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ANE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 2-3, 2020
ONLINE



Karen Hackett,
Moderator

Greetings Brothers and Sisters! I pray that all of you are doing well and have had an enjoyable summer. As I write this in the middle of August, Labor Day is only a few weeks away. We continue to deal with the effect of COVID-19 all over our Country and in our World. I pray that you have remained well, and are following the safety protocols to keep us safe.

I am excited that we will be gathering together via Microsoft Teams for District Conference this year! On Friday evening, October 2, we will be gathering for our virtual Worship Service. **Eric Landram**, Pastor of the Lititz Church of the Brethren, will be bringing the message to us. Please plan to join us for an evening of praising God in song and worship.

On Saturday, October 3, we will gather again via Microsoft Teams to conduct the business of our District. It will be a very shortened Conference this year – so different in what we have participated in previously. There are a number of business items this year and we will also hear reports from our various District Board Members, the District's Financial Report, Annual Conference Agencies, and share in music and Worship. Although we will be gathering virtually, I pray that God will be in our midst as we do the work and business of His Church. The theme of this year's Conference is "Be Still and

Know" from Psalm 46. During this time of uncertainty in our Denomination, our Country and in our World, it is even more important that we spend time with our Lord and

Savior. It is important that we go to Him to find peace and love. It is important that we let go of all that worries and frightens us and to rest in Him and listen for His voice. It is my prayer that each of us finds the time to do this each day.

As we approach District Conference in October, let each of us be praying for a time of blessings, a time of prayer, a time of listening and understanding, and a time of love.

I am looking forward to our time together. May God continue to guide and sustain us in all we do.

Be Still and
Know.....that I am
God.

Karen L. Hackett
District Moderator 2020

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ANE District Conference 2020

Online

October 2-3, 2020

If you have not registered your Delegates, please do so immediately so that the office can assure proper delivery of conference materials and links. Conference Books have been sent to each registrant and will be sent out weekly until September 24. Anyone registering after that time will receive an electronic copy. Please visit our website, www.ane-cob.org for further information and to register.

Friday, October 2, 2020

7:00pm—Open to all!

Worship Service

Join us for a meaningful time together as a District. Our speaker for the evening is **Eric Landram**, pastor at Lititz Church of the Brethren. A link for the service will be sent out to all whom are registered for conference, and also be available on our website and Facebook. Closed Captioning, and Closed Captioning Translation in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Korean are available.

Saturday, October 3, 2020

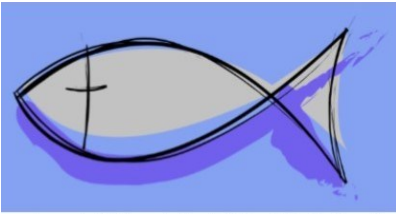
9:00am—12:30pm

Business Session

Please register, and join Karen Hackett, Moderator to hear and learn what is going on throughout the District. It will be a mixture of live and pre-recorded presentations, as well as time set aside for worship. Hear from the Way Forward Group, our District Executive, Board Chair and Treasurer among many others. Registered Delegates will be able to vote via email on our business items. Attendees may participate in question and answer periods using the online chat feature, or may call into the District Office with a question. Closed Captioning, and Closed Captioning Translation in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Korean are available.

Delegate Briefing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1

In addition to the above, a **Delegate Briefing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 6:30pm** for those who are interested to hear about the business items, and ask questions prior to Conference. A link to the meeting will be emailed to all who are registered on August 28. If you would like to attend and are not registered, please contact the District Office for a link to be emailed to you.



MINISTRY

Licensings, Ordinations, and Installations:

Due to the inability to meet in person for worship during COVID19, the ANE District's licensings, ordinations and installations have been postponed.

As time and ability allows, services will resume.

[Placement News]

East Fairview: Bob Kettering serves as Interim. Interviewing.

Geiger Memorial: Open

Lebanon: Erv Huston serves as Interim. Search Committee formed.

Lititz: Searching for Director of Youth Ministries

Mountville: Becky Fuchs retiring effective October 31. Search committee formed.

Mount Wilson: John Hostetter serves as Interim Pastor; Interviewing.

Myerstown: Dennis Garrison serves as Interim.

Paxton: Mary Etta Reinhart serves as Interim Pastor; search committee formed.

Schuylkill: Search Committee forming.

Wilmington: Developing Interim options.



September 6: For our church and community leaders striving to generate awareness of equality and respect for one another regardless of their color.

September 13: Those who continue to be affected by COVID19; wisdom for the COVID 19 researchers and patience for us all as we go through this together.

September 20: ANE District Conference Moderator

September 27: District Conference Delegates

October 4: The Way Forward Implementation Team

October 11: Church pastors and leaders as they continue to navigate through how their worship looks for their church body.

October 18: Churches seeking pastors and staff

October 28: ANE District Board





Copyrights for using You Tube Videos for Church and Live-Stream Service

Recently I received information from Church Tax & Law regarding the use of You Tube Videos in church and in a Live- Stream Service. Since the information given me wasn't allowed to be copied, I checked with Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI). Following is the CCLI response (which I am allowed to copy).

Showing YouTube Videos in Church

Here's a frequent question: Can we show YouTube videos in our church service? This question covers a wide spectrum of content: movie clips, lyric videos, the latest viral sensation, etc.

The answer: Only with prior permission from the copyright owner.

The written policy from YouTube's terms of service specifies that content on the site should only be accessed for "personal, non-commercial use" (5.L.) except where "YouTube or the respective licensors [the copyright owner] of the content" has given "prior written consent" (5.M.).

We have devoted an entire article to the specifics and different scenarios. For more information, read [Showing YouTube Videos In Church](https://us.ccli.com/ccli-news/showing-youtube-videos-in-church/) (<https://us.ccli.com/ccli-news/showing-youtube-videos-in-church/>).

Streaming Church Services on Social Media

As live streaming and archived/on demand webcasting of worship services becomes more commonplace, churches ask the inevitable question: Is it legal?

Again, our answer is: You need the proper permission.

In 2011, CCLI added the [Streaming License](https://us.ccli.com/streaming-license-terms-of-agreement/) (<https://us.ccli.com/streaming-license-terms-of-agreement/>) as a supplement to our [Copyright License](#). It is primarily intended to cover the live service webcasts on your church's website; however it also covers third-party social media platforms, like YouTube and Facebook.

There may be issues to sort through, however, if you use these platforms. As part of YouTube's video upload process, they will ask whether your video includes copyrighted content that you don't own. Typically, for church services that include music, the answer is yes. YouTube will then mandate that your video includes advertising, and the rightful copyright owner(s) will receive a share of that ad revenue.

Facebook's algorithms and search bots are particularly vigilant at identifying and removing videos with potential copyright violations. In the case of church services, Facebook does not initially account for videos that are covered by our Streaming License. So it may require correspondence with their support team to resolve.

We trust that this has been beneficial. If you have additional questions, feel free to [contact CCLI at 1\(800\) 234-2446](#). We're here to help.

Blessings to all as we continue to worship in new ways.

Kay Weaver

ANE Director of Stewardship





Barnabas Fund in action!

The Barnabas Fund Team met in early May to determine 2021 funding based on requests received from ANE district churches. Alpha & Omega, Brooklyn First, Germantown, and Harrisburg First were all offered funding for 2021 contingent upon approval from the ANE District Board and approval of the 2021 Ministry Investment Plan by the ANE District Conference in October. Approval for these funds is also subject to the availability of funds based on the 2020 giving of our ANE Congregations.

The **Alpha and Omega** congregation in Lancaster was granted their full request of \$27,000. This congregational was also granted an additional \$10,000 in response to an application that had been received earlier in the year. In their application we see this description of their ministry:

Alpha & Omega COB is a Christ-centered congregation that is passionate about reaching out relationally into the Spanish speaking community who doesn't know Jesus as Lord and Savior.....

We have found that establishing relationships in the



community has been the best methods of evangelism. This basic strategy underlies all of our outreach efforts. Each year we have a two-month campaign where we encourage members to invite not-yet Christians friends to learn about Bible based lessons on Christian life in their homes. This creates an environment where they can ask the important questions about what it means to become a believer in Jesus, and see Christians living out their faith in action. These groups also serve a vital function of discipling new believers.

In response to this generous grant, Pastor Joel Peña sent a letter to the Barnabas team with these comments:

"I am writing this letter to thank you personally on behalf of our Board for your donations towards our ministry. Your very generous gift makes it possible for us to continue meeting the educational and social needs of the local community in Lancaster PA."



**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.**



Church Youth Groups Join in Sign Language Camp

Instead of using their hands to paint a church in Florida for Work Camp as originally planned, Lancaster COB youth used their hands to learn a new skill. Youth from both Annville COB (led by Becky Hitz-Hearsey) and Un Nuevo Renacer fellowship (led by Odett Rodriguez) in Mountville joined in the five day online event too. It was a multi-age work camp with campers from age 10 to 19 years old. For several it was their first "Work Camp" experience.

A total of eleven youth and leaders met four hours each day, with a break for lunch, to learn about Sign Language, deaf culture, and the [ministry of ICCD](#). Along the way they learned to sign the scripture verse Mark 16:15 and the Michael W. Smith song *Great Is the Lord*. The group achieved in learning over 200 signs and could sign sentences in conversation by the end of the week. During afternoons, they met in small sessions with additional ICCD volunteers to practice signs and play games. Each evening the camp continued with activities to do at home like watch a documentary about the deaf, wearing ear plugs for an evening to experience silence, and more. Just like work camp, campers each received a t-shirt and shared group devotions about the theme for their week.

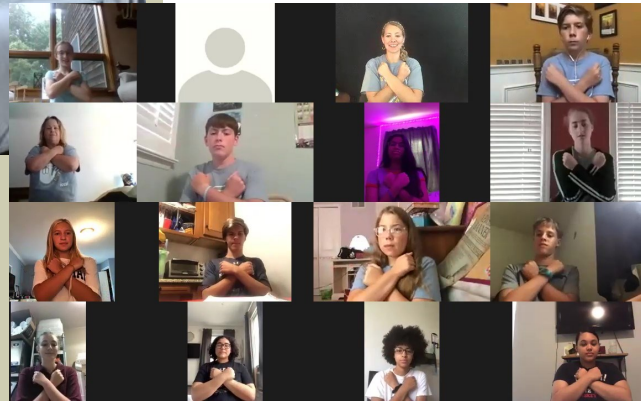
The camp was led by Kayla Rohr, who works as a missionary to the deaf. Kayla met Lancaster Youth Director Linda Byers in 2015 when the Byers' were serving with Bahamas Methodist Habitat on the island of Eleuthera, Bahamas. The idea to hold the camp came together after Linda consulted Kayla about sign language for the song *Blest Are They* that was used in LCOB online worship services. Linda and Kayla collaborated to organize the activities and schedule events for the campers. This is a first-time adventure for all of the groups to hold a camp online.

The mission of ICCD is to bring the gospel message to the deaf around the world. Many deaf children and adults do not have access to learn signing communication. They can easily be marginalized and may never be taught about God and the life of Jesus. Currently, the ministry is working in Mexico, Cuba, The Bahamas and Uganda. Go to <https://iccd.net/> to learn more about the ministry.

Brooke Smith, a High School Junior from the Lancaster COB, shared these thoughts with her church about the week:

"Four hours a day on Zoom did not seem like a long time! It went super quick because we were learning a lot and having a really

great time. During this week I learned how important it is to share the gospel with the deaf. There are about 446 million deaf people and only five percent of them are Christians.



Each of the evening activities taught me a lot more about the deaf community. The documentary we watched the first night, [Through Deaf Eyes](#), especially opened my eyes to what their lives are like. My favorite evening activity was playing a game with my friend, but in silence. It was certainly a difficult task, but we had so much fun trying to communicate without using our voices. The interview with the deaf pastor on Thursday impacted me the most because it enlightened us all on his experiences as a deaf person. We were able to learn a lot about his life, and he answered whatever questions we had. His story was very inspiring.

This was my first work camp, and I would definitely go on a work camp again. It was a great experience and I learned a lot. I would do a Zoom work camp again too! It worked super well and was a great alternative.

I would share with the congregation that, even though we can't all be together right now as a church, we can still find ways to reach out to others, make new friends, and share our knowledge with the community."



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 7



Online virtual gathering of all our urban churches!
More details to come.

This year is different. There's no question about that. But, we can all still experience and enjoy what we love about Bike & Hike.

First and foremost, it is about raising funds to offer the children and families COBYS serves the kind of transformative, positive, life altering care they deserve.

Second, it is about getting out, being active and enjoying fellowship. Admittedly, that looks different this year, but it is no less important.

For more information, please see their website: <https://cobys.org/bike-and-hike/>



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OCTOBER 21, 2020

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Our Vision:

*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.*

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