

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	At 8:15 a.m. on October 12, 2024, the 55th Annual District Conference Business Session, of the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren, was called to order by Moderator Kathy Brode from Spring Creek CoB. She welcomed all brothers and sisters, especially first-time delegates. Frank Fox, Moderator-Elect, is absent and unable to fulfill his term. The Executive Committee is addressing this opening. She went on to welcome the officers, presenters, and Parker Ford Praise Team. Listening teams will be available in the seating area in the hall. She asked everyone to silence their cell phones.
<b>CONFERENCE OFFICERS</b>	Mrs. Kathy Brode, Moderator, Mr. Ray Flagg, Treasurer, Dr. Douglas L. Nyce, Clerk.
<b>CONFERENCE PERSONNEL &amp; DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF</b>	Janae McMichael, Parliamentarian, Pete Kontra, District Executive, Krista Dickson, Office Administrator, Kelly Bernstein, Communications Manager & District Conference Coordinator, Deb Krantz, Timekeeper.
<b>MOTION</b>	The agenda was moved and seconded to be approved as presented by email and as an insert in the conference packets.
<b>BUSINESS ITEM #1</b>	Adoption of Agenda  <b>The agenda was adopted unanimously by voice vote.</b>
<b>TABLE TALK</b>	The delegates introduced each other at their respective tables.
<b>WELCOME</b>	<b>Dr. Mark Clapper</b> , Executive Director of Legacy Planning and Engagement at Elizabethtown College, welcomed delegates and non-delegates, on behalf of Elizabeth A. Rider, 16 <sup>th</sup> President of Elizabethtown College and referred the assembled to the college report found on pp. 9-12 of the conference booklet. He expressed his gratitude for the return of the conference to Elizabethtown College this year. He noted that under President Rider, there continues to be an emphasis on student support and transition. He stated that she holds up and embraces the founding values of peace, non-violence, social justice and human dignity. He noted the 125 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the college, having been founded in 1899 by the Church of the Brethren. A video was shown about the college and its anniversary. He noted that the anniversary is being celebrated through the telling of stories by graduates and others who are associated with the college. He referred the assembled to <a href="http://etown.edu/125">etown.edu/125</a> for those stories. He also noted that there are 540 new students in the freshmen class.
<b>OPENING MUSIC AND MEDITATION</b>	<b>Brother DJay Martin, Pastor, Parker Ford CoB and friends</b> led singing. This is My Father's World, He Reigns, and others.

**DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**

**Brother Pete Kontra, District Executive**, thanked the Moderator and all sisters and brothers wherever they may be, wishing everyone a good morning. He asked everyone to read through his report on the work of the District to be found on pp. 13-17 of the conference booklet. He praised God for all that we have, all the good that we can name. He also thanked Don Mitchell, Mary Etta Reinhart, Kay Weaver, Krista Dickson, Kelly Bernstein, Jim Grossnickle-Batterton and all the boards and commissions.

He noted that there a just a few things happening in the world right now. A lot of people are suffering. So much division and anger around us, even in the church sometimes. Looking at where we are, it is time to turn the corner and live into that vision that God has for us. He continues to be hopeful. People ask him, how are you doing, with everything going on. He stated he is doing well and that there is so much to be hopeful about in serving a mighty God. He asked, Will you join me? We can't stop seeking what each of us is called to bring to the table. How do we adapt to reach people in our communities in a world that doesn't work the way it did 50 years ago, or even 10 years ago? We must be engaged in our communities. It is wonderful to see how the Holy Spirit works. We will have great insight sessions today. What he sees and hears in different ways is that it is time to put an end to religion. What did Jesus the preach? Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are the peacemakers. Don't make a show of your prayers. You know who a person is by the fruit that they bear.

We know the stuff, that this is the proper way, that causes us to split. Stuff that causes folks to run away. The church's identity as seen by the world may have changed, but our purpose has not changed. Look at the early Brethren, the institutional church not really doing anything to help them. There must be more, living life in Jesus's example. They met in small groups to study the Bible and meet the needs of one another. The early Brethren put an end to religion in their lives and began lives living as disciples of Jesus Christ. If you love one another, you will be known as Jesus disciples. To give ourselves in love is to devote ourselves to the most important part of the law, to justice, mercy and faithfulness. Our proper ways of doing church are not what is going to survive forever. What will survive is our faith in Jesus Christ and his transformative power, and how we live that out in our own lives. How do we grow in sharing our resources, meeting the needs of all? How do we spur one another on to do the good works of Christ in our communities? Our District Board and I know many others in the District who continue to lift up the Way Forward commitment to the love of Jesus Christ. We have a newly formed Way Forward Shepherding Team. Pete stated that the team is Enten Eller, Natasha Beaumont, Sam Frankhouser and himself. He introduced Sam.

Sam Frankhouser spoke about his happiness to look out at the crowd, small church, big church, liberal, or conservative, we are all ambassadors to the wider community that we serve. If we can sit here and talk to each other, there are pastors, lay people, the fact that we can sit and talk and share, the way we move forward is to frame our community, to devote ourselves to it and to represent Jesus's teaching that we love our neighbor. Today is a start. He stated that he would love to get this size group together three or four times a year. We have the Brethren connection. He stated that he hopes we can leave as ambassadors today.

Pete Kontra noted he pulled out 30 pages of feedback from last year that staff and the Board are picking through and processing. Thank you for that. Pete closed with Ephesians 1: I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

**DISTRICT BOARD CHAIR**

**Brother Jim Grossnickle-Batterton, Board Chair**, referred the assembled to the District Board, Directors, and Commissions Reports in the Conference booklet. He read the mission statement of the ANE District. He stated that our labors are in vain, when we do not center them on Christ. He noted he is pastor of the Lititz CoB. He stated he is grateful for everyone, for all of the congregations. You are the district, after all, he stated. He thanked everyone who has followed through to serve. He referred the assembled to Appendix A. He stated that we are asking everyone to reflect on why you are committed to the Church of the Brethren. Perhaps, like him, you have many reasons that you cannot put words to, but know you are in the right place, in the right family. He encouraged everyone to ask others in their congregations why they are committed to the CoB. He offered a brief prayer of lament as we move forward with the next two business items, which weigh heavily on us.

**BUSINESS ITEM #2**

The District Board recommends the disorganization of the Richland Church of the Brethren.

Background to this item was given by the Board Chair. If they chose to leave the CoB, that means they also chose to leave the ANE District. There are congregational votes, meetings with the congregation and leadership with the District leadership, looking for ways to be reconciled. The business item in front of you is the last legal step after this process has been followed.

There were no questions.

**The item was approved, with one delegate opposed.**

**BUSINESS ITEM #3**

The District Board recommends the disorganization of the Long Run Church of the Brethren, with plans to sell its physical assets.

The Board Chair noted that the Long Run congregation's remaining 12 members decided to close the church.

There were no questions.

**The item was approved unanimously.**

**BUSINESS ITEM #4**

The District Board recommends the adoption of the Revision: Plan of Organization, Article 6; Related Institutions and Interest Groups (pp. 19-20).

The Board Chair explained that the ANE District interacts with a number of outside organizations such as Elizabethtown College, Camp Swatara, etc. This motion seeks to move the outlying organizations to Appendix A.1, so that changes to the relationship can be undertaken more efficiently by the Board.

There were no questions.

**The item was approved unanimously.**

**COMMISSIONS**

Commission reports of Church Development, Ministry, Nurture, Witness & Outreach, and Stewardship (pp. 21-31).

**CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

**Brother Ryan Braught** greeted the congregation on behalf of the Church Development Commission. He noted the formation of an advisory board for the Brooklyn First Church of the Brethren to help them carry out their vision and mission statement. They have begun to meet monthly to review the church structure and to draft new By-laws. He also noted the District's new project, Arbor Park, Lancaster, PA, was recognized at Annual Conference in 2024. He noted that there are three questions for table conversations, drawn from Fresh Expressions 101: Who in your community is not connected to the church, how are they already gathering, and to which group of people do you already feel drawn to?

**TABLE TALK**

**The delegates discussed the questions for 10 minutes.**

**MINISTRY**

**Sister Ann Bach, Chair of the District Ministry Commission**, brought greetings from the Commission. She noted they meet monthly for several hours. She referred the congregation to her report on pp. 26-27. The Commission oversees the three C's. The first is calling, the second credentialing, and the third is companionship. She also noted that the ANE District is providing a 5-year ethics training in Spanish and English. The 5-year review process for ordained clergy is upcoming. November 2 is the last training available prior to ordination renewal. She noted the Commission identified the need for Hispanic resources to work with our

Spanish speaking candidates. These are being secured. She noted that when we break for lunch, ministers and clergy should go to receive a gift of thanks at the table with flowers in the back. The Commission secured a grant from the Seeds of Faith Fund to support female clergy to attend the Feb. 10-13 COB Clergywomen Retreat in Winter Park, Florida. We will be able to provide the early registration fee, thanks to the grant, though transportation and accommodation funds will not be provided. She noted that there has been data showing an increase of mental health issues with clergy. She encouraged us to talk together about ways congregations are supporting ministers. Table talk question: How does your congregation encourage, support and nurture your pastors?

**TABLE TALK**

**The delegates discussed the question for 10 minutes.**

**NURTURE**

**Sister Karen Hackett, Chair of the Nurture Commission**, spoke about her report on pp. 23-25. She highlighted the ANE Day at Camp Swatara and the Women's Spring Fellowship gathering at Lititz COB. She noted upcoming dates including a Women's Camp at Camp Swatara August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. She took time to recognize and thank the members of the commission. She stated that they ARE the commission to be on, it's so much fun. Her questions for table talk are: How can the nurture commission improve communication, encourage participation, and provide a prayerful and nurturing ministry that supports, energizes and blesses our brothers and sisters in our congregations, and as a delegate, what is one thing that you could commit to, as it relates to district ministries and helping us get the word out to congregations regarding all we are doing?

**TABLE TALK**

**The delegates discussed the questions for 10 minutes.**

**WITNESS AND OUTREACH**

**Brother Tim Speicher, Co-Chair of the Commission**, referred the congregation to the Witness and Outreach Commission report (pp. 28-29). He highlighted partnerships with congregations such as the plumbing, electrical work and countertops replaced at Harrisburg First by District members. They also noted the mold remediation project at Brooklyn First, with members from four different districts involved. He also highlighted the Helping Hands Benevolence Fund which covers costs for fulfilling needs. A request from the Lebanon COB for help for a member who was having surgery. Oasis of Hope Fellowship also requested funds for repair of a leaky roof of a member of the Fellowship. The questions presented for table talk are: What kind of projects would work well for the Church 2 Church ministry? What projects would you like to have a sister church help you with at your church? What needs do you have at your church that could be supported by the Helping Hands Benevolence Fund?

**TABLE TALK**

**The delegates discussed the questions for 10 minutes.**

**OUTREACH PROJECT**

**Sister Mary Etta Reinhart** drew the attention of the congregation to the District Service Project: Hurricane Relief. She encouraged the delegates to get their congregations to take on the 100 bucket challenge. Brethren Disaster Ministries has distributed more than 3,000 clean up buckets and has only 1000 remaining. She noted that information is available using the QR code on the flyer in the conference packet.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Sister Barb Coffman** noted that the Stewardship Commission has undergone challenges. Kay Weaver retired as Director of Stewardship in 2023, and Treasurer Ray Flagg will be finishing his third term. Scott Moyer resigned after the vote by East Fairview to withdraw from the denomination. She encouraged the congregation to read the report (pp.30-31). Kay Weaver agreed to serve as Interim Director of Finance through 2025. Questions for the table talk: What inspires you, personally or on a church level, to give to the District Ministries? What can the Stewardship Commission do to inspire you and your congregation to give more?

**TABLE TALK**

**The delegates discussed the questions for 10 minutes.**

**BREAK**

The delegate body took a 15-minute break.

**FINANCES**

**Brother Ray Flagg, Treasurer,** reported on the finances of the ANE District as reported on pp. 32-36 of the conference booklet. He noted that congregational giving is down nearly \$20,000 over last year. He addressed the decline as an issue in each of our congregations and asserted that it was not necessarily due to departing congregations. He spoke to the current financial report, the auditor's financial statement, the 2025 Ministry Investment Plan and concluded by introducing Business Items 5 and 6 (recommended by the District Board).

**QUESTION**

Jeff Keller, Lebanon COB. Congregations to put a challenge budget to their members of an additional \$52 per member. He asked if there has been an increase in personal contributions. It was a motion approved by District Conference last year, that each member would contribute \$52 during the year. He encouraged everyone to remind their congregation members to try to meet this by the end of the year.

**TREASURER**

Ray suggested that everyone in this room needs to take this back to their congregations.

**BUSINESS ITEM #5**

The District Board recommends the adoption of the 2025 District Ministry Investment Plan. Budget proposed of \$520,267, a 2.13% increase.

There were no questions.

**The item was approved unanimously.**

**BUSINESS ITEM #6**

The District Board recommends the approval of the 2025 Fair Share Giving Amount of \$55.00 per member.

There were no questions.

**The item was approved, with one delegate opposed.**

**BUSINESS ITEM #7**

**Brother Douglas L. Nyce presented the 2025 Slate** (insert in the conference packet and on p. 43 of the Conference Booklet). He noted that the ANE Gifts Discernment Team is always seeking additions to the ANE District Talent Bank from which potential volunteers may drawn. He encouraged the delegate body to shoulder-tap those in their congregation who may have fulfilled similar roles as those at the District level. He urged members to share names with the District Office Staff.

**MOTION**

**The District Board** recommended the affirmation of the 2025 slate, Business Item # 7.

**The 2025 Slate was affirmed with 92 slates returned, 86 affirming the slate and 6 exceptions.**

**LUNCH BREAK**

The delegates took a break for lunch and to attend insight sessions.

**HYMN SING**

The congregation praised God through half an hour of song led by Cyndy Schuler and accompanied by Alex Ramirez.

**CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS**

The ANE District Shalom Team members Jamie Nace, Karen Haldeman and Cyndy Schuler, with the assistance of Jason Haldeman, put on a skit to illustrate reconciliation through Jesus. Jamie asked the congregation to reflect and share on a time when you have personally experienced reconciliation, be it with family, work, the church, etc. Why do you continue to be committed to the Church of the Brethren? How can you be an agent of reconciliation within the District and your congregation? (p. 44 and workbook). Cyndy Schuler asked delegates to come to the mics to share ideas and to offer verbal insights from your conversations.

A member shared that we are often more committed to our congregations than to the district or denomination.

Another member shared they have commitment because they see the COB as a New Testament church not tied to a creed. She endorsed simple living, the peace stance, the Love Feast, etc. She also shared that there is a need for conflict resolution training for congregations. She suggested that confrontation is not a dirty word. We all need to look

underneath the rug, seeing the dirt that is under there and ask how we all contributed.

Another member shared that they are committed to the COB because he has personally experienced a level of kindness that he hasn't seen in other churches.

A member shared that the COB strongly talks about the priesthood of all believers, men and women.

A member shared that after 911 when all of the messages of pacifism came in, it was difficult for him, being a soldier serving actively. He left the COB and visited a lot of other churches, but they weren't satisfying. After a few months, he decided that if we can put just issues to God, we can come back. We are all sinners saved by grace. We are not the judge. Avoid the extremes and division and look for Jesus's way.

#### **CAMP SWATARA**

**Sister Pamela Gerberich and Brother Jason Haldeman presented on behalf of Timothy Courtright, Executive Director and the Board of Directors.** The report is recorded on pp. 45-46 of the conference book. Faith formed, memories made, God glorified. They noted that April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is Spring Into Swatara Day.

#### **SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER**

**Brother Ray Flagg, Treasurer and Karen Hodges, Program Director** presented their report as recorded on pp. 47-49 of the conference booklet and through a video. SVMC: Growing in Knowledge, Rooted in Christ. Ray noted that Donna Rhodes narrated that video. She has been the director for 25 years but will soon retire.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Sister Misty Wintsch, Annual Conference Standing Committee Member,** presented the report as recorded on pp. 50-51 of the conference booklet. She noted that Standing Committee has a long week at conference. She challenged anyone who can be away from home for 8 days, listen open-mindedly, attuned to the Holy Spirit, to consider being a part of Standing Committee for three years. She found conference moving to see the moderator gavel passed from one sister to another for the first time. Remind the rest of our brothers and sisters, with grace, that we are different, but equal. She stated she has been honored to serve.

#### **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**Traci Rabenstein, Executive Director, Mission Advancement for the Mission and Ministry of the Church of the Brethren** presented a report on the denomination, including a letter from the General Secretary found on p. 52. The Church of the Brethren comes together to support each other and our communities. Global mission seeks to share the good news of Jesus Christ through supporting Brethren throughout the world. Continuing the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply and together.



She reported that Sharon Norton has been hired as the Executive Director of COB Global Mission. We support Bread for the World and other organizations and international partners. She reported that Jen Hosler has taken on Jeff Boshart's role. Brethren Disaster Ministries, Children's Disaster Services, Brethren Volunteer Services, FaithX, and other organizations are supported by the COB through the Mission and Ministry of the COB. National Older Adult Conference is another of these ministries. National Youth Sunday, National Junior High Youth Sunday, National Youth Conference, etc. are all organized. She expressed gratitude to everyone for supporting the denomination, gifts of money, time and prayer.

**CENTER FOR CARING  
AND PEACE INITIATIVES**

**Dr. Rebecca Dali** brought greetings from the CCEPI. She noted that she founded CCEPI on 4<sup>th</sup> of April in 1989, and in Mt. Joy in May, 2018. Our purpose is to reduce suffering and promote peace and economic development. She noted that this was prior to the rise of Boko Haram in Nigeria In 2002. She was motivated by her own experience of the effects of poverty. CCEPI provides household needs including food, shelter and employment. She stated that many people are still suffering in Nigeria. She shared that Boko Haram tried to end her life in 2017, so she stays here. She thanked everyone for supporting EYN and the people of Nigeria.

**BETHANY THEOLOGICAL**

**Doug Macias, Director of Fundraising and Constituent Relations at Bethany** presented a report found on pp. 53-56 about Bethany Seminary. He shared that Bethany is doing well in Richmond for 30 years. He stated that Bethany is thriving and flourishing. They graduated 11 masters' degree students and 17 graduate certificates. 22 graduates in Nigeria earned post-graduate diplomas. They offer in-person and distance learning. 97% of the students have no seminary debt. They offer affordable and acceptable platforms for learning. Not one student in the last semester took out a student loan. He sees himself as an ambassador for Christ in his role. The latest fund-raising goal is \$12,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 has been raised.

**BREAK**

The delegates took a 10-minute break.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER**

**Brother Pete Kontra, ANE District Executive, and Brother Jim Grossnickle-Batterton, Board Chair**, answered questions presented by the delegate body.

Pete encouraged everyone to present thoughts, questions, etc. This is the second year for the two of them. The Q and A had been with Pete and David Steele the year before.

Joel Peña, Alpha and Omega COB, asked if the district has a plan for planting churches for the next 10 years. Pete answered that there is no specific plan, but continue to support that work that happens. He stated that there are congregations that could be involved in that church planting. Some of our smaller congregations are challenged in different ways, so there is work to be done there. We all need to be working on that vision.

Karin Borgmann-Winter, Ambler COB, asked the status of available ministers in the district and what that looks like longer term. What does the recruitment and training of ministers look like presently for us. Is this more our cultural reality now, that there are not ministers available? Pete answered that this is a problem in other denominations as well. Often those undertaking training are already serving somewhere. There is a long list of interim ministers, so there is a great need for permanent ministers. He encouraged congregations to identify those in their own congregations who might have gifts and feel a calling. Jim offered a word of hope, in our history this is a place we've been before, he noted that paid full-time ministers is a relatively new concept in the COB. We may perhaps need to reimagine our own future. If we have a number of folks who are gifted or qualified in one place, perhaps we can find a way to move them across district lines, etc. to grant them the opportunity to serve. Pete also shared that on the positive side, we currently have 23 licensed ministers in the district. 10 are women, 12 are persons of color, 8 are female persons of color.

Naomi Kraenbring, Elizabethtown COB, asked, "From where you sit, as you look out over the District, what presents to you as the biggest challenge and in what do you find the most hope or the most joy?" Jim shared that a challenge that he sees is parochialism. We want to make sure our congregation is doing what it always does well, but may not perhaps be focused on the district or denomination. Thinking from table talk: what would it take for three congregations to share one youth ministry person, for example? It would help another of us out to think in models like that. Jim shared that when he hears a really good idea, it is often a bunch of red flags that we talk about that are really about parochialism. We tend to think about ourselves and our congregations rather than the reign of God being built. Pete echoed that. Some of our smaller congregations that may not have the resources others do, understanding that we are one body here, with all of our differences. How can we share resources and encourage each other. We're all in this together. Pete said he continues to be encouraged. Every Sunday he is at a different congregation. Each one has great stuff happening that God is doing in your congregations. Another challenge, how do we continue to communicate that and lift it up to others. Jim offered that he sees congregations doing very innovative things. He noted Parker Ford as an example in bringing three congregations together. He

challenged them to present an insight session on the story of Parker Ford's unification. This is a hopeful story.

Jerry Cassel, Conestoga COB, asked to hear more about the Parker Ford story. Pete noted they are thriving and that is a testimony to their leadership. DJ stated that the district being open to it was crucial as well.

#### **COBYS FAMILY SERVICES**

**Becky Fuchs, Chair of the Board of Directors introduced Dr. J. Michael Lausch, Executive Director** who presented a COBYS report via video, and as recorded on pp. 57-60 of the conference book. She stated that Mike comes with years of leadership experience in education, including Superintendent of the Donegal School District. Mike stated that he is glad to hear that there is a lot more Jesus in the room than in an educational conference. Doing it is harder. He stated that COBYS employees deal with a lot of trauma daily, but 100% are mission-focused, with a heart for Jesus. He stated that there are a few challenges. The largest challenges are the court system, insurances and funding. The decisions come quickly and are rapidly changing. This creates instability for families and children. Liability insurance is very difficult to get for our agency, as very few offer it. The children are the responsibility of the county and state, but they are immune from liability. We are not. Our funding comes through adoption, flat rate from the state. Foster Care comes from counties, whatever they want to give. Counseling is private insurance. The state and county do not offer what is needed. Anne Stokes is a wonderful Director of Development working to find donations to fill these gaps. He believes COBYS provides excellent care in spite of the challenges. You can help through prayers for our case workers. They carry a lot of trauma. He asked for donations, financial or in kind. A recent donor made a prayer card for everyone in the organization. We are willing to come and speak in a moment for mission or to other small groups or organizations. Please email Michael if you have any questions.

#### **OFFICE OF PEACEBUILDING**

**Nate Hosler, Director of the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy** presented a report as found on pp. 61-62. He is also the Pastor of Washington D.C. COB. He grew up in the Chiques COB. On the board of the National Council of Churches. Hannah Nelson is working as a BVSer with the office. What does it mean to proclaim the gospel of peace? Represents, Discern and Stand with in solidarity and pastoral care. Started the Nigerian Work Group 10 years ago. We have briefed the last four ambassadors to Nigeria. Finding the way to peace is quite difficult. The COB 2013 Annual Conference Resolution on Drone Warfare was the first such of any denomination. Artificial Intelligence: the only voices so far are the Pope and Nate. He published an article in Sojourner's Magazine. Traveled to Israel and Palestine in May. Visited a Kibbutz that lost 60 of 600. Gazed into the destruction in Gaza. Visited 9 of 14 new

COB congregations in Uganda. The members expressed the joy and peace of Christ. Engaged in peace-building training.

**TIME OF QUESTIONS**

There were no questions about the reports.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

**Brother Douglas L. Nyce, ANE District Clerk**, presented the clerk's report.

Friday Night Worship Service Attendance: 140

Nigerian Crisis Home Rebuilding Offering: \$1,644 – Edited due a mathematical error and additional donations.

Bible Study Attendance (online): 23

District Conference Saturday Morning Session: 161

District Conference Saturday Afternoon Session: 160

Delegates: 100 present out of 103 registered

Total possible delegates: 188

Congregations and Fellowships: 47 present out of 47 registered

Represented out of a possible: 57 (NB: this does not include Projects or those in the withdrawal process)

**QUESTION TIME**

**Kathy Brode, Moderator**, announced that the floor was now open for questions on the reports presented.

**There were no questions.**

**BUSINESS ITEM #8**

**Kathy Brode, Moderator**, asked for a motion and a second for action on all reports. A delegate moved to accept **Business Item #8**, the reports as submitted. This was seconded by Misty Wintsch.

**The reports were accepted unanimously as submitted.**

**MODERATOR**

**Kathy Brode** thanked Doug Nyce for his six years of service as Clerk. She also thanked the musicians for leading the praise songs and hymn sing. She stated she is grateful for all of the servant leaders, especially Kelly Bernstein. She will leave the gavel in the hands of the committee that will choose the next district moderator.

**WORSHIP**

The conference closed in the singing of It is Well with My Soul.

**DISMISSAL**

The conference concluded at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
D.L. Nyce, Clerk