



55th ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE
October 11-12, 2024
Worship at Mountville CoB
Business Session at Elizabethtown College, KAV

Morning Business Session

- 7:00 Fellowship & Complimentary Buffet Breakfast in The Marketplace until 8:15am
7:30 Check-in and Expo Opens
8:15 Welcome and Introductions – Kathy Brode, Moderator
8:20 **Business Item #1:** Adoption of Agenda
8:25 Welcome from Elizabethtown College – Mark Clapper, Executive Director of College Engagement (pgs. 9-12)
8:30 Opening Music and Meditation—DJay Martin, Pastor, Parker Ford CoB and friends
8:50 District Executive – Pete Kontra, District Executive (pgs. 13-17)
9:00 District Board– Jim Grossnickle-Batterton, Board Chair (Report in Conference Packet)
9:10 **Business Item #2:** Disorganization - Richland Church of the Brethren
Business Item #3: Disorganization – Long Run Church of the Brethren (pg. 18)
Business Item #4: Revision: Plan of Organization, Article 6; Related Institutions and Interest Groups (pgs. 19-20)
9:30 Commissions (pgs. 21-31) – Please also refer to your Table Discussion Workbook Church Development, Ministry, Nurture, Witness & Outreach, Stewardship
10:45 Break
11:00 Financial Report – Ray Flagg, Treasurer (pgs. 32-36)
Business Item #5: 2025 District Ministry Investment Plan
Business Item #6: Approval of the 2025 Fair Share Giving Amount
11:15 Presentation of the 2025 Slate – Angela Mountain, Gifts Discernment Co-Chair (pgs. 37-43)
Business Item #7: 2025 Slate
11:25 Announcements, Instructions and Prayer – Kathy Brode, Moderator
Those attending an insight session will be dismissed first for lunch.

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- 11:30 Lunch, Fellowship, Networking Expo. Please visit, fellowship and take a look at the following organizations: ANE Ministries, COBYS Family Services, Brethren Disaster Ministries, Shalom Team, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center. Lunch closes at 1:00pm

Insight Sessions (one hour): Pre-registration required. Map on back cover. Golf cart transportation is available to the Hoover Center for those who may need it.

12:05 --PT Pastor; Full Time Church (Hoover Hall Room TBD)

12:05 -- Fresh Expressions (Hoover Hall Room TBD)

12:05 – The Priesthood of Regular People (Hoover Hall Room TBD)

Afternoon Session:

- 1:00 Hymn Sing – those attending an insight session will join when finished
- 1:30 Christ’s Ambassadors: Pursuing the Path of Reconciliation: Time of Discussion and Feedback led by ANE District Shalom Team (pg. 44 & Workbook)
- 2:25 Camp Swatara – Timothy Courtright, Executive Director (pgs. 45-46)
- 2:30 Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center— Ray Flagg, Treasurer & Karen Hodges, Program Director (pgs. 47-49)
- 2:35 Annual Conference Standing Committee –Misty Wintsch, Standing Committee Member (pgs. 50-51)
- 2:40 Mission & Ministry, Church of the Brethren Denomination (pgs. 52)
- 2:50 Greetings from The Center for Caring and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI), Dr. Rebecca Dali
- 2:55 Bethany Theological Seminary (pgs. 53-56)
- 3:00 Break
- 3:10 Question & Answer Time:
Pete Kontra, District Executive & Jim Grossnickle-Batterton, Board Chair
- 3:30 COBYS Family Services – J. Michael Lausch, Executive Director (pgs. 57-60)
- 3:35 Office of Peacebuilding & Polity (pgs. 61-62)
- 3:40 Clerk’s Report and Slate Presentation Report – Douglas Nyce, Clerk
- 3:45 **Business Item #8:** Action on all Reports – Kathy Brode, Moderator
- 3:50 Consecration and Transfer of Leadership –Kathy Brode, Moderator and Frank Fox, Moderator-Elect
- 4:00 Closing Hymn & Dismissal

Listening Team for District Conference

Members of the District Shalom Team will be available throughout the day to listen to any thoughts, concerns, ideas, etc. that may arise among those attending Conference. If there is something on your heart or mind and you would like someone to hear you in a sincere and meaningful way, please feel free to come to lobby and speak to someone from our team. One of us will be there between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. We pray this resource will be a help to those who may need it.

Evaluations

Please remember to complete and submit your Conference Evaluation Form located in your folder. *Boxes are available on the tables in the lobby for evaluation forms. Surveys are available electronically via link in your email or on our website.*

**We look forward to seeing you October 10 & 11
at Elizabethtown College in 2025!**