

ANE District Conference 2024
October 11 & 12
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This past year we were encouraged by Brother Moderator Dave Nichols to seek unity in spirit, like-mindedness, and to seek to be a blessing to others, which is our calling as believers. In a time of great challenges within our denomination, this is a very worthy effort. For this coming year, I would ask that we now turn our focus outward, remembering that our God is a sending God, and we are charged with taking his message of peace to a troubled world.

In the 5th chapter of 2 Corinthians, the apostle Paul reminds us that as we make our peace with God, the Holy Spirit gives us new life. We are recreated, not merely rehabilitated or reeducated. Under the guidance of the Lord, we begin a new life. He makes peace with us, reconciling us to himself by erasing our sins and making us right with him. Having been reconciled to him, we are then entrusted with the precious task of encouraging others to make their peace with God. We become Christ's ambassadors in the world. The job of an ambassador is to serve as an official representative of one country to another. We, as ambassadors of Christ, are sent out into the world with his message of peace and reconciliation—a daunting task, for sure, but also a privilege!

Therefore, the Program and Arrangements Committee's chosen theme for this 2024 District Conference is "Christ's Ambassadors: Pursuing the Path of Reconciliation." Let us be about this task, brothers and sisters, with all the power and grace that is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.

A short word about District Conference logistics: We are returning to a location at Elizabethtown College. Because of the enthusiastic response from last year's delegates, we will continue with the new practice of being seated around tables to facilitate dialogue. I will share further details in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

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District Conference Moderator

2 Corinthians 5:17-21
CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS



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17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Translation—NRSV