

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Western PA District Church of the Brethren

July/August 2020

FROM THE DISTRICT MINISTER'S DESK

These words of the Doxology are, I am sure, very familiar to you. Most churches sing these phrases as the offering is brought forward in the worship service on Sundays. Singing the Doxology is one of those things in worship that we might not think about too much as we do it.

So let's take few moments to ponder these words. The first phrase tells us that our God is a God of blessing. He loves people, and He pours out wonderful and varied gifts upon them. Blessings *flow* from Him. He is a giving God; He is not a selfish, taking God. He holds our welfare in His heart at all times.

The second phrase calls for all humanity and all the animal kingdom to praise Him. Can you just imagine all of the animals and birds on the earth and all the fish in the sea roaring, squawking, mooing, cooing, barking, tweeting, quacking, and flapping their praises to God all at once? And can you imagine what it would be for all of humanity to lift up with one voice a shout of praise to our God? WOW!

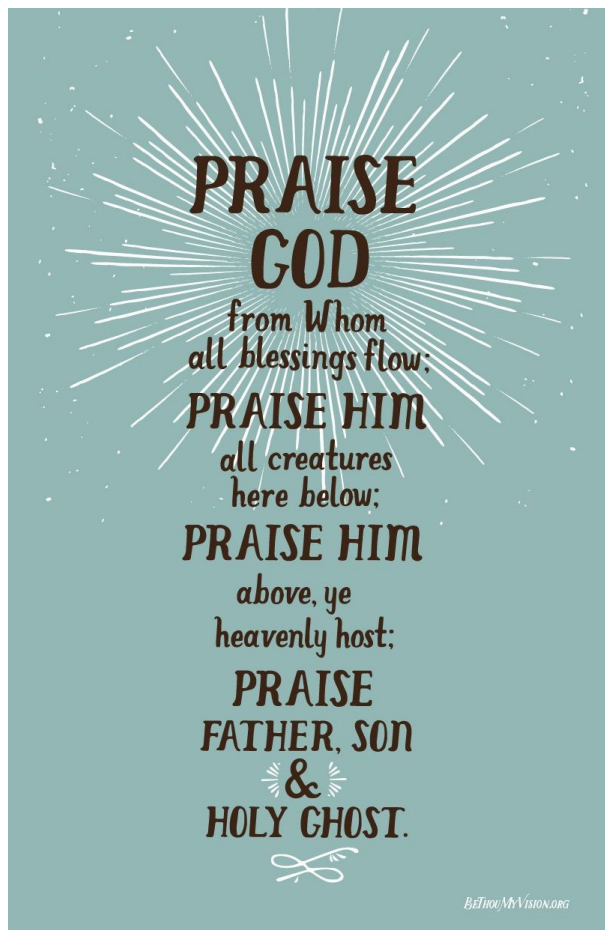
The third phrase calls for all the mighty angelic hosts of God to praise Him. We don't know exactly how many angels God created but "hosts" are not just a few. The Bible tells us in Revelation 5:11 that there are "ten thousand times ten thousand" angels that sing praises to our enthroned God. Can you imagine the sound of that song? It beats the best rendition that any human choir could do of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus", I am sure. So again, WOW!

The last phrase is a wonderful one, for it calls us to praise the Holy Trinity - "God in three persons, blessed Trinity!", as the hymn says. This is perhaps the deepest mystery of our faith. All of our attempts to explain the Trinity fall short, but singing God's threefold name with love in our hearts sums it all up pretty well. Here spiritual proclamation exceeds theological exposition. There are probably no other words of praise that glorify God more than "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Spirit)."

So the next time you sing the Doxology in worship, reflect on the words and sing with love to the God who loves you, who is praised by all creation and all angelic hosts, and who is one God in three persons, blessed Trinity. Hallelujah!

Peace to you!

Bill Wenger



FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

The Highlights deadline for the **SEPTEMBER 2020** issue is

August 10, 2020

Please send your information to tlehman@brethren.org.

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William Wenger, District Executive

Amy Bowman, Financial Clerk

Tina Lehman, District Secretary and Highlights Editor

DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Financial Clerk is in

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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115 Spring Road

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2020 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The **2020** District Directory is finished and has been sent out to the church contact list via email. Paper copies have been also sent out via regular mail.

Corrections and additions will be posted on this page in future issues.

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

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 **2020** please send one to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935
Thank you!

ORDINATION REVIEWS

Ordained ministers and church leadership in the District should have received 2020 Ordination Review Forms.

Please be sure to complete these forms and return them to the District Office as soon as possible so that we can complete the review process and report to the denomination in Elgin.

If you have any questions, please contact the District Office, 814-479-2181.



ACROSS THE DISTRICT

AVAILABLE SPEAKER

District Executive Bill Wenger is available to our District congregations to fill the pulpit on Sunday mornings, to meet with Church Boards for discussions about the mission of the congregation, and to provide teaching seminars on overviews of the Old Testament and/or the New Testament. If your congregation is interested any of these things, please feel welcome to call Bill at the District Office, 814-479-2181. Thank you.

ORGANIST WANTED

The **Arbutus COB** is looking for an organist for their Sunday morning worship service. The church is located at 1201 Erickson Drive, Johnstown.

Please contact Pastor Guy Myers at 814-659-3627 if you are interested.

NEW MEMBERS

Windber Congregation

Jeff Conjelko

David Weymer

Brandie Weymer

RESCHEDULED/CANCELED EVENTS

The **15th Annual District Auction** scheduled for November 7, 2020 at Camp Harmony has been canceled. Watch upcoming Highlights for more information.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

July 20, 2020 meeting @ District Office

September 7, 2020 meeting @ District Office

October 8, 2020 Women's Brunch @ Mt. Joy COB

November 16, 2020 meeting @ District Office

*Mark your calendars,
more information to follow!*

EVENTS AT THE PENN RUN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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

Pulled Pork Sandwich Meal

Friday, July 24th & Friday, August 28th from 4:00—6:00

This is "to go" only so please call the church office at 724-463-0420 no later than one week prior (July 17 for July 24 or August 21 for Aug. 28) to order yours or comment/message on our Facebook page: Penn Run Christian Outreach Center. Meal includes pulled pork sandwich, homemade macaroni salad and cole slaw, applesauce and a cookie. Cost is \$9.

Annual Craft show

Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 - 2:00

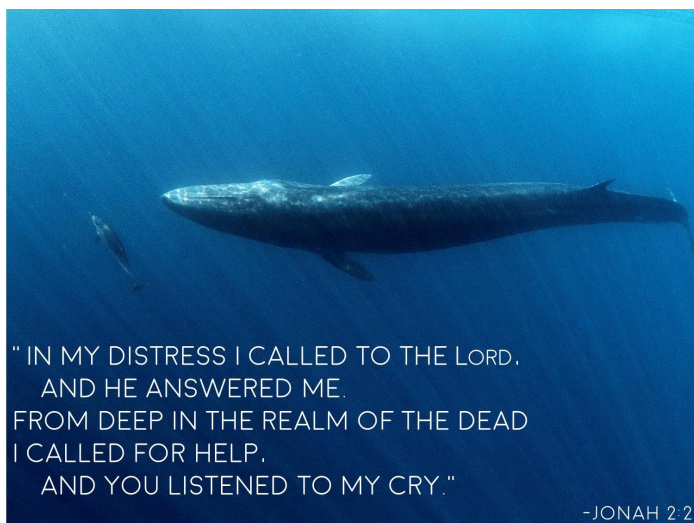
Featuring vendors, numerous silent auction baskets, pie auction at noon and a soup sale all day.

Indoor yard sale

Saturday, September 19th from 8:00 - 2:00

Spaces 10' x 10' are available for \$10 so that you can have your yard sale with us and you keep the profits! Food will be for sale for lunch. Call Lori Fackler for more details at 724-349-2929 prior to 9:00 pm or email her at lorieffackler@yahoo.com.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NEWS



154TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District Conference will go on as planned this year, but with some changes: Due to the CDC and PA State guidelines, the Program and Arrangements Committee has to limit the amount of participants.

Each church will be able to send no more than 4 delegates to represent them. There will be no non-delegates in attendance this year. There will also be no child care available as to limit the number of attendees and staff needed.

Camp will be serving coffee and pastries and boxed lunches at each table so as to limit contact. Camp has, is, and will be working hard to keep all surfaces and shared areas like restrooms clean and sanitized.

All registrations have to be made in advance of the day of District Conference. **No on-site registrations will be taken** to insure that we have an accurate count for Camp and seating purposes.

Seating for the conference will be arranged ahead of the event. The idea is to keep delegates from the same church together as well as churches that are in the same county.

There will also be a section of tables nearest to the main doors for those who may have mobility or other issues. There is a spot on the registration form to request special seating. If someone from your church delegation requires this, your whole group will be seated together there. This is on a first come first serve basis, we will do our best to accommodate everyone.

A seating chart for District Conference hasn't really been done in recent history, so to help Tina at the District Office tackle this task, please be sure to get your registrations in by **October 1, 2020**.

There will be no insight sessions or exhibits this year so as to follow social distancing guidelines. Book lists will be available at your tables for Brethren Press. Book orders can be made at brethren.org/bp/

In the place of insight sessions, there will be a time of prayer and reflection. The Program and Arrangements Committee agrees that this is much needed during these difficult times.

CWS kits and buckets will still be collected, the District van will be parked out front for these items to be deposited.

Registration forms and information will be emailed, posted on the District Website westernpacob.org, and included in this issue of the Highlights. Paper copies will be mailed to churches without email as we did last year.

These are certainly unprecedented times, the Program and Arrangements Committee and District staff thank you all in advance for your patience and understanding as we work through all of this. We wish things didn't have to be so strict but this is the only way we can have an in-person event at this time. We hope that by next year we will all be able to return to a larger gathering of all our brothers and sisters in the Western PA District.

SERVING IN THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

We Need Your Help!

If you are interested in being a part of BDM mission trips, please contact Herb Ewald for more information at 814-539-8530 or hjewald@atlanticbb.net

2020 Schedule

Day Trips

8/13/2020

10/6/2020

10/29/2020

11/17/2020

12/3/2020

Week Trips

7/12—18/2020 full Project #1

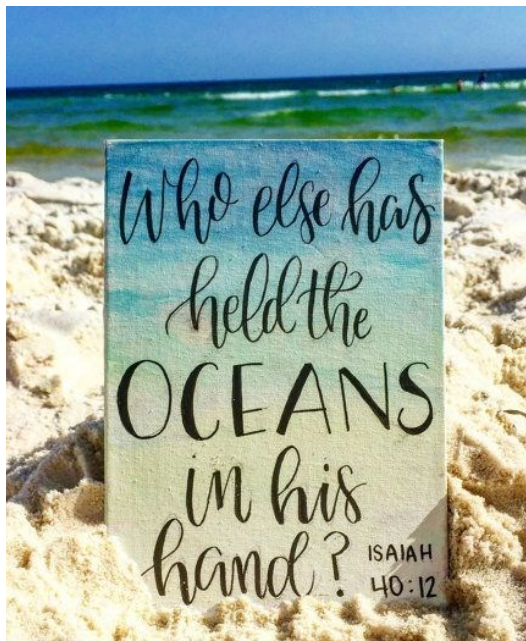
9/13—19/2020

half Project #1 M/At.

11/8—14/2020 full Project #2

12/13—19/2020 full Project #2

Note: Due to the current situation with COVID-19, BDM trips are being postponed and canceled. Please visit <http://www.brethren.org/bdm/> for more information.



EL NINO DE HOGAR SHOE PROJECT FUNDRAISER



Please note, the shoes collected **DO NOT** go directly to the Honduras Orphanage. The shoes go to Funds2orgs, which turns collected shoes into cash. This money is then given to the Orphanage for their needs.

The shoes you collect also serve as a philanthropic bridge to give people a hand-up and work opportunity, rather than just a hand-out.

Micro-entrepreneurs set up small businesses.

They sell the shoes you gather in their communities, which creates business and commerce opportunities leading to sustainability.

To participate, simply collect gently worn shoes, boots, slippers, or sandals at your church.

Questions may be directed to: Marie Camut at 814-266-3010, Brianna Baker, or the District Office.

There are no current work days scheduled at the ICA building at 1929 Penn Avenue, Jerome PA, 15937. New info will be posted as we receive it.

(Shoes may still be dropped off at the district office.)

When collecting all of the school and health kits, please put them into boxes and **not** bags. This makes it so much easier for shipping. Thanks from the District Disaster Team

please note

COVID-19 RESOURCES

As states begin to reopen, there are lots of questions regarding our churches and how to proceed safely into this new phase.

Here are some links to information from the denomination that may be of help to your congregation during this time:

Guidance for churches:

<https://covid19.brethren.org/guidance-for-congregations/>

Checklist for reopening:

<https://covid19.brethren.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Church-of-the-Brethren-checklist-for-reopening-church.pdf>

Guidance from Brotherhood Mutual:

<https://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/resources/safety-library/risk-management-articles/disasters-emergencies-and-health/general-health-and-injury-prevention/coronavirus/before-we-gather/>

Guidance from Wisconsin Council of Churches:

<https://www.wichurches.org/2020/04/23/returning-to-church/>

As always, your congregations will be the decision making bodies on whether to open back up and when. Please contact the District Office if you have any questions and we will try to help out. Know that we are praying daily for all of you and this situation.

Denominational Worship Gathering will center on the theme 'New World Coming!'

The Annual Conference Program and Arrangements Committee will be hosting a virtual Denominational Worship Gathering on **July 1, 2020**, starting at 8 p.m. (Eastern time). The service will feature the preaching of Kayla Alphonse and Paul Munday, with a wide array of music including selections by Jacob Crouse, Janelle Flory Schrock and Kendra Flory, the Keister Sisters, Shawn Kirchner, Nancy Faus Mullen, and Josh Tindall. Two hymns by Church of the Brethren hymnwriters will be sung by the denominational virtual choir: "Move in Our Midst" and "I See a New World Coming." General Secretary David Steele will offer prayers for the church. A wide array of people from around the denomination will offer additional worship leadership.

In a season of disruption and despair, the service will point to the God in Christ who makes a way where there seems to be no way (Isaiah 43:19); encouraging us to build new worlds in God's name (Luke 4:18-19); seeing with eyes of faith the vision of the Lamb (2 Corinthians 5:7); and, as a weary earth sings, nevertheless a new song of new creation in Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 21:1-8).

Find out more at www.brethren.org/virtual

BRETHREN REVIVAL FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Brethren Bible Institute

July 27—31, 2020

Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown PA

Brethren Alive 2020

July 31—August 2, 2020

Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA

For more information, please write to:

The Brethren Revival Fellowship, 155 Denver Road
Denver, PA 17517

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
BEACHLEY, RONALD D. – PO Box 723, Davidsville, 15928-0723 – 814-479-4802
BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
GREEN, GARY – 4589 Somerset Pike, Hollsopple, 15935-8217 – 814-915-0227
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-0534
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 243-6448
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
MANGES, JOHN W. – 137 Catskill Ln, Johnstown, 15904-7523 814-539-3332
MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MARSHALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MOSORJAK, GARY N. – 1337 Roxbury Avenue, Johnstown, 15905-1224 – 814-619-4238
MYERS, GUY L. – 1271 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, PA 15902-1224 – 814-536-2404
PERUSO, RUSSELL J. – 151 Blackner Road, Johnstown, 15905 = 814-242-0549
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 732-809-9013 (seasonal)
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day – 814 535-8202
SMITH, A. HARRISON -506 Sciandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601- 724837-4491
STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 -814 634-8158
WALKER, JUDY M. -425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN -436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639-724 548-4901
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S.-207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904-814 266-9758
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753
YOUNG, FRANK P. – PO Box 251 Jerome, 15937 – 814-418-5930

LICENSED

HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
PISARSKI, STANLEY – 511 Thrasher Street, Johnstown, 15909 – 814-410-3685

LAY SPEAKER

HIMES, PATRICK—219 Wild Cat Road, Windber, 15963—814-418-2352
RAMER, DONNA L. -102 Franklin Drive, Greensburg, 15601-1305-724 836-0594

CAMP HARMONY

2020 REDESIGNED SUMMER SCHEDULE

Pre-K Camp - ages 3-5

June 29 - July 3, 9 am to noon

Day Camp - grades K-5

July 6-10, 9 am to 5 pm

Junior Camp - grades 2-5

July 12-17, overnight

Jr. High Camp - grades 5-8

July 19-24, overnight

Youth Camp - grades 8-12

July 26-31, overnight

Day Camp - grades K-5

July 27-31, 9 am to 5 pm

LOWER PRICES FOR 2020 CAMPS!!!

REGISTER ONLINE AT

WWW.CAMPHARMONY.ORG

Camp is ready to open and welcome campers for the summer of 2020!

The camp schedule has been revised as seen on this page. See also new camp discounts listed below:

If you have any questions regarding camps this summer or Camp Harmony, please contact the camp office at 814-798-5885 or campharmony.org

Enjoy Summer!

and

#spreadtheharmony

New Summer Camp Discounts for 2020 including lower prices for all camps!

Bring a Friend Discount - Earn HALF OFF Camp!

Example only - terms & conditions apply, see website for details

You pay ONLY:



Returning
Camper

~~\$330~~
~~\$85~~
~~\$40~~

\$165 /week overnight camp
\$42.50 /week day camp
\$20 /week pre-K camp



New
Camper

~~\$330~~
~~\$85~~
~~\$40~~

\$165 /week overnight camp
\$42.50 /week day camp
\$20 /week pre-K camp

**50% off
for each
camper!**

Sibling Discount - \$10 off each additional child

Example only - terms & conditions apply, see website for details



1st Camper
\$330
Overnight
per week



2nd Camper
\$320
Overnight
per week



3rd Camper
\$75
Day Camp
per week



4th Camper
\$30
Pre-K Camp
per week

Some Thoughts on the Enhancement of Worship

The worship service of a congregation is its primary way of honoring God week by week. The worship service is also key with regard to the spiritual growth of the congregation's members and to its witness to those who do not know Christ. Thus it is important for us to ask: "Can our worship service be improved or enhanced so to better reflect the glory of God and to strengthen the faith of God's people?" Here are some points that may help achieve that goal.

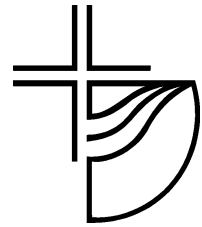
1. The **foundational reality of worship** is that it is an experience of "Revelation and Response." We first receive revelation through God's Word and then we respond in our hearts to the word that we have heard. In worship God speaks to us about Himself and His ways and we are called to respond with faith and obedience. Thus after the sermon, the people should be given ample time and ways to respond to the word they have heard. This needs to be more than just a quick final hymn. Times of silent reflection, prayers and even the offering can follow the sermon before the final hymn. This allows people to have time to draw near to God in their hearts and align themselves with His will.
2. The **recounting of the saving work of God through Christ** needs to be part of every worship service in some way. Each week the people need to be reminded of the saving grace of God that comes to them through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. This helps people remain solidly grounded in the truth of the gospel and be stirred to new love for God for the glorious things He has done. This recounting can be done in various ways and in various places in the worship service – through a hymn, offertory thought, the morning prayer time, and of course in the sermon.
3. The attempt should be made to have every worship service be **planned around a theme**, usually a theme that comes from the main idea of the Scripture and sermon that will be shared that day. This helps focus the revelation aspect of the service, where a sensible and clear word from God comes through. A hodge-podge of hymns, prayers, and scriptures that have no relation to one another confuses the mind and makes it hard for the people to respond to the message of God. A theme is important to enhance the meaningfulness of worship.
4. The **reading of Scripture** needs to be given a primary place in the service. Reading a verse or two is not adequate. Scripture relays to God's people the good news about those things that He has done for them. It speaks those words that call for faith and obedience. Thus solid passages need to be read so that the word of revelation comes through. Also this helps alleviate the high level of biblical illiteracy that exists in our churches, an illiteracy that weakens faith and stunts spiritual growth.
5. A clear **Call to Worship** calling the people to focus their minds on the greatness and goodness of the Lord ought to open every service. Jumping into a service without this is unhelpful. A clear call to worship assists people to enter the presence of the Lord in a focused and meaningful way.
6. Lastly, an opportunity for worshippers to **confess their sins to the Lord** should be given near the beginning of the service. People often come to worship burdened with the guilt of their sin or with the worries of life. It is hard to draw near to God in worship if this is not addressed. Giving the people the ability to confess their sins silently or through a shared prayer is a spiritual blessing to all. It enables the congregation to enter the presence of the Lord with joy and with the anticipation of hearing a fresh word from Him.

May these thoughts on worship and worship planning help enrich your worship of our wonderful God!

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Church of the Brethren

MEMO

TO: Western PA District Churches

FROM: Program and Arrangements Committee

DATE: Summer 2020

RE: 2020 District Conference Information

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Western PA District Annual District Conference will be held at **Camp Harmony, 1414 Plank Road, Hooversville, PA 15936**, on **Saturday, October 17, 2020**. The Conference this year is going to be somewhat different due to the CDC's social distancing guidelines in the wake of COVID-19. The Program and Arrangements Committee is working hard to insure a productive and uplifting experience for all those in attendance. We appreciate your prayers and patience as we go forward during this time.

Thank you!

There will be NO on-site registrations this year. Please Pre-Register by completing the enclosed forms and send to the District Office by OCTOBER 1, 2020.

The registration fee for the conference is \$25.00 per person, which includes lunch, conference booklet materials, and facility fee.

Enclosed you will find the following form and information regarding District Conference:

- **REGISTRATION FORM:** Please send ONE check and ONE registration form for your church
- **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE RECOVERY AND SUPPORT KIT INFORMATION:** kits and/or buckets

Please share this information with your delegates and other leaders of your congregations. REMEMBER, ALL registrations must be done BEFORE District Conference.

Individuals attending the conference should report to Registration by 8:30 am on October 17th in order for the conference to begin on time. If you have any questions regarding District Conference, please feel free to contact the District Office at 814 479-2181 or toll free at 1-866 279-2181.

Enclosures – 2



2020 WESTERN PA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 17, 2020 – 9:00 am

CAMP HARMONY - 1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936

Participants are asked to report to the registration table by **8:30 am*

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

CHURCH _____

Number of **DELEGATES** _____ @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

[\$25.00 registration covers registration materials, meal and beverages, facility fee]

There will be NO on site registrations this year. Please complete this form and send to the District Office by OCTOBER 1, 2020.

Make ONE check for ALL participants payable to:

Western PA District COB, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple PA 15935-7412

Before mailing to the District Office, please copy this form for your records.

DUE TO CDC SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES, THE DISTRICT HAS TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF PARTICIPANTS TO THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE.

Each Church may have **NO MORE THAN 4 DELEGATES** represented.

There will be no non-delegates in attendance this year.

◆ **Delegate Representation (4 individuals total)**

- Elected Delegates for 2020
- Pastor
- Board or Church Leadership Team Chair
- Commission or Team Chairs
(Ministry, Nurture, Stewards, and Witness **OR** an authorized/appointed representative of those commissions)
- Youth Representative

The Program and Arrangements Committee is working through all the guidelines needed to conduct an event like this. We appreciate your prayers and patience as we go forward during this time. Thank you!

Registration form on the other side → → → → →

SEATING FOR THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ARRANGED AHEAD OF THE EVENT.
WE WILL TRY TO KEEP DELEGATES FROM THE SAME CHURCHES AND COUNTIES TOGETHER.
THERE WILL BE A SEATING CHART AT REGISTRATION AS YOU ENTER.

Name _____ Address _____
Email _____ Office/Position _____
Food Allergies or requests _____ Special seating request: YES NO
(A special seating section nearer to the doors in the main hall will be available)

Name _____ Address _____
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Church World Service Recovery and Support Kits

CWS Hygiene Kits, School Kits, and Emergency Clean-up Buckets are projects your church group can complete to make a difference for hurting people in the United States and around the world. These basic supplies are so common in the US, but so vital if you have lost everything in a disaster or live in poverty. Cash donations in lieu of assembled Kits or Buckets also help provide much-needed supplies. If you have questions, please call the CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.

Wrap your love and prayers in every Kit or Bucket you put together. But, please, include only the items listed. **Do not include personal notes, money, or any additional items in or with the Kits.** And, please, do not include or decorate your Kits with religious symbols, as the Kits are shared with people based only on need, regardless of religion. Thank you for helping CWS be ready to respond!

Hygiene Kit

- 1 hand towel – 16"x28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 metal nail clipper
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 6 band-aids

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

School Kit

- 1 – 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 3 – 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages. **(No loose-leaf or filler paper.)**
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box 24 crayons (only 24)
- 1 – 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

Pack all items inside the cloth bag. Patterns for the bag are available online at www.churchworldservice.org or by calling your CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.

Emergency Clean-up Bucket

- 1 – Five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 – 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- 1 – 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- 1 – 24-28 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- 1 package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, 2 – 50 ft. or 1 – 100 ft.
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- 1 pair work gloves
- 1 – 24-28-bag roll of heavy-duty 30-45 gallon trash bags (may be removed from carton)
- 1 – 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, note aerosol)

Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles. **Be sure to send only new materials.** Place all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

Don't forget to send a check for \$2 per Kit or \$3 per Bucket to help cover the shipping costs.

Kits should be ***securely boxed and taped***. Boxes should be packed with only one type of Kit (Hygiene, School, or Baby) inside each box. The boxes should be labeled, noting the type of Kit, number of Kits, congregation/group, contact person, address, and number of boxes. **Please DO NOT put the \$2 inside the kit.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Fill out and attach this form to the box with the kits or the buckets, and send a check for \$2.00 per Kit or \$3.00 per Bucket to help cover shipping costs. Make check payable to and send to **Western PA District COB.**

Congregation/Group

Contact Person

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

Indicate amount enclosed: Number of Kits x \$2 = \$

Number of Buckets x \$3 = \$

2020 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!

JANUARY 2020

- 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 6 - Epiphany
- 18 - 25 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 24 - 26 - Junior Winter Camp (Grades 2 – 6), Camp Harmony
- 31 - Teen Winter Camp (Grades 7 -12) begins, Camp Harmony

FEBRUARY 2020

- 2 - Teen Winter Camp (Grades 7 – 12) ends, Camp Harmony
- 6 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 8 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 9 - Johnstown Area Sub-District Prayer Gathering, 3:00 pm, Pleasant Hill COB
- 15 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, Tire Hill COB
- 17 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 21 - Indoor Open Climb, 6:00 pm, Camp Harmony
- 22 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- 28 - Indoor Open Climb, 6:00 pm Camp Harmony

MARCH 2020

- 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
- 6 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- 8 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks AHEAD one hour)**
- 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
- 13 - Indoor Open Climb, 6:00 pm, Camp Harmony
- 13 – 14 - Scrapbook Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 14 - Teaching Seminar, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Plumcreek COB
- 14 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

2020 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MARCH 2020 - continued

- 16 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 22 - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
- 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
- 29 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 2020

- 5 - PALM SUNDAY
- 9 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 10 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 12 - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
- 19 - Tithing Sunday

MAY 2020

- 7 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 7 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, ZOOM
- 10 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 21 - ASCENSION DAY
- 25 - MEMORIAL DAY
- 31 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)

JUNE 2020

- 21 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JULY 2020

- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 16 - Core Leadership Team 6:00 pm, (District Conference Business)
- 20 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 25 - District Leadership Team, 9 am, Windber COB (District Conference Business)

2020 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

AUGUST 2020

- 15 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 15 - DWM Women's Tea, Meyersdale COB
- 16 - Stewardship Sunday
- 29 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office

SEPTEMBER 2020

- 3 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 pm, District Office
- 4 – 7 - Gospel Festival, Camp Harmony
- 7 - LABOR DAY
- 12 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 19 - SVMC Class, 9:00 am, District Office
- 21 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 26 - 27 - Harmony Fest, Camp Harmony

OCTOBER 2020

- 4 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 8 - DWM, Women's Brunch, TBA
- 17 - District Conference, 9:00 am, Camp Harmony

NOVEMBER 2020

- 1 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)**
- 5 - Core Leadership Team, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- 14 - District Leadership Team, 9:00 am, TBA
- 16 - District Women's Ministries meeting, 11:00 am, District Office
- 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2020 DISTRICT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2020

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| 6 | - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| 12 | - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Camp Harmony |
| 13 | - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| 20 | - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| 24 | - Christmas Eve |
| 25 | - MERRY CHIRSTMAS!! |
| 31 | - NEW YEAR'S EVE |