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Scott Moyer, Moderator

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We are in the later parts of Summer and rapidly approaching Fall. Traditionally, this means return to school for students (and parents); fuller churches as family vacations are completed; and football! This also means that for the 52nd time District Conference is rapidly approaching and therefore now is the time to register (<http://ane-cob.com/districtconference/> and click register at the top of your screen).

Everyone, non-Delegates and Delegates, have the opportunity to participate in Being Renewed in Christ!

Prior to District Conference, I encourage you to participate in the **Thursday, September 30, Bible Study (7 pm - Online only)** focused on Colossians 3, and the **Friday October 1, Worship Service (7 pm - In Person or Online)** will be highlighted by multi-cultural inspirational music followed by Brian Messler, Ephrata COB Senior Pastor, challenging and encouraging us to Be Renewed in Christ as the Holy Spirit guides our navigation through the ANE Way Forward process.

The Bible Study and Worship Service are **open to the entire ANE Family**, no registration is required, while the Saturday October 2 Business Sessions (9 am to 4 pm – In Person or Online) require registration at the above link. Delegates that choose to participate in Business Sessions online can familiarize themselves with the technology platform connectivity and voting process by joining in one of two **training sessions to be held online Tuesday September 7 (6 pm) or Wednesday, September 8 (1 pm).**

Your ANE Program and Arrangements Committee, responsible for organizing District Conference, is **excited that we have the option to gather in person for Friday Evening Worship Service and the 52nd District Conference.** You can also choose to participate in the Bible Study, Worship Service and 52nd District Conference online for those that enjoy the benefits of technology or choose to participate from the comfort of home or another location. ANE Program and Arrangements Committee received guidance from Elizabethtown College that allows us to gather in person without capacity limitations. Your ANE Program and Arrangements Committee has been diligently planning for





multiple scenarios, a significant challenge, over the prior year, and this very recent development can best be described as an answer to prayer!!

Delegates will have the opportunity to participate in a **Delegate Briefing** session to be held on Tuesday, September 14 (7 pm - Online only). District Leadership will provide background and review of the business items and provide a time for delegates to ask questions regarding those business items.

During the Business Sessions we will be inspired by the wide variety of the way the Holy Spirit is working through local congregations, ANE and global COB and also through multi-cultural inspirational music. Delegates will be asked to act upon several business items, including the 2022 ANE Leadership slate, changes in status for a Fellowship and Congregation; Proposed Ministry Investment Plan 2022, and ANE's proposed Fair Share amount.

The ANE Way Forward Team will have time to present its vision, and offer time during our insight sessions for questions, and more personal conversations. Joe Detrick will offer a separate insight session titled Cultivating a Culture of Call and Why it Matters.



ANE District Board, Leadership, Committees, and COB Agencies are committed and excited to continue to serve Jesus, you, and your congregations. They look forward to sharing how the Holy Spirit is working through the COB and ANE and encourage you to plan now to participate in the 52nd District Conference and the ANE Way Forward process, which will be a key topic to be covered at District Conference.

District Conference in a Nutshell:

Open to All:

- Delegate Briefing: September 14, 7:00p, Online
- Bible Study: September 30, 7:00p, Online
- Worship Service: October 1, 7:00p, In Person or Online

Business Session Highlights:

- ◆ Scheduled for 9a-4p (8am Fellowship and Continental Breakfast)
- ◆ Both live and pre-recorded reports
- ◆ District wide Praise & Worship Team
- ◆ Lunch Break
- ◆ Insight Sessions
- ◆ Ability to have closed captioning and closed captioning translation.

To register go to: <http://www.ane-cob.org/>

Please go to the District Conference Website: <http://ane-cob.com/districtconference/> for updates.

ANE DISTRICT—NEW MEMBERS

East Fairview — *Baptism:* Avery Ginder; *Letter:* Stephanie Ginder, Steven Ginder

Little Swatara — *Baptism:* Sarah Haag

Mount Wilson — *Baptism:* Hunter Anderson, Tracey Geist, Todd Geist.



September 5: NOAC

September 12: Students and teachers returning this fall

September 19: District Conference Leadership

September 26: Delegates as they prepare for Conference

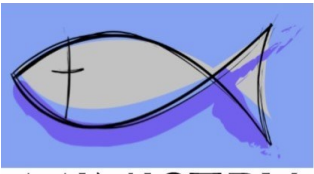
October 3: Brethren Disaster Ministries

October 10: Youth & Leaders at Camp Swatara

October 17: Newly Elected District Leadership

October 24: Way Forward Team

October 31: District Board as they plan for their retreat.



MINISTRY

Licensings, Ordinations, and Installations

Matt Kramer's (Lancaster) licensing service was on June 27, and performed by Pete Kontra.

Jamie Nace's (Lancaster) ordination service was on June 27 and performed by Pete Kontra.

Angela Finet's (Mountville) installation service, pictured, was on July 11 and performed by Pete Kontra, District Executive.

Tim Graybill's (Coventry) licensing service was on August 15 and performed by Pete Kontra.



Placement News

Brooklyn First: Beginning search process.

Conewago: Negotiating.

Elizabethtown: Interviewing.

Geiger Memorial: Open

Green Tree: Interviewing. Considering Interim options.

Lititz: Searching for Director of Youth Ministries.

Mechanic Grove: Bob Kettering serves as Interim.

Myerstown: Beginning search process. Dennis Garrison serves as Interim.

Nuevo Amanecer: Interim Team established.

Pottstown: Search Committee formed. Scott Major retiring effective September 30, 2021

Stevens Hill: Negotiating. Andy Hamilton resigned effective October 31, 2021.

West Green Tree: Mick Allen retiring 2/22/22.

Wilmington: Bob Wintsch serves as Interim.

The Barnabas Fund Needs You!

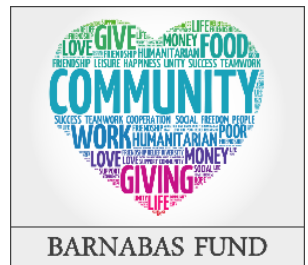
The ANE District Barnabas Fund needs your support. If your congregation or small group desires to offer financial support to an important ministry in our district, the Barnabas Fund would be a good place for that support. The name Barnabas Fund has been chosen to represent the concept of financial encouragement for congregations who need a fiscal boost to accomplish their God-calling in ministry. This fund has traditionally offered financial support to our ANE District urban churches.



When the Barnabas Fund team met in May, Harrisburg First was granted \$28,000. These funds will be shared with them in monthly installments during the upcoming 2022 calendar year. This money will support a variety of outreach ministries which include Agape Satyagraha (a youth leadership program), Bright Futures (which helps young adults to transition to trade school or college and then on to a career), Pathway to Prosperity (breaking cycles of generational poverty) and Wellness Hub (a collaboration with the Central PA Food Bank).

In their application, we were reminded that Harrisburg First "has a rich legacy of community outreach which began in the 1960's and continues through the present time." It was also explained that "we share God's love with the whole person in the context of family, neighborhood, and faith community." The funds that we offer through the Barnabas Fund make a very big difference in the outreach ministry of this urban congregation.

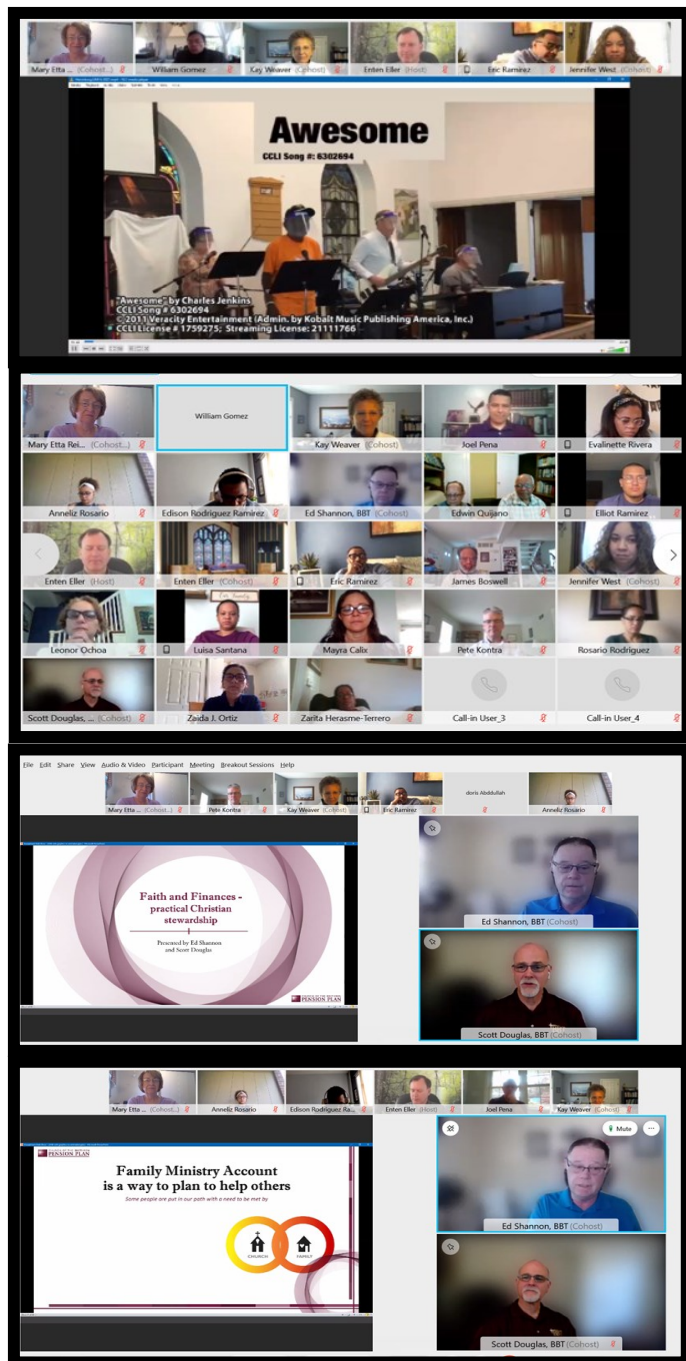
Please consider offering your financial support to this important ANE District ministry. For more information about the ANE District Barnabas Fund, check out the "ANE Special Funds" section of the ANE District website at <http://www.ane-cob.org/>.





Faith and Finances – Put your money where your faith is.

Family Ministry Challenge Follow Up



On Saturday, June 12, the ANE District Urban Ministries Initiative leadership team sponsored a virtual gathering called Faith and Finances – Put Your Money Where Your Faith Is. Scott Douglas and Ed Shannon from Brethren Benefit Trust led a discussion that reminded us that all of us, as Christians, are called to be good stewards of all the gifts – including our money - that God has entrusted to us.

This event was hosted as a Webex event which gave us the opportunity to offer closed captioned translation of all that was being said. Attendees were able to share questions and join in the discussion by using the chat feature of Webex. This made the event much more interactive. Worship teams from Harrisburg First, Germantown, and Alpha and Omega provided times of praise and worship to this gathering.

Ed Shannon offered an intriguing challenge to the attendees by describing how his family sets aside a portion of their income in a family ministry fund that can be used to reach out to help and encourage persons who they know in their church and community. Attendees were challenged to test out this idea in their own life. All in attendance at this virtual event received by mail a \$10 bill and were asked to find a way to make a difference in the life of someone else.

We have received a number of testimonies from our attendees explaining how they used that \$10 Family Ministry Seed Money. Here is the link where you can read their stories:

<http://ane-cob.com/familyministriestories/>

Our Urban Ministries Initiative team will soon begin to plan another gathering that will support and encourage our urban pastors and congregations. Details will be shared as soon as they become available!



Little Swatara CoB Work Team Travels to Ohio

Members of the Little Swatara COB's youth group and their advisors participated in a work camp in Dayton, Ohio during the week of August 1, 2021. Youth members included Clara Hardick, Chad Henning, Jacob Straw and Kyle Yenser and advisors included Cheryl Straw and Richard Yenser. Work during the week was in coordination with Dayton's Tornado Survivors Pathways to Homeownership program, which helps to provide homes for families who lost their apartments due to a tornado on Memorial Day weekend in 2019. The "Pathways" program acquires abandoned homes to renovate and open lots to build upon. In turn, the homes are sold to affected families at a mortgage rate lower than their rental costs. To date, 17 families are being helped through this program.

During the week, thanks to the direction the project manager, Ed Olkowski, the group learned a new skill of hanging drywall. They were successful in hanging the drywall through the entire house with exception of the bathrooms. The group met the future homeowner, Alicia, who was very excited to see the progress made on her house. On the last day, the group started demolition of an existing home. This was a favorite activity of the group as they successfully gutted a kitchen, bathroom and several rooms to make way for renovations. It was an inspiring, fun and productive week. The group was appreciative of all of the gracious and dedicated BDM volunteers at the Dayton location as they provided great fellowship, food, music and game playing in the evenings.

~Matt Christ, Pastor



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 District 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 mreinhardt@ane-cob.org.

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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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