

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

August 2021

FROM THE DISTRICT MINISTER

God's providential care over our lives is a wonderful thing. He is at work every day to guide us and protect us, perhaps mostly in ways we will never know or perceive. One of those ways is through the ministry of his holy angels. His angels' interaction with us is mostly unknown to us, but nevertheless, very real. God uses them to guide the course of our lives and aid us in time of need.

Sometimes though we are able to perceive the presence of angels and can sense their work on our behalf. Years ago I was a chaplain at Peter Becker Community, a Church of the Brethren retirement community in Harleysville, Pennsylvania. I remember being at the bedside of a lady resident as her death drew near. She was a devout Christian lady. All of a sudden I felt the presence of a number of angels standing around the perimeter of the room. They were tall and powerful. It was as if you could see them and yet you couldn't see them, but they were there.

And it indeed seemed that they were there on this lady's behalf as her last moments on this earth drew closer

This became evident in that as soon as she breathed her last, the angels were gone. Their

presence and power left the room. Episodes like that make me wonder just how often God's angels are sent to minister to us. We will never know, unless it is revealed to us in glory. But it is indeed a comfort to know that the Lord, in His love, aids us through these special beings who love Him.

Today may you walk in the confidence that your life is in God's hands. He is

very attentive to your needs and is at work in seen and unseen ways. To Him be the glory!

Peace to you!

Bill Wenger



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FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the **September 2021** issue is

August 10, 2021

Please send your information to tlehman@brethren.org.

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Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

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8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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2021 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2021 District Directory has been sent out via email.

If you would like a paper copy of the 2021 District Directory, please contact Tina at tlehman@brethren.org or 814-479-2181

REQUEST FOR DIRECTORIES

It is very helpful to the District Office staff to have updated information from all the churches we serve.

If your congregation has a new directory for **2021** please send one to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935
Thank you!

ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT
HAS COME, AND THE GLORY OF
THE LORD RISES UPON YOU.
ISAIAH 60:1



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The District is looking for someone who can help with the former Church of the Brethren Home files. After the sale of the Brethren Home, the District inherited 2 storage lockers near the District Office full of records. There were 3 volunteers working with these records but it has been difficult as some of them live in the Pittsburgh area and some also have full time jobs. Volunteers would be needed to help with requests for the following:

Former employees that:

- a) are seeking new employment
- b) are applying for retirement benefits

Skills: Preferable medical background. Sleuth. Patience.

A confidentiality statement will need to be signed.

Please apply to: District Office:

**115 Spring Road,
Hollsopple, PA 15935-7412
814-479-2181**

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Changes

Craig Gaunt—Resigned as pastor
at Conemaugh
Eric Longwell—Resigned as pastor
at Good Samaritan
Michael Kenney—Called as pastor
at Locust Grove
Pete Kaltenbaugh—Retired as pastor
at Meyersdale
Dottie Grew—Called as part-time pastor
at Meyersdale
Eric Shaulis—Called as part-time pastor
at Meyersdale
Mike Swick—Called as part-time pastor
at Meyersdale
James Kensinger— discontinued his ordination

NEW MEMBERS

Congregation

Geiger— Sandra and Bud Stoner

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH CONCERNS

For **Pastor Chuck Mahon** from the Rayman COB as he is recovering from knee surgery to address a severe infection. He will be on IV antibiotics for several weeks.

VIRTUAL SERVICES

Walnut Grove COB Sunday Services on
Facebook at 10:00 am
<https://www.facebook.com/Walnutgrovecob>

Geiger COB Sunday Services are on
Facebook at 10:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709517105945633>

Salisbury COB Sunday Services on
Facebook at 10:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-Church-of-the-Brethren-211422968870314>

Scalp Level COB Sunday Services
at 10:30 am
[Scalp Level Church of the Brethren - YouTube](#)
[Scalp Level Church of the Brethren | Facebook](#)

Tire Hill Sunday Services on
Facebook at 10:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tire%20Hill%20Brethren/1002178363177827/>

****If your congregation is sharing services online, please contact the District Office and Tina will list the information in upcoming Highlights.**



ACROSS THE DISTRICT

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The **Greensburg COB** is exploring the prospect of creating a new part-time position—
Director of Children and Youth
Ministry. This would be an excellent
opportunity for the person chosen by God.
Anyone who feels called to partner with them
to disciple young people should
contact Pastor Stephen Parfitt
at 724-552-3333 or
pastorstephengbgcob@gmail.com
for more information.

PRAISE IN THE PARK

The **Scalp Level COB** will be hosting its
3rd Annual "Praise in the Park" on
August 14, 2021
from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm
at Windber Rec Park in Windber.
The evening will include Christian singing groups,
activities for young and old, a free
dinner, and fireworks to cap the night off!
Mark your calendars!

EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

(located directly across the street from the
Penn Run Church of the Brethren)

Quilters Retreats

Friday and Saturday, October 8 & 9, 2021

Scrapbook Retreat

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Annual Craft Show

Saturday, November 13, 2021

Call 724-463-0420 for event info .

*Be strong
and courageous.*

Do not be afraid or
terrified because of them,
for the Lord your God
goes with you;
he will never leave you
nor forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

NEWS FROM INDIANA COB



- **Theology on the Grill** open to all Young Adults (ages 18-35) who have a question about Christianity, the Bible, and the Church. Weather permitting we have a campfire with hot dogs, s'mores, and mountain pies. We meet the last Saturday of each month. They had 14 young adults at the first meeting at the end of June!

- The annual **Life Rocks** Festival will be Saturday August 7- 11:30-3:30pm. There will be live Christian music from Church Worship Teams, food vendors, various Pastors and Bible Teachers to speak. All money raised goes to Life Way Pregnancy Center in Latrobe and Indiana PA.

All are welcome!

The **Indiana COB** has added the "Do Business As" name, **Freedom Fellowship Center**. *John 8: 36 tells us, "Whom the Son sets free is free indeed!"*

They have started back up our outreach programs and added a new one:

- **Restart**—Youth Group-first and third Friday of each month beginning in June.
- **Joyful Noise Coffeehouse** - first Friday of each month in the Church Fellowship Hall. Open mic- Local musicians with positive music, people with uplifting poetry readings, and comedians with clean jokes are all invited to come out. All are welcome to attend!

YOU'RE INVITED!

LIFE Rocks FESTIVAL

AUGUST 7, 2021
11:30AM-3:30PM

Join us for a variety of Live Music from Local Bands, Food Vendors, Gift Vendors and Fun!

All proceeds benefit the LifeWay Pregnancy Center of Indiana PA

**FREEDOM
FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

905 MCKNIGHT ROAD
INDIANA, PA 15701

facebook.com/indianacob

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

GEIGER COB

Put on your Western Duds
and Hurry On Down!
We're havin' our annual

HEAVENLY HARVEST HOEDOWN

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
at the Geiger Church Grove:
4:00 P M --- 6:00 PM

FEATURING:

- ~ Cook your own Hot Dogs and Smores
around the bonfires
- ~ Fun with Razzle and Dazzle (Christian Clowns)
- ~ Hayrides for everybody and games for the kids!
- ~ Inspirational Music by Judy and Larry Walker

**FUN FOR FOLKS OF ALL AGES AND IT'S
FREE!**

(Please bring a donation of produce or canned
goods to benefit the Somerset Food Pantry)

Questions?

Contact Pastors John and Linda Stoner

Phone: 814-444-8800

E-Mail: pastorsjandl@gmail.com



A TIME FOR REVIVAL

The Geiger Church of the Brethren extends a heart-felt invitation for all to experiences a time of spiritual revival and renewal. All are welcome to take part in these uplifting services led by District Minister Bill Wenger.

Feel free to participate in any or all of the following services:

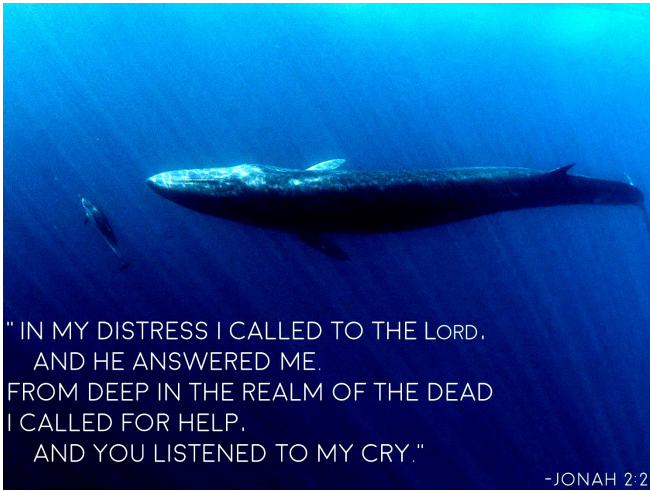
Sunday Morning—September 19, 2021 @ 10:30 am

Sunday Evening—September 19, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Monday Evening—September 20, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday Evening—September 21, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2021



District Conference October 16, 2021 at Camp Harmony

The conference will be in-person this year, following any safety guidelines that may be in place during that time.

The 4-delegate format that was to be going to be used last year will also be used this year.

Please contact the District Office if you have any questions.

CONFERENCE NOTES

- Registration forms will also be sent out via email to the District Office contact list at the beginning of August.
- Smaller churches who are not on the email contact list will receive a registration packet via mail in the middle of August.
- Please be sure to fill out the registration form completely, front and back, remembering that there are only **4 delegates** per congregation. This helps the District Office staff process your congregation's information more efficiently.
- Child care will not be offered this year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience as we move forward.
- The Program and Arrangements Committee is hoping to return to a larger capacity conference event in 2022.

Thank you!



SOME GOOD NEWS!!

CHURCH IS OPEN!



After a year of two Sunday services (for distancing) the congregation at **Rummel COB** joined back together for one service on June 13 at 10:00!

That morning provided a strong storm as they arrived, but after they shook off the rain everyone was greeted by balloons at the door and colorful name tags so they could remember each other! They had a great time of worship all together, followed by a fantastic covered dish meal. And now they look forward now to greeting their missionary family serving in Guam and several other opportunities for fellowship and re-connection!

BIRTHDAY MILESTONE

Thelma Longwell from **Plumcreek COB** will be 99 years old on September 1st! If anyone would like to send her a card, her address is:

Thelma Longwell
1297 Girty Road
Shelocta, PA 15774



CALL FOR GOOD NEWS

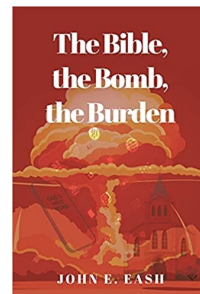
We can all use some good news now and again right?

Keep sending me good news to share; milestone birthdays, milestone anniversaries, academic achievements, etc. I look forward to sharing more good news from the District!

tlehman@brethren.org

NEW BOOK

Pastor John Eash has written a new book titled, "The Bible, the Bomb, the Burden". In it he asks the question, "Why is the church silent on the ethics of artificial intelligence, gene-splicing, and robots?"



This plain-language book claims it's because she lost interest in science at the onset of the Atomic Age in 1945.

It's time to re-focus our thinking as we seek God's truths for the electronic world of the twenty-first century. A huge challenge facing today's church is how to share faith with young people in society as generation gaps widen. Pastor John contends that believers are not being heard because we don't understand modern language. In a world of electronics, gene-splicing, and artificial intelligence, the gospel message is contained in language that makes no room for changes that have remodeled civilization.

In discussions of scientific advancements, the church has yet to raise a voice. The book begins with a need to agree on definitions of truth: the Bible. After that, it does not pretend to give many answers but shows areas where to come to grips with the situation. It asks readers to become aware of realities in their own lives. It describes the back-and-forth relationship between church and science. By the time they get along, the church tending to spiritual truths and science, the material research is learning secrets of the atom: the bomb. After 1945, the church forgot its duty of monitoring the spiritual impact of progress: the burden.

A big help in recovering may be that thousands of believers work in these new areas, especially the health field and electronics. They may be key players in helping to connect the dots. The impact of electronic media, including effects on the brain, is discussed. Research into the workings of mind and body offer clues on how spiritual truth affects us all. A big question: What and where is our understanding of spiritual truth while the Bible we know is disappearing? Printed books are fading away. This book is written especially with ministers, teachers, parents, and students in mind. **You can find this book at Amazon.com or by contacting Pastor John Eash at 814-629-0206 or jonwil@atlanticbb.net.**

SUPPORT FOR HONDURAS

EL HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL SHOE PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Summer Shoe Collection Report:

Shoes were picked up on June 11 at the ICA building in Jerome. The packing team consisted of Bill Cuppett, Arbutus Blough, Adrienne Punanko, Dr. Ron Beachley, Ross Camut, and Pastor Brad Griesheimer, along with our driver, Joshua.



4,100 pairs of shoes were loaded at the ICA building, and our profit check from the project for El Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel totaled **\$1,564.80**. Added to our previous shoe fundraisers, the total the district has been able to send to the orphanage is over **\$5,000**. Each time we send a shipment, we are amazed and gratified at the support from each congregation that allows us to support this mission.

The next shoe drive is already underway. Please encourage your congregation to collect gently used shoes, sandals, boots, and slippers. Rubber band the pairs together, and deliver them to the district office during business hours. Shoes may also be delivered to the ICA building on collection days this fall. Please see future District Highlights editions for exact dates.

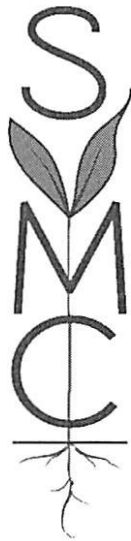


You can deliver your shoes to the ICA building at 1929 Penn Avenue in Jerome on the packing day, OR to the District Office during business hours. Thanks again to all those who are able to support this project!



Any questions should be directed to: Arbutus Blough - 814-479-9279; Marie Camut - 814-266-3010, April Mackell - 814-536-1589, or Karen Nagavathy- 814-244-6977.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



SVMC is a Church of the Brethren ministry education partner with Bethany Theological Seminary, Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and the Atlantic Northeast, Mid- Atlantic, Middle Pennsylvania, Southern Pennsylvania, and Western Pennsylvania Districts.

Our mission is to equip leaders for ministry in a regionally based, Christ centered, culturally relevant context in ways that bear witness to the beliefs, heritage, and practices of the Church of the Brethren.

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Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Upcoming Continuing Education Events

Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention, Part IV

Saturday, October 9, 2021, Huntsdale Church of the Brethren
Leader: Dale Leverknight

PCCI IV will draw upon the skills learned during the first three classes. However, if this is your first time to join us, don't worry. We'll catch participants up as we begin the day. PCCI IV will assist congregational leaders in preparing the church to be one part of the overall community response efforts in the event of large-scale disasters such as storms, floods, etc. The class will teach you how to look closely at the resources any congregation has (you may be surprised at what you already have) and offer them to the community in the event of such catastrophes as well as networking and communicating with the overall emergency response personnel in your respective areas. We will also spend time at reviewing the local congregation's safety and security measures. Looking forward to having you join us.

[Registration Link](#)

Kingdom Building in Worship

Saturday, October 30, 2021, Stone Church of the Brethren
Leaders: Cindy Laprade Lattimer, Marty Keeney and Loren Rhodes

Sundays are relentless. Worship happens every...single...week. It is a spiritual, cognitive, emotional, and sensory experience. But without careful planning, worship can easily become stale, unimaginative, and bland. This seminar is designed for anyone who has a role in planning worship: pastors, music leaders, lay ministers. We will use both presentations and workshop components to support attendees in developing a process for planning worship that is meaningful, Christ-centered, cohesive, thoughtful, and sensitive.

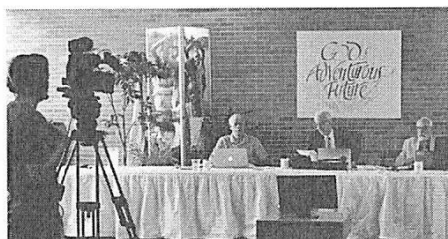
[Registration Link](#)

Brethren and Race

Thursday, November 4, 2021 -- Zoom
Leader: Denise Kettering-Lane

With the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement and concerns about racial inequity in recent years, Brethren have been asking many questions about our past history with slavery, segregation, and racial inequality in America. We will examine common Brethren narratives around rejecting slavery and working towards Civil Rights in light of current concerns, take into account the influence of Brethren German-ethnic identity, and consider significant Annual Conference statements related to race. Finally, we will consider how Brethren history might inform more recent conversations in our congregations, communities, and countries related to race.

[Registration Link](#)



The officers preside over the virtual Annual Conference from a head table at the Church of the Brethren General Offices in Elgin, Ill.: (seated from left) moderator-elect David Sollenberger, moderator Paul Munday, and secretary James Beckwith. Operating the camera is Aidan Replogle. Photo by Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford

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Wrap Up

Together, as the Church of the Brethren, we will passionately live and share the radical transformation and holistic peace of Jesus Christ through relationship-based neighborhood engagement. To move us forward, we will develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovative, adaptable, and fearless.



Graphic designed by Donita Keister and Nicole Keister-Hornig

By the numbers

Registration: 519 delegates from congregations and districts and 705 nondelegates for a total registration of 1,224

New fellowships and church projects:

1 new fellowship: **Centro Ágape en Acción (Los Baños)** in Pacific Southwest District

3 new projects: **Nueva Visión la Hermosa Iglesia de Los Hermanos** and **Conexión Pasadena** in Pacific Southwest District, and **Light of the Gospel Fellowship** in Atlantic Northeast District

Offerings received as of July 4:

\$3,705 for the Core Ministries of the Church of the Brethren

\$2,745 for church rebuilding in Nigeria

\$2,665 to support the Conference budget

\$1,445 for translation of Conference documents and simultaneous translation

\$1,195 for the expenses of volunteers leading children's activities at Conference

\$1,170 for new furniture and supplies for children's activities at Conference

\$250 for the Minister's Assistance Fund

\$250 for Intercultural Ministries

\$200 for the Office of Global Mission

\$150 for Discipleship Ministries

\$100 for the Global Food Initiative

\$55 for the Haiti Medical Project

\$200 to be divided among daily offerings

Virtual blood drive: 42 pints including 2 double reds, and 6 donations of platelets.

Some 22 others have pledged to donate.

The drive continues through July.

Minimum Cash Salary Table for pastors:

2 percent cost-of-living increase for 2022

Annual Conference affirms compelling vision statement

The 2021 delegate body affirmed the compelling vision statement for the Church of the Brethren, shown above. This was the only substantive business item coming to the delegate body beyond elections and reports.

The 2021 Annual Conference was the first fully online annual meeting of the Church of the Brethren. Presiding were moderator Paul Munday assisted by moderator-elect David Sollenberger and Conference secretary James Beckwith.

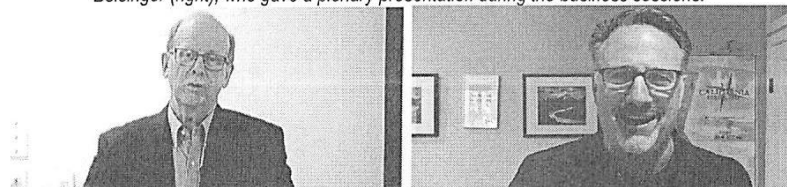
The affirmation of the compelling vision ended a years-long process of conversation and data gathering that involved some 3,000 Church of the Brethren members in numerous gatherings and venues across the denomination, including conversations around the tables at previous Conferences.

Conversation about the compelling vision continued at this Conference in small online groups who met in virtual break-out rooms or "tables." Both delegates and nondelegates who registered for the full Conference were invited to participate in the small-group conversations.

The "tables" discussed and submitted responses to a number of questions posed by Rhonda Pittman Gingrich, co-chair of the Compelling Vision Team along with Church of the Brethren general secretary David A. Steele. Also on the team were Michaela Alphonse, Kevin Daggett, John. N. Jantzi, Brian Messler, Colleen Michael, Alan Stuckey, Kay Weaver, former moderators Samuel Sarpiya and Donita Keister, 2021 moderator Paul Munday, and Conference director Chris Douglas.

A question for small-group conversation at the start of the Saturday morning business session—"How might we be known," (continued on page 2)

Screenshots of guest resource speakers Michael Gorman (left), who led daily Bible studies, and Tod Bolsinger (right), who gave a plenary presentation during the business sessions.



See www.brethren.org/news/coverage/annual-conference-2021 for full coverage of the 2021 Annual Conference. Order the Annual Conference Wrap-Up DVD for \$29.95 and Sermons DVD for \$24.95 each from www.brethrenpress.com.

Wrap Up ■ Church of the Brethren Virtual Annual Conference ■ June 30-July 4, 2021

Elections and appointments

Two ballots were elected, the 2021 ballot and a 2020 ballot deferred from the Conference canceled last year because of the pandemic. Those elected from the 2020 ballot, except for the moderator-elect, serve one year less than the usual term. Also below are additional directors, trustees, and other appointments affirmed by or reported to the Conference. An asterisk (*) indicates those nominated to fill unexpired terms, whose terms already have concluded.

Annual Conference moderator-elect

Tim McElwee of Wolcottville, Ind.

Church of the Brethren Leadership Team

Torin Eikler, Northern Indiana District executive, appointed by the Council of District Executives (CODE)

Mission and Ministry Board

* Martha Stover Barlow, Harrisburg, Va., representing Area 3

Lauren Seganos Cohen, San Gabriel, Calif., Area 5

Barbara Daté, Eugene, Ore., Area 5

John Michael Hoffman, McPherson, Kan., at-large

Josiah Ludwick of Harrisburg, Pa., Area 1

Kathy A. Mack of Rochester, Minn., Area 4

Meghan Horne Mauldin, Columbus, N.C., Area 3

* John Mueller, Fleming Island, Fla, Area 3

Karen Shively Neff, Gotha, Fla., Area 3

Joanna Wave Willoughby, Wyoming, Mich., at-large

Rebecca Miller Zeek, Duncansville, Pa., Area 1

Program and Arrangements Committee

Nathan Hollenberg, Broadway, Va.

Beth Jarrett, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee

Arthur Fourman, Dayton, Ohio

Gene Hagenberger, Mid-Atlantic District executive, appointed by CODE

Robert S. McMinn, Huntingdon, Pa.

Bethany Theological Seminary

Chris Bowman, Manassas, Va., representing clergy

Mark A. Clapper, Elizabethtown, Pa., at-large

Karen O. Crim, Dayton, Ohio, at-large

John Flora, Bridgewater, Va., at-large

Drew Hart, Harrisburg, Pa., representing laity

Jacki Hartley of Elgin, Ill., representing laity

Steve Longenecker, Harrisonburg, Va., representing the colleges

Richard Rose, Claremont, Calif., at-large

Brethren Benefit Trust

Sara Davis, La Canada Flintridge, Calif.;

Janis Fahs, North Manchester, Ind.

Donna March, Carpentersville, Ill.

Gerald (Jerry) Patterson, Fairfax, Va.

Wayne T. Scott, Harrisburg, Pa., elected by Pension Plan participants

(Fellowship of Brethren Homes)

David L. Shissler, Hummelstown, Pa.

Kathryn Whitacre, McPherson, Kan., elected by Pension Plan participants

(Brethren Ministers Asso. and CODE)

On Earth Peace

Rudy Amaya, Pasadena, Calif.

Ruth Aukerman, Union Bridge, Md.

Irvin R. Heishman, Tipp City, Ohio

Alyssa Parker, Harrisburg, Pa.

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both as congregations and as a denomination, if we truly embrace and live out the vision of Jesus in the neighborhood?"—led into the discernment process that was used to affirm the vision.

Delegates were offered the choice of four responses: first, "I feel inspired and wholeheartedly affirm the vision"; second, "I affirm the vision"; third, "I have reservations, but will set them aside and affirm the vision for the good of the body"; and fourth, "I cannot affirm the vision."

Of the 519 registered delegates, 450 participated in making the decision by choosing one of the four options in an online vote. When results were tallied, the statement was affirmed with 82 percent of those participating choosing one of the first three affirmative options.

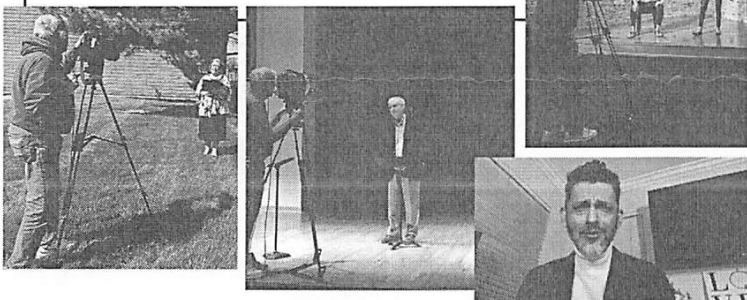
A screenshot of the announcement of the results is below.

LIVE
Out of 519 registered delegates, 450 participated in this discernment process.
Out of the 450 participating delegates,
162 wholeheartedly affirm (option a)
107 affirm (option b)
100 set aside reservations to affirm for the good of the body (option c)
81 cannot affirm (option d)
total who affirm (a+b+c) 369
total who cannot affirm 81
total number delegates participating: 450
percentage of total participating who affirm the vision: 82.0%



This was the final Conference of director Chris Douglas' tenure, before she retires later this year. Above, a screenshot shows her at the podium with elected members of the Program and Arrangements Committee: Jan Glass King, Emily Shonk Edwards, and Carol Hipps Elmore.

Photographer Glenn Riegel followed along as videographers David Sollenberger and Larry Glick pre-recorded the preachers for four of the five daily worship services. From left: Beth Sollenberger, Paul Munday, Tyler and Chelsea Goss, and Patrick Starkey. At bottom: a screenshot of Richard Zapata's sermon.



AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

ORDAINED



ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 / 412-979-0067 / sharingpearls@comcast.net
BEACHLEY, LINDA—PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 / 814-479-4802 / lrbeac@atlanticbb.net
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DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / iamameliaderr@yahoo.com
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 / 814-749-0262 / pastorbutch@gmail.com
GREEN, GARY – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 / 814-915-0227 / pamountainman42@aol.com
HOUGHTON, SALLY - 124 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-3019 / 814-243-6448 / smh124@atlanticbb.net
KABLER, ERIC—126 Clermont Street, Johnstown 15904-2132 / 814-266-2734 / eric.kabler@kablerthomas.com
LONGWELL, ERIC— 240 Plumcreek Road, Shelocta, 15774-3144 / 724-599-8690 / kb3ttx@gmail.com
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MARSHALL, PATRICIA - 369 W. Church Avenue, Masontown, 15461 / 724-583-7073 / hom.run2007@verizon.net
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RUMMEL, DALE - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 16838-9006
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Youth CHOIR

CHRIST-CENTERED GROUP OF YOUTH JOINING TOGETHER IN SERVICE TO GOD,
THE COMMUNITY, AND EACH OTHER BY PROCLAIMING GOD'S UNFAILING
LOVE AND SPREADING HOPE THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND PRAISE

SUNDAYS
2-4:30PM
FALL 2021
BEGINNING
SEPT. 19TH



AT CAMP HARMONY
1414 PLANK ROAD
HOOVERVILLE PA 15936
PRAISE & WORSHIP - FELLOWSHIP -
BIBLE STUDY - SNACKS - GAMES
INVITE A FRIEND

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2021 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

If your congregation, committee, or group would like to have information listed on the District Calendar, please send it in to the District Office by the 10th of each month. Thanks!

AUGUST 2021

- 14 - SVMC, District Office
- 28 - SVMC, District Office

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 6 - LABOR DAY
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 11 - SVMC, District Office
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

OCTOBER 2021

- 3 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 9 - SVMC, District Office
- 16 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony
- 23 - SVMC, District Office

NOVEMBER 2021

- 5 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 7 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 13 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, Somerset COB
- 20 - SVMC, District Office
- 25 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 28 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2021

- 5 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 12 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 19 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

PRAYER CALENDAR

AUGUST 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Let us pray for a great spiritual awakening to come to our nation.

Let us pray that we might more fully understand the uniqueness and holiness of our God.

Let us pray for our hearts to be calmed by the assurance of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for the mind of Christ and his Spirit to transform our minds unto holiness and love.

Let us pray for each of us to have opportunities to share our faith in Christ.

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THE HIGHLIGHTS

August 2021