

ANE Today



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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As the time for the 2019 Atlantic Northeast District Conference approaches, there are a couple of **new features** for this year's Conference that are highlighted here.

First, in keeping with the theme of "Living the Legacy", the 2019 District Conference will feature a presentation on Saturday morning from **Amanda Dolan** on Brethren heritage. Amanda is from the Windber Church of the Brethren in Western Pennsylvania and is a direct descendant of Alexander Mack and will share her insights into Brethren history and the legacy that we have.

Another new feature of District Conference this year will be the **small group discussions** we are calling "Living Our Vision". Also in keeping with the conference theme of "Living the Legacy", the fundamental purpose of the "Living Our Vision" discussions is to get folks thinking and talking about what is really important about living out the Atlantic Northeast District vision and mission. We want to focus some attention on the ANE District Vision Statement and consider aspects of the legacy of our Brethren heritage and our Anabaptist and Pietist roots.

As Brethren, we consider the entire New Testament as our "creed", in particular, passages in Matthew 5-7 of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' teachings on Matthew 18 for dealing with conflict and forgiveness and in the emphasis on servanthood as expressed in the washing of feet in John 13. We also look to other passages such as Micah 6:8 as a simple expression of how we are to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God".

While similar in concept to the Compelling Vision discussions that are part of Annual Conference the last two years, Living Our Vision is intended to move from the general to the specific for the Atlantic Northeast District and the congregations in the District. **The idea is to get people thinking about what is important and foundational for Brethren congregations and what Living Our Vision looks like in terms of everyday life in our churches and District.**

The results of the Living Our Vision discussions will be collected by the table facilitators and we will compile the responses and develop a report to give feedback to all attendees in the hopes that this information can be useful in considering the programs and ministries of the Atlantic Northeast District and congregations.

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

"Guided by scripture, heritage, and the Holy Spirit, we are creating spiritually healthy New Testament congregations who covenant and network together to further the Kingdom of God."

I urge you to be in prayer for everyone who will plan and participate in District Conference including your role as a participant in worship and fellowship.

I look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you at this year's ANE District Conference!

Brian Berkey,
Moderator

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Conference Highlights

Friday, October 4

- 5-7pm: Ministry Recognition Dinner
 - 50 Year minister celebration: Bill Cave, Ralph Detrick, Kenneth Gibble and Wayne Mast
 - Recognition of TRIM, and ACTS graduates
 - Recognition of newly placed, licensed & ordained ministers

FREE to All, open to everyone:

- 6 - 9pm: Expo and Networking Opportunity (registered so far)

□ ANE Youth	□ Brethren Benefit Trust (BBT)
□ Bethany Seminary	□ Germantown Trust
□ Brethren Disaster Ministries	□ Mission & Ministry Board
□ COBYS Family Services	□ Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
□ Everence®	□ Parish Resource Center
- 7pm: Worship Service — Live Streamed on our YouTube Channel!
 - 50 year celebration!
 - Don Fitzkee, Speaker
 - District Choir (details on ANE website)
 - Offering for Children's Disaster Services

Items collected for Kits of Comfort (details on ANE website)

Saturday, October 5 —

must be registered for Conference to participate

- 7:30am - Bible Study with complimentary continental breakfast
- Conference Business Sessions
 - Brooklyn First Praise Band
 - Reports and Updates from Commissions & Agencies
 - "Living Our Vision" small group discussions
- Complimentary Buffet Lunch, or Lunch & Learn Sessions:
 - New Objects at the Young Center Cast Light on the Brethren
 - 50 Years of the ANE District
 - Being a Pastor's Spouse: Finding your purpose & identity along the way
- ANE District Ministries Display & Information, Item donation for Children's Disaster Services, Free Childcare, Spanish Interpretation—Interpreters needed.

FOR MORE DETAILS, UPDATED INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE, WWW.ANE-COB.ORG.

District Conference is looking for interpreters for both the Worship Service on October 4 and the business sessions on October 5. If you, or you know of someone that would be interested in this paid position, please contact the District Office at 717-367-4730.



District Conference! Free Childcare Provided

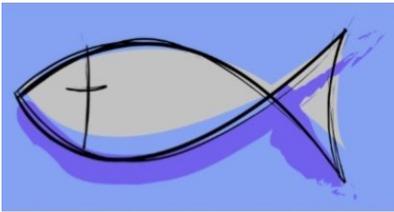


The Atlantic Northeast District is excited to offer childcare once again for this year's District Conference. Children ages 0-12 will be cared for by certified educators during conference hours on Saturday, October 5. The Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren, is opening their doors to any family that is in need of childcare.

All children must be registered prior to the deadline. Walk-in registrations will *not* be accepted. There is a \$20 registration fee per child, with a \$50 maximum of 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 the Atlantic Northeast District Ministries.

Registration is open NOW.

Please visit www.ane-cob.org for registration information.



MINISTRY

Placement News

Geiger Memorial: Open.

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

Lititz: Searching for Director of Children's Ministries and Director of Youth Ministries

Lampeter: Search Committee formed.

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

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

Paxton: Search Committee forming. Mary Etta Reinhart will serve as Interim Pastor 8/26

Richland: Search Committee formed. Levi Zeigler and Chris Dubble serve in interim.

Veritas

truth - mission - community

Veritas became an official

congregation within the Church of the Brethren at Annual Conference in Greensboro this year. And besides the faithful community of Veritas, there are so many who have poured into us, supported us, encouraged us, and went to bat for us. We can't thank each of you enough. The staff of the district, the various congregations, and the many pastors, leaders, and congregation members that have helped this community called Veritas reach this milestone within it's life as a community of faith. So thank you on behalf of the Veritas Community.



ANE DISTRICT—NEW MEMBERS

Elizabethtown — Baptism: Jocelyn King;
Reaffirmation: Audrey Barlet, Donna Barton, Rick Hollinger, Trina Hollinger, Laney Hollinger, Rachel Hollinger, John Stoltzfus, Karen Stoltzfus; *Letter:* Ann DeShong, Winton DeShong.

Little Swatra — Letter: Michelle Kissinger; *Baptism:* Janelle R Rebman, Suzanne Wichert, Ava Blatt, Aydin Blatt, Brooke Bicksler, Aidan Schwalm, Macey Schwalm, Cooper Schwalm.

Paxton — Baptism: Ronal Hawes, Michelle Hawes, Jerney Whritenour, Marie Brown.

Wyomissing — Letter: Scott & Jan Glass King.



Conspire Gathering

The missional event is a special gathering of conversation, being together and learning from one another.

The event, known as the Conspire Gathering, is sponsored by the Parish Collective, a group rooted and linked together in the work of faith communities being “place-based”. The Parish Collective feels strongly that God's flow is moving us towards our neighbors and our, yes, even our neighbors towards us...and in that process, we can experience growth.

Facilitators include Christiana Rice, a keynote presenter at the COB New & Renew Conference in 2018. The Church of the Brethren will be represented by Ryan Braught and Susan Liller, members of the Church of the Brethren New Church Advisory Committee.

You can discover more about the event to share with your district at www.conspiregathering.com.



Witness and Outreach Commission On the Road



A part of the focus of the ANE District Witness and Outreach Commission is partnering with and interacting with some of our ANE District urban churches. In recent years the commission has made the extra effort to visit with some of these urban churches as a means of learning more about how we can partner with these congregations in their ministry outreach efforts in their communities.

On August 3, members of the Witness and Outreach commission spent the morning at Harrisburg First listening to and interacting with the congregational leadership team. The commission learned about the congregation's Food Ministry, Brethren Communities

Ministry efforts (bcmPEACE) and the Agape Satyagraha work with the youth in their community. The commission also learned about the recent Bible School week (WHOOOSH) that took place with the help of from Junior High youth from around the country. A special treat was a visit to the church's urban garden.

Because of this visit, the commission members will be able to better relate to the needs of this vibrant urban congregation in our ANE District. Members of the current ANE District Witness and Outreach commission include: Jim Nolt, chair; Matt Christ, vice-chair; Dawn Weiss, secretary; Gwendolyn Gerena; and Dale Wolgemuth. Mary Etta Reinhart serves with this commission as the ANE Director of Witness and Outreach.



Gifts Discovery Seminar

Taught by Sue Eikenberry

Are there people in your life that consistently step on your last nerve? It could be the differences in your gifts and how you are experiencing each other. God wants to move us beyond just tolerating each other—to appreciating, honoring and making room for our different gifts and perspectives.

What Is Your
Spiritual Gift?



Teaching is based on Romans 12:6-8

Saturday, November 16, 8:15am-3:30pm
at Hempfield CoB

CEU and licensed minister completion credit available. Register online www.ane-cob.org

Sponsored by the District Ministry Commission



AGAPE SATYAGRAHA ANNUAL BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION

We will be honoring our Agape Graduates
and our Peacemaker Awardees!

Keynote Speaker

NATHAN HOSLER

Nathan Hosler is the Pastor of Washington City Church of the Brethren along with his wife Jenn. In addition, he serves as the Director of the Church of the Brethren's Office of Peace and Public Witness based in Washington, DC. In this capacity, he works on a range of policy and peacebuilding issues both in the US and abroad.

Musical Entertainment

MARTIN "EZ" JOHN



Martin John is a proud native of the Caribbean "Isle of Spice" Grenada, West Indies! For over 20 years Martin and his bands have performed and traveled with Cruise Lines providing that special Island Vibe that only comes from the Caribbean. Martin and his wife Brenda live in Harrisburg and are members of Word of Grace Ministries, Harrisburg, PA where they are both members of the Worship Team.



Tickets

\$50 per person
can be purchased.
• by phone: 717.579.4782
• online: <https://bit.ly/2kdkSBO>
or
Sponsor a table for \$400

September 12, 2019
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Best Western Premier 800 E Park Dr, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Be on the look out on our website and Facebook page for more information on the evening!



White Oak Church of the Brethren Meetinghouses

The White Oak congregation was formed out of the Conestoga congregation in 1772. It initially covered a large geographic territory, but several congregations grew out of what originally was White Oak. In 1868 the Chiques congregation was formed to the west. In 1882 the southern end of the territory became the Mountville Church, and the northeastern end, centered in the Manheim area, retained the name White Oak. As with most Brethren congregations in those early days, meetings were held in the homes of members. In 1859, White Oak constructed two meetinghouses: Longenecker's and Kreider's.

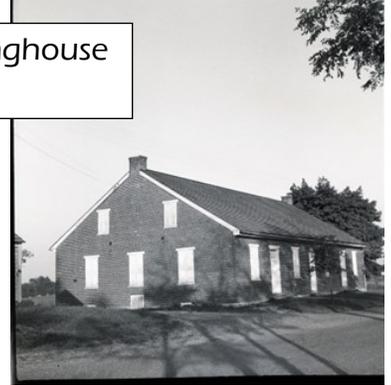
Longenecker's Meetinghouse is located along route 772 at the corner of Orange Street and Longenecker Road, in Lititz, PA. The original 1859 building was torn down in 1912 and replaced with a larger structure which still stands today. It is currently occupied by the Evangelical Christian Baptist Church.

Kreider's Meetinghouse is located on Sun Hill Road in Manheim. It is still in use by the White Oak congregation, which holds

occasional special services there, including hymn sings.

Three additional meetinghouses were used by the White Oak congregation in the past. The Graybill House was built in 1861 on Newport Road just east of Elm. It was replaced in 1881 and enlarged in 1948. Today the building is used by the Trinity Baptist Church. The White Oak House was built in 1915 and sold in 1967. The Manheim House, a frame structure on East High Street in Manheim, was built in 1893 and was replaced by a brick building on Linden Street constructed in 1949. Today the Manheim House on Linden Street is a Masonic Lodge. In 1981 the congregation consolidated their activities into their present campus just north of Manheim on Penryn Road.

Kreider Meetinghouse
in 1950



Kreider meetinghouse today. Note how
the tree has grown!

Longenecker Meetinghouse in 1950



Longenecker Meetinghouse today



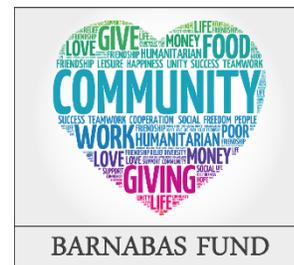
Barnabas Fund in Action!

The Barnabas Fund Team recently received a request from the Nuevo Amanecer Church of the Brethren in Bethlehem for financial support of their community outreach efforts. Leadership in this urban congregation is organizing a community musical concert in October as an evangelistic outreach of their church. The church organized a similar concert last year and with a good response. According to their application 15 persons gave their lives to Christ and over 30 persons recommitted their lives to Jesus. This concert is being offered with ticket prices far below cost as a way of making this event easy

to attend for all. The church is also organizing a youth prayer walk in the community prior to this concert as a way of raising awareness of the event.

This Nuevo Amanecer Church of the Brethren community outreach ministry is being supported by the District Barnabas Fund with a \$1,000 grant for 2019. 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 ANE District website at www.ane-cob.org.



Helping Hands Benevolence Fund at work

The ANE District Helping Hands Benevolence Fund was put to work recently to support the outreach efforts of the deacon body at Indian Creek COB.

According to the request received from the Indian Creek congregational leadership, a family in their Harleysville community suffered a significant loss in their home due to torrential rains and flooding in recent months. A number of volunteers from the church spent a significant amount of time in the home helping the family clean up and recover from the flooding. Our ANE District Helping Hands Fund was able to financially support the cost of some needed repairs in the home that the Indian Creek volunteers could not provide.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those congregations and individuals who provide financial support to this Helping Hands Benevolence Fund. Because we have these funds available, the ANE District is able to partner with and provide financial support to our congregations as they step out to minister in their local communities!



ANE District Prayer Calendar Requests:

September 1: ANE 55 Plus Community

September 8: District Conference Delegates

September 15: Disaster Relief Auction

September 22: Call to Ministry: Pray for those discerning the call, as well as, for those who are seeking to be ordained.

September 29: District Conference

October 6: ANE Ministers

October 13: ANE Educational Institutions: Elizabethtown College, Juniata College, Bethany Seminary, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

October 20: District Youth, Young Adults & Advisors

October 27: Pastoral Placement



It is quite evident there is a great need for quality and qualified ministers within the life of the Church of the Brethren. The church is primed for a renewed passion and vision for calling persons to set-apart ministerial leadership. A new, creative initiative supported by the Office of Ministry is an emphasis for promoting "Calling the Called" events throughout the denomination. A special offering was lifted at the Greensboro Annual Conference designated to support this initiative. Additional information will be forthcoming distributed through the district offices and those responsible for calling and credentialing those in the set-apart ministry.



Within the SVMC area, the Resource and Development Committee of the Governing Board has initiated an effort to promote this "Calling" emphasis. Persons from each of the five districts have been invited to share their "Calling" journey through the writing of short essays regarding their "call to ministry" journey. For the balance of 2019 through 2020, we will be highlighting "calling" stories of individuals who will share their unique perspectives on our theme: **Your Call...Your Journey...Your Education**. Joe Detrick, Chair of the Resource and Development Committee, and former pastor and District Executive, contributes the first essay.

When our family sings together for music programs, my favorite song goes like this "I will plant seeds of (peace/love/joy) in my heart each day, water them, care for them, watch them grow, in my heart each day. In my heart seeds of (peace/love/joy) growing every day."

When this song is sung I remember the seeds for ministry that were planted "in my heart" since childhood. One Sunday morning, the chorister was not able to be in church. The worship leader handed me the hymnal and said, "I know you can sing, get up there and lead us in our hymns today." I was ten years old at the time, and feeling a little dizzy, dutifully walked forward, raised the hymnal high and began singing my heart out. The rest is history!

To read more of Joe Detrick's essay, you may go to <https://conta.cc/2XZ3k0b>. To be placed on SVMC's email list to receive upcoming essays, please contact them at 717-361-1450.

Just a Little Challenge

We have all been reading and hearing stories about all kind of natural disasters that have taken place in recent months. Floods, fires, and tornados have been occurring all around the country.

One of the ways we can all help the recovery efforts from these disasters is by providing clean up buckets that can be used in the clean-up efforts.

The Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland accepts kits year round on behalf of Church World Service, where they're stored until disaster strikes. Then, they're shipped from New Windsor to disaster sites in the U.S. and around the world. According to Terry Goodger, rebuild program assistant with Brethren Disaster Ministries, the warehouse had under 3,000 buckets as of the end of May 2019. This is really low for the beginning of hurricane season.

Perhaps you and/or persons in your congregation would like to accept the challenge of completing some clean up buckets. Just a few buckets (25 or 50) will be a blessing for those who receive them. Or maybe you would like to accept the challenge and do even more buckets than Anville or Elizabethtown.



Here is the Church World Service link to learn what is needed for each Clean up Bucket: <http://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/emergency-cleanup-buckets/>

If you would like further help or information, please contact Mary Etta Reinhart, Director of Witness and Outreach at mreinhart@ane-cob.org or at 717-808-4306.

Let's all step up to the challenge!



Vision for the Future Visión para el future

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

PAUL MUNDEY, SPEAKER

9:00AM—4:30PM

**INDIAN CREEK CHURCH OF THE
BRETHREN
INDIAN CREEK IGLESIA DE LOS
HERMANOS**

WHY SHOULD WE COME?

To participate in a time of lively worship and rich fellowship; to experience inspirational leadership and discussion on the importance of a vision for the future and how your church can be a part of this valuable work.

WHO SHOULD COME?

Everybody who desires to strengthen or establish relationships among the diverse congregations of ANE District.

REGISTER NOW!



Paul Munday

Paul Munday has been a pastor, church administrator, writer, speaker, workshop leader, consultant, and

teacher for more than

40 years. Paul has been called to serve as the Moderator for Annual Conference of the CoB in 2020. 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.

ANE Urban Ministries Initiative

Empowered to propose new vision and practices for ministry in the urban context and committed to building a broader network of relationships among those who have a passion for mission in the city.



CEU equivalents available. Lunch is included in cost of registration. Child Care will be provided for children 6 years and under.

FOR MORE EVENTS AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS,
PLEASE SEE THE DISTRICT-WIDE CALENDAR ON OUR
WEBSITE— WWW.ANE-COB.ORG



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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
MESSENGER

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019
7am—11am
All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast**



Paxton Church of the Brethren
6445 Lyters Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17111

\$6 for all-you-can eat pancakes and sausage.
Blueberries or Chocolate Chips optional additions!
All sales benefit our handicap accessibility project.

Then Sings My Soul

Middle Creek CoB
October 13

Call church for details! 717.738.7986



BEST OF ISRAEL

*A 10-day Inspirational Tour:
May 11-20, 2020*

Hosts: Doug Enck (East Cocalico)- Ryan Arndt (West Green Tree) For itinerary and cost details contact: Doug Enck: dougenck@dejazzd.com / 717-733-4072, or Ryan Arndt: ryanm.arndt@gmail.com / 717-926-1939

Online registration: www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/enckarndt2020.htm

CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER - Family Style

Saturday, October 26, 4-7 pm

Adults: \$10.00 Children (5-11) \$5.00; Take out \$10.00

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Deadline for the Nov/Dec issue of ANE
Today is October 14.

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