, our programs, staff, and styles have changed and will continue to change. You may embrace or grieve that depending on where you stand in all this.

The Jewish leaders had their agenda and were laser focused on achieving it, which was to bring down Jesus. Instead of being open to the possibility of who Jesus is, they did all they could to show He was a fraud. Instead of truly being in conversation with Jesus, they came to debate.

Instead of truly listening to Him and taking that step toward understanding, they were shut off from their own pride and didn’t even give Him a chance.

We all have things that we hold important in our lives. We are all at different stages in our walk with Christ. And so may we encourage one another in our walk together. May we truly silence the noise and lift up the name above all names, that is Jesus Christ.

That is my prayer, and I hope yours as well for us as the Church of the Brethren. There is so much for us to do for Christ.

Listen. Listen to His voice. Listen to His Word. Listen to your brother and sister next to you, across from you. Listen, not just to the words, but to the heart.

Listen to the most important one, that is Jesus Christ and His example of love. It is there that we are transformed in Him.

~Pete Kontra
District Executive



You are invited!

Atlantic Northeast District
Church of the Brethren

2019 Annual Conference Briefing

with

Moderator Donita Keister

Saturday, June 1

9 to 11 AM, with coffee and light snacks available at 8:30

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA

All are welcome.
No registration needed.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 23, 2019, 6:30PM

DISTRICT WIDE MEETING WITH DENOMINATIONAL LEADERSHIP

DAVID STEEL, GENERAL SECRETARY; DONITA KEISTER, ANNUAL CONFERENCE MODERATOR; PAUL MUNDEY, ANNUAL CONFERENCE MODERATOR, ELECT

All Ministers (active or inactive), Church Board Chairs and Moderators are invited to meet together with Church of the Brethren General Secretary David Steele, Moderator Donita Keister, and Moderator-elect Paul Munday to discuss the present state of the Atlantic Northeast District, and how we move forward as a district and denomination. More information will follow, but please save the date and plan on participating in this important conversation.



Cocalico House

David Fuchs, Historical Committee

In 1899 the Ephrata congregation was divided, with the new section being named the Springville Congregation. Springville initially had eight meetinghouses. Ten years later, in 1909, the Cocalico Meetinghouse was built at the Kurz burial ground near Cocalico. On land donated by Daniel Noll, the 36 x 50 feet brick meetinghouse was constructed and then dedicated on November 27, 1909. The sanctuary was 12 feet high, and there were two rows of benches with backs with three aisles.

Revival meetings were held there throughout the early 1900's. Sunday worship was rotated among the other meetinghouses, with Cocalico House usually hosting every other week until Sunday services became weekly in 1957. The congregation sang acapella until an organ was purchased in 1973.

In 1912 a shed was built for horses, but the automobile eventually eliminated the need for this structure, which was eventually removed. A Sunday

School was organized in 1918, and in 1939 an addition was built to add Sunday School rooms in front and in back of the sanctuary. In 1959 the Springville congregation divided into two, thereby officially forming the Cocalico Congregation which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.

In September, 1962, Cocalico House was enlarged and the arrangement of the sanctuary was reversed, so that the pulpit now faces the road. A 28 x 48 feet annex was constructed to provide more classroom space. Today the church building is readily seen along Cocalico Road in Denver, PA.



Cocalico House 1950



Cocalico House as it stands today



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Germantown Church of the Brethren
Photo by Glenn Riegel

Germantown Starts 300th Anniversary Celebration

Germantown (Pa.) Church of the Brethren is starting a five-year celebration of its 300th anniversary this year. The congregation located in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia is considered to be the "mother church" of the denomination as the first congregation that the Brethren established in the Americas.

The year 1719 is recorded in the *Church of the Brethren Yearbook* as the date of the start of the congregation, and is recorded in the *Brethren Encyclopedia* as the year Brethren first settled in Germantown. The official formation of the congregation wasn't until 1723, when the first Brethren baptisms in the Americas were held on Christmas Day in the Wissahickon River.

Over five years, 2019-2023, the congregation will celebrate its 300 years of Brethren heritage, said Germantown pastor Richard Kyerematen. The celebration also is hoped to begin a call to the denomination to refocus Brethren energy on urban ministry. This celebration can be a meaningful touchstone to the launch of the celebrations of the 300th anniversary of the Brethren, which took place at Germantown in 2007.

An informal kick-off for the celebration was held on Sunday, March 3, when Atlantic Northeast District executive minister Pete Kontra preached and Office of Ministry director Nancy Sollenberger Heishman was present to worship with the church.

Church of the Brethren Newsline
February 28, 2019



What to do with your congregation's Historical Records?

All of us face the question, what do you save and what do you throw away? To provide some answers, the ANE District Historical Committee met with Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh, archivist at the Hess Archives at Elizabethtown College. Here is a FAQ summary to help all congregations with their decisions:

Q. What exactly is stored in the Hess Archives?

A. The archivist works closely with the Young Center to maintain secure, environmentally controlled storage of important documents related to church history, District history, and congregational history within both the Atlantic N.E. District and Southern PA District. The Archives has abundant information regarding the ministries performed by the District and many of its congregations from the past. It has programs from important highlights, such as the dedication of new church buildings and anniversary celebrations. Many of the publications of the Brethren Press are also available in the Hess Archives and High Library. You can find more information and digital collections at <https://www.etown.edu/library/archives/>.

Q. Who uses the Archives?

A. Students, professors, and other scholars use the materials for research and teaching. Congregations seek information on their past, particularly for anniversaries and other celebrations. People researching their family history also use the Archives.

Q. What should I NOT send to the Archives?

A. Financial reports, directories, monthly newsletters, and weekly bulletins should not be sent. If you have any questions about what materials should be kept, please contact Rachel.

Q. Is there anything I SHOULD send to the Archives?

A. Please continue to send congregational meeting minutes, membership lists (including births and deaths if available), and notices of important events such as the dedication of a new building, renovation or addition, or receiving a new minister. If you cannot provide proper storage for additional important materials worthy of preservation, ask Rachel if they can be transferred to the Archives. If a congregation leaves the District, their archival records are sent to the Hess Archives to assess what should be stored.

Q. What if I have questions about how to store materials and electronic records?

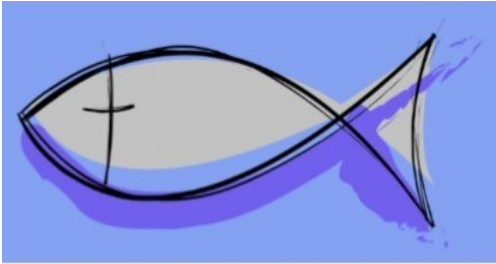
A. Rachel is willing to offer advice regarding safe storage of both paper materials and digital records within your congregation.

Q. What about family papers?

A. The Archives collects selected family and personal papers. They are especially interested in papers of conscientious objectors and missionaries as well as the papers of families and individuals with close connections to the College and the papers of prominent Brethren scholars. For more information about collection strengths see <https://www.etown.edu/library/archives/donations.aspx> or contact Rachel or the Young Center.

You can contact Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh at grover@etown.edu. If questions remain, contact Dave Fuchs at defuchs@comcast.net.





MINISTRY

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING EVENTS

As part of the 5 year ordination review coming up in 2020, each ordained minister must complete an Ethics Training session. Licensed ministers are also required to attend this training. .5 CEUs will be granted to ordained ministers (ANE only) upon completion of a training event. The booklet that will be used during the training sessions, provided at no-cost to ANE ministers, is *Ethics for the Set-Apart Ministry*, written by James Benedict, a Brethren pastor with more than 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry who has also studied extensively the field of ethics. Each event is held from 9am-3pm, with an hour break for lunch. Participants are on their own for lunch.

May 17	Peter Becker Community Ordained Ministers: Arbor Conference Center Trainer: Jim Benedict Licensed Ministers: Orchid Terrace Trainer: Janet Ober Lambert
May 18	Brethren Village, Wolfe Auditorium Ordained Ministers Only Trainer: Jim Benedict
May 20	Londonderry Village Ordained Ministers: Fellowship Hall Trainer: Jim Eikenberry Licensed Ministers: Theater Room Trainer: Janet Ober Lambert En Espanol: Stoneback Pavilion Trainer: Ramon Torres
October 19	Hempfield CoB Ordained Ministers Only Trainer: Jim Eikenberry

Please bring your Bible

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.ANE-COB.ORG UNDER EVENTS.

Placement News

Akron: Called Tim Fleener as Pastor effective April 29.

Geiger Memorial: Open.

Hempfield: Searching for full-time Youth Pastor.

Lancaster: Don Fitzkee serves as Interim Pastor. Robert Kettering serves as Interim Executive Pastor.

Long Run: Joel Hershey & Bob Spencer serve as Interim Team

Mount Wilson: Donna Lefever-Hoover serves as Interim Pastor; Search Committee formed.

Wyomissing: Jan Glass King serves as interim. Search Committee formed.

Licensings, Ordinations, and Installations



Pete Johnson's installation service was officiated by Pete Kontra, District Executive, on March 17 at Hanoverdale Church of the Brethren where he will serve as a full time Pastor.

Ryan Clift



Sanford Christophel and Ryan Clift's installation service was also officiated by Pete Kontra on March 31 at Conewago Church of the Brethren where they will both be serving as quarter time Pastors.



Sanford
Christophel



Exponential Church Planting Conference, 2019

Made For More

The Exponential Church Planting in Orlando, FL. Was immersed with energy as 5600 church leaders gathered from all 50 states and 20+ nations. The Atlantic Northeast District had 9 participants and 4 first timers. This remains the single largest Church Planting Conference in the US and possibly the planet.

The tangible presence of God was evident. In talking with our attendees we are still rejoicing over the momentum and blessing from the Lord that the Conference gave us.

In the Opening Session, the auditorium was standing room only and the Exponential Band led a powerful time of worship. We had a potent group of speakers with **Dave Ferguson** (founding and lead pastor of Chicago's Community Christian Church), **Francis Chan** (founder and former teaching pastor of Cornerstone Community Church), and **Albert Tate** (founder and lead pastor of Fellowship Church) unpacking the truth that only Jesus can fill everything in every way. Christ is the "More" we talked about throughout the week--

- People of God are made for more; Being more, doing more and going more— He's also made us to "Win more" was our focus.
- Albert Tate indicated, "We have gotten great at building big churches and have forgotten about having great impact... Stop Building Churches that look like you and start building churches that look like Jesus."
- Here's a powerful moment from Ed Stetzer (teaching pastor at Moody Church and Highpoint Church), "We need all hands on deck for God's Mission... We have to find ways to mobilize those who are made for more. I am tired of hoping for a movement, I am ready to put a stake in the ground and say let's do it altogether."

- Cynt Marshall first African American female CEO of a NBA franchise, the Dallas Mavericks stated, "As children of light look for opportunities to illuminate and inspire others". "What Jesus wants to do is outside of the church... the greatness of a church lies not in the seating of its people, but the sending of its people".
- "If the church got good at disciple making, church Planting would take care of itself... Evangelism and disciple-making is the primary calling of the Church"- JD Greear (pastor at the Summit Church).

Some of the main sessions are listed below, and attendees could mix and match:

- Pursuing Multiplication
- Church Planting
- Evangelism
- Missional
- Leadership
- Revitalization
- Multi-Ethnic
- Urban Planting

The CCD&E wants to assist in clarifying your call and staying connected for encouragement and support, we are here to walk with you.

Blessings as we journey together in new church starts, leadership development and revitalization/ new birth.

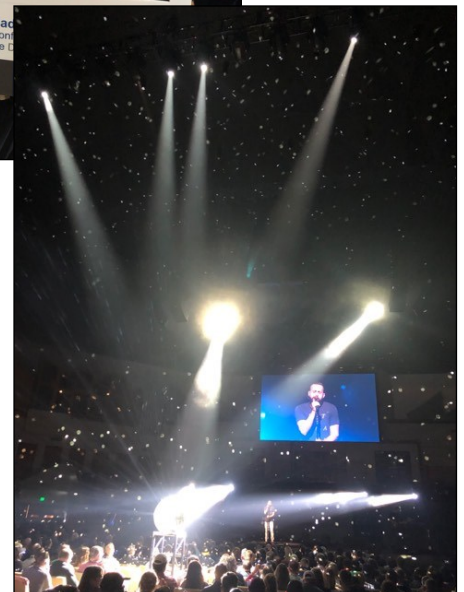
Don Mitchell
Director of Church Development & Evangelism
Atlantic Northeast District
Church of the Brethren



CHURCH DEVELOPMENT
& EVANGELISM



Arlyn Morales (Alpha & Omega)



Worship at the Planting Conference, Orlando FL



All Ministers Fellowship

On Saturday, April 13, all ministers of the ANE District were invited by Pete Kontra, District Executive, to gather and fellowship together as one body. The following is a synopsis of one minister's experience.

CALL, CARE, CONTRITION

Honestly, I wanted to stay home, mow the grass, take a nap before Holy Week started and things pick up. With Love Feast, Easter, sermons to write, people to pray with, and outreach opportunities, I was not looking forward to spending the day with 100 others. In fact, as an introvert, I didn't want to spend the day with anyone.



ANE Ministers gather at Ephrata Church of the Brethren

So, as I saw people walking into the church, talking and smiling, I was far from that moment of happiness and joy. I spent a few moments, seeking some peace about being in this place with so many brothers and sisters, and stepping into a day that was to be filled with deepening relationships rather than deepening divides. Giving hope to our commonality as pastors and ministers of the gospel instead of plotting our next words and steps to bring down others.

I took a deep breath and I listened to the opening words of Pete when he shared, in my own understanding, we are here to build something new, a new relationship with one another, a common one that engages our whole being; however, in order to do that, we must share our stories, the depths of our lives.

My heart was lifted and I looked around the room, seeing people I have known for decades look back at me — smiling across the room, I started to feel joy. The day was focused on us sharing about our call, our need to give and receive care from one another, and our need to be broken before God so that we can be redeemed by God's son. One moment, by one moment, the relationships in small groups deepened, words of affirmation and prayer were shared, and joy for being in this space emerged for me.



Pete Kontra

So, on a day that I wanted to be outside and by myself, I found myself being led by sisters and brothers through anointing, a message on contrition that connected with my soul, sharing that shaped my hope in our deepening relationships, food that nourished us, and all the while the Holy Spirit uniting us as those who call ourselves Jesus followers.

God's grace is what ties us all together and because of that, my day was fulfilled beyond my imagination of what the day could look like. I am so deeply appreciative of those who came and spoke and reflected God's love for me and for all of those who gathered together. This will not be the last time we gather. God is good, friends!

~Brian Messler, Lead Pastor, Ephrata CoB





BDM Work In Puerto Rico



On Saturday, January 19th, Roger Pepper, Kevin Becker, Joyce Shenk, Randy Hosler, Gary Kreiner, and myself, Zach Hosler, from Chiques COB, and Paul Hosler from Ephrata COB, left on a two-week work camp through Brethren Disaster Ministries to Castañer, Puerto Rico. After landing in San Juan, we were picked up by Lois and Lindy Frantz, who were the month-long BDM site leaders, and made the two and a half hour drive to Castañer. The housing was located on the property of the Castañer COB where we were able to attend the worship service on Sunday. We attended the Río Prieto COB on our second Sunday of the trip.

On Monday, we headed out for our first day of work. Four of us were dropped off to do a roofing job that a previous volunteer group had started and the rest went to what would become our main jobsite. The second group spent the day moving Cano and Minerva into a temporary home about a mile down the road. During hurricane Maria they lost much of their metal roof as well as some of their t1-11 siding. They had managed to patch things back up the best they could with whatever used materials they could find. However, what remained was a house with many roof leaks and mold that was not in good enough condition to salvage.

On Tuesday, we spent the day tearing down the house to nothing but the floors and the few small concrete walls remaining. We started rebuilding Wednesday, and by the end of the two weeks we had everything built, the metal roof on, windows installed, and much of the house stained. The final day on the jobsite was filled with mixed emotions as Minerva and Cano stopped in to say goodbye. We had become like family to them throughout the two weeks as they stopped by everyday to check out the progress and see how we were doing.

During our final meal together, we reflected on the two weeks serving and many shared similar feelings. There were many positive components to the work camp with just a few of those being the leadership, housing accommodations, and job site organization. It was great to be able to serve for an extended period of time and see a project from start to near completion.

Lastly, one of the best parts of this trip was being able to build a friendship with Minerva and Cano and see the joy on their faces as they saw their rickety old home replaced by a sturdy new one. It was such a blessing to be able to show them the love of Christ in a tangible way.



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 rgeisemann@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.



**THE GLOBAL
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**
Thursday-Friday, August 8-9, 2019

Once again, the ANE Nurture Commission will provide the opportunity of a group rate for the Summit. The Group Rate is \$129. The first 25 people to sign up will be able to utilize the rate.

No matter where your influence is — in your family, school, work or church — you are invited to join 405,000 of your peers to learn how to maximize it.

Why should I attend the Global Leadership Summit?

"I have to say it was well worth the investment noting that there were strong takeaways from all of the 15 speakers. I loved hearing about how people all over the world are working towards influencing things for good in every sector of the working world. I appreciated hearing from people in ministry as well as those working with cell phone companies and restaurants. I appreciated their authenticity in their successes as well as their failures. I want to immediately put into action becoming a leader that others love to follow, noting this doesn't mean popularity but does mean respect and value both ways. I also want to take Sheila Heen's advice on addressing difficult conversation including stepping back to separate intentions from impact as I partner especially with so many volunteers. " ~ Megan Lester, Paxton CoB, 2018 Summit

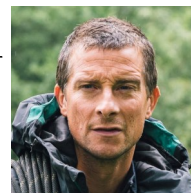
Some of the 2019 Faculty/Speakers



Craig Groeschel
Co-Founder & Senior Pastor
Life.Church



Bozoma Saint John
Chief Operating Officer
Endeavor



Bear Grylls
Adventurer, Writer,
TV Host



DeVon Franklin
Producer, Author, Speaker,
CEO Franklin
Entertainment



Danielle Strickland
Pastor, Author,
Justice Advocate



Aja Brown
Mayor, City of Compton



Dr. Krish Kandiah
Founder, Home For Good,
Consultant, Social
Entrepreneur



Liz Bohannon
Co-Founder & Co CEO
Sseko Designs

A large group will be attending at the Manheim location, but this group rate can be used at other locations. Up to 1.1 CEUs are available to ANE ordained ministers.

For more information, go to our website: www.ane-cob.org under events.



HELPING HANDS BENEVOLENCE FUND AT WORK!



Blessed by ANE Helping Hands Benevolence Fund-

The deacons at Ambler Church of the Brethren maintain a deacons fund to help active participants of the congregation, who are experiencing financial needs. Our congregation seeks to be a welcoming, safe place of support, encouragement and love for all who choose to worship and fellowship with us. During the past year, the deacons have received significant requests for assistance, for which the deacon fund is used.

In the fall, the deacons became aware of matching funds available through the Atlantic Northeast District's Helping Hands Benevolence Fund. Mid-January the application for funds was completed collaboratively by Karin Borgmann-Winter, Enten Eller and Sandy Miller. The deacons received word in late January from the Witness and Outreach Committee of the district, that we would be receiving \$2,800 in matching funds. We are extremely thankful for this support from the district, as it allows the deacons to continue their ministry of being the hands and feet of Jesus in our church family.

From Sandy Miller, Ambler CoB



Joel
Peña

Joel Peña (Alpha & Omega) will preach during Friday morning worship at Annual Conference this year.



Jim
Beckwith

Jim Beckwith (Elizabethtown) continues to serve as Annual Conference Secretary.



POWER OF PRAYER

ANE District Prayer Calendar Requests:

- May 5:** Gifts Discernment Team
- May 12:** ANE Mothers
- May 19:** ANE Ministers
- May 26:** Congregational Leadership
- June 2:** Annual Conference Delegates
- June 9:** ANE Youth
- June 16:** ANE Fathers
- June 23:** ANE Staff
- June 30:** Annual Conference Leadership



BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN PUERTO RICO



In September 2018 BDM , in partnership with the Puerto Rico District Church of the Brethren, opened a rebuild project in Castañer to aid in recovery of Hurricane Maria that devastated many portions of the island in Sept 2017. BDM is accepting volunteers for 2 week periods now through November 23, 2019.

TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT:

Bob Eisemann, DDC

rqeisemann@gmail.com or 717-203-7270 (c)

For additional information, contact:

BDM Office 410-635-8731

BDM@brethren.org

**BDM will be sponsoring small
groups of volunteers through
November 23, 2019**

Volunteering for 2 weeks during BDM sponsored Responses includes:

- Lodging
- Meals Monday through Friday
- Groceries for weekend meals
- Transportation to/from job sites
- Funds to help with travel costs available**

****rules apply**



NOAC 2019

SEPTEMBER 2 – 6

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION: 9/1-2 & 9/6-7

COSTS:

- \$300/PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
- \$415/PERSON, SINGLE OCCUPANCY
- \$190/PERSON, BUS ONLY (NO HOTEL)

INCLUDES:

- ELITE COACH TO AND FROM LAKE JUNALUSKA, NC
- HOTEL ROOM W/BREAKFAST TO AND FROM LOCATION
- TIPS

FEES DO NOT INCLUDE CONFERENCE FEE. REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 15.

EACH PERSON MUST STILL REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE AT WWW.BRETHREN.ORG/NOAC/

Register Online at
www.ane-cob.org or
 fill out the information below
 and send with payment to:

Atlantic Northeast District
 500 East Cedar St.
 Elizabethtown, PA
 17022

Deadline: July 31

PICK UP (SEPTEMBER 1) & DROP OFF (SEPTEMBER 7) LOCATIONS:

BRETHREN VILLAGE (11:15 AM)
 ELIZABETHTOWN CoB (12:00 PM)
 CARLISLE CoB (1:30 PM)
 SCOTLAND, PA (2:00 PM)
 HAGERSTOWN, MD (2:45 PM)
 *TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

CANCELLATION POLICY:

A FULL REFUND WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL JULY 1, 2019. A 50% REFUND WILL BE GIVEN FROM JULY 2, 2019 THROUGH JULY 31, 2019. NO REFUNDS WILL BE OFFERED AFTER JULY 31, 2019.

HOTEL:

COMFORT INN
 AIRPORT,
 ROANOKE, VA

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

- DINNER TO & FROM PA TO NC
- LUNCH FROM NC TO PA

NAME: _____ GUEST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

- ☐ DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$300/PERSON
☐ SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$415/PERSON
☐ BUS ONLY \$190/PERSON

MY LODGING ASSIGNMENT AT LAKE JUNALUSKA IS:

PLEASE INDICATE ROOMMATE PREFERENCE FOR TRAVEL DAYS IF REGISTERING SEPARATELY:

PLEASE INDICATE PICK UP LOCATION:

- ☐ BRETHREN VILLAGE
☐ ELIZABETHTOWN CoB
☐ CARLISLE CoB
☐ SCOTLAND, PA
☐ HAGERSTOWN, MD

PAYMENT IS DUE UPON REGISTRATION. SPACE IS LIMITED TO ONE BUS (54 PEOPLE). A WAITING LIST WILL BE KEPT SHOULD THERE BE ANY CANCELLATIONS. BY REGISTERING FOR THIS EVENT, THE ABOVE CANCELLATION POLICY IS UNDERSTOOD.




Blackwood Quartet
LIVE IN CONCERT
Sunday, June 2, 2019
6:00 PM

Myerstown Church of the Brethren
51 West Stoevers Ave
Myerstown, PA

There is no cost to attend.
A free will offering will be taken.

Call the Church Office at 717-866-5517 with questions.

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2019 Family Fun Walk

COBYS Family Services will host the 25th Annual Family Fun Walk on Sunday, May 5, at Peter Becker Community, 800 Maple Ave., Harleysville. The walk begins at 4 p.m., with registration beginning at 3:30 p.m.



Join us with your church group or other friends at the **25th Annual Family Fun Walk** to benefit the children and families served by the ministries of COBYS Family Services. Participants can simply make a donation, and/or line up sponsors, and come out for the three-mile walk on a safe and scenic walking path.

The top two fundraisers can select a grand prize: two tickets to Sight & Sound Theatre's production of *Jesus*, or pick your favorite door prize. In addition to the t-shirt, ice cream and refreshments, and an opportunity to win a door prize afforded to everyone, walkers can earn additional prizes. Each church youth group that raises \$1,000 or more receives a gym night and pizza party. Please register your group together.

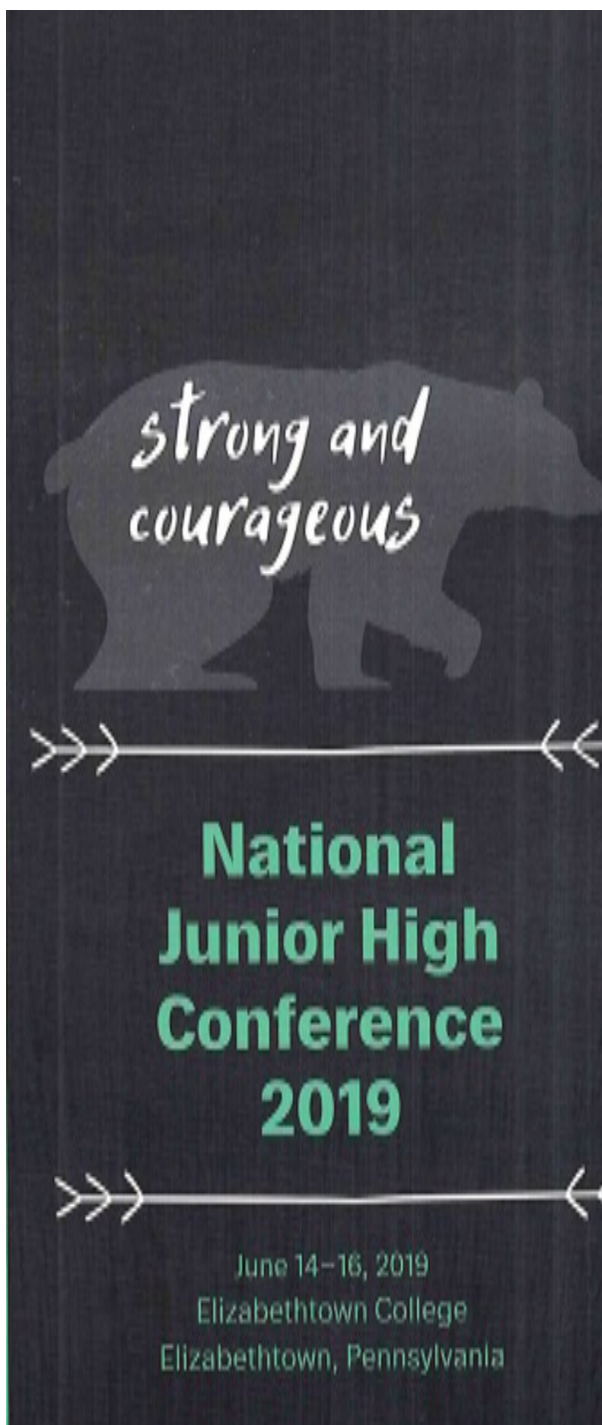
More information is online at www.cobys.org, or contact Anne Stokes at 717-656-6580 or anne@cobys.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

2019 WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMP
August 18-20

Speaker
Susan Eikenberry
Camp Swatara

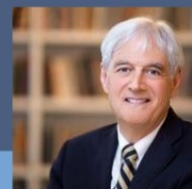


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Saturday, September 21, 2019
Indian Creek Church of the Brethren

A day of worship and learning.
Un día de adoración y aprendizaje.



Paul Munday, Speaker
2020 Annual Conference Moderator

Paul Munday has been a pastor, church administrator, writer, speaker, workshop leader, consultant, and teacher for more than 40 years. Paul is currently, Moderator-Elect of the Church of the Brethren. He also serves as Moderator of the GraceWay Church of the Brethren, Baltimore, MD., and the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren, Hagerstown, MD. During the academic year, 2016-2017, Paul was a Visiting Scholar at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. Prior to that appointment, Paul served for 20 years as Senior Pastor of the Frederick Church of the Brethren in Frederick, MD. From 1983-1996, Paul was a staff member for the national ministry of the Church of the Brethren, serving as director of evangelism and congregational growth, and staff for Korean ministry.

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2019 Run/Walk for Peace 5K

Registration is now open for the Run/Walk for Peace 5K slated for Saturday, June 8 at the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren. Runners and walkers of any age and speed are encouraged to participate to raise money for and awareness about this year's beneficiary: Community Place on Washington. Please check out etowncob.org/runforpeace for registration, sponsorship and other information about the race.



BDRA Kickoff Dinner

You are invited to a great experience of fellowship,
entertainment & food at the Kickoff Dinner
of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction

June 8, 2019 • 6:00 PM

**Family-Style Dinner at
Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland**



LEFEVRE QUARTET

When you think of Gospel Music, the LeFevre name is one that has always been at the top. In 1921, the original LeFevre Trio began traveling and singing across the country; quickly setting the standard for quality and professionalism in what would become known as Southern Gospel Music.

For decades, the LeFevres blazed new trails in Gospel Music, turning out songs and singers that would become legends in the field. Their award-winning music allowed them to sing for Presidents and Dignitaries all over the world. In the late 1970's, some thought the LeFevre name would be retired when the trio came off the road, but in the 1980's and 90's, Mylon LeFevre & Broken Heart became one of the top acts in Contemporary Christian Music. Once again, the LeFevre name continued to break new ground in Christian Music.

As we entered the new millennium, the LeFevre name grew stronger than ever. Within just one year of formation, Gospel Music fans voted the LeFevre Quartet the 2006 Singing News Fan Awards Horizon Group of The Year. In 2007, the group was voted "Breakout Artist of The Year" in the SGN Awards and in 2009, their song, "Big Mighty God" was nominated for a Dove Award. In 2016 and 2017, The LeFevre Quartet have been nominated as a Top 10 Traditional Quartet in the Singing News Magazine's Fan Awards. It often takes more than just a legendary name to gain the recognition this group has attracted, but with stellar vocals, high energy performances, and a heart for ministry, this combination of talent is one you won't soon forget. The LeFevre Quartet strive to reach the masses with a message of hope, grace and salvation through Jesus Christ!

\$30.00 per person

Purchase tickets from Landis and Candy Myer at 717-354-0179 or Sally Bingaman at 717-581-5651.

A free-will offering will be received. We look forward to seeing you there!

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CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

NEEDED. Hempfield COB is currently accepting resumes for the position of church administrator. This is a 30 hour/week M-F position in the church office. The church is located near East Petersburg, PA. Job description is available upon request. Please email your resume and letter of interest to Shirley Heisey (dsheisey@aol.com, [717-940-9216](tel:717-940-9216)).

Annual Conference Transportation

Ken Kreider is again offering transportation and room reservations for Annual Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Leaving from Ephrata, Brethren Village, Elizabethtown, York First Church, Carlisle, and Chambersburg on July 2; Returning on July 7, 2019. For information and reservations please contact Ken at kreiderk@etown.edu, 717-367-7622, or 1300 Bear Creek Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022



Brethren Community Ministries—bcmPEACE, the outreach arm of Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren, is participating in the Highmark Walk fundraiser in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on May 18th. The event is to help raise funds for bcmPEACE's ministry in the Allison Hill Community of Harrisburg. Allison Hill has the largest concentration of low-income families between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Brethren Community Ministries has committed itself to serving this neighborhood—through a food distribution ministry, a computer class ministry, a youth nonviolence and leadership program, and other forms of social service. The Harrisburg First Church community has been challenged by illness and injury over the past few months, so our outreach organization is facing a financial burden. If anyone is interested in offering support or donations, contact Ron Tilley at rtilley.bcm@gmail.com or Melanee Hamilton at mhamilton.bcm@gmail.com or visit bcmpeace.org.

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