

National Youth Conference Grants Available

Every 4 years, Church of the Brethren youth from all over the world gather at Ft. Collins, Colorado for National Youth Conference. 2022 is the year!! Many of you are already busy holding fundraisers and making plans attend. The Resource Development Commission and the District Board want to assist you. They have made a \$500 grant available for any youth or adult advisor from this district who is attending. More information, including how to apply can be found on the District Website.

The Generosity Project

The SOKD Resource Development Commission is excited to offer our churches the opportunity of a year-long study titled "The Generosity Project". This study will:

- reinforce the importance of stewardship as a call to generosity of disciples of Jesus
- reframe your church's stewardship conversations
- refresh stewardship patterns by finding new ways of engaging generosity.

You are invited to participate by joining the first Generosity Project cohort. This will consist of 4-5 pastors and a selected layperson from his/her congregation. Activities will include:

- attending an initial in-person, half-day orientation
- reading *The Generosity Project* selected books, one each quarter of the year
- attending a quarterly virtual meeting of the cohort to discuss the reading
- viewing one Generosity Project webinar per quarter (in asynchronous time)
- creating and implementing a generosity experiment to address your congregation's unique stewardship needs.

The Cohort will begin in May 2022, so if you would like to participate and immediate response is necessary. Please contact Glenn Timmons at 937-623-5609 or email gtimmons1@woh.rr.com. More information can be found on the district website.

Trotwood CoB Offers Scholarships for College Students

The Trotwood Church has five scholarships for college students. You can learn more details and ask for an application form by calling the church office, Tuesday thru Friday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applications, the resources available and the guidelines of each contributor. Office number- 937-837-6604.

Camp Sugarwood 2022 Spring and Summer Events

SOK District Camping and Retreat Ministries have put together some exciting events and summer camps that will engage people of all ages to experience God's abundant love and mercy, such as Cookie Camp, Spring Flings, in person summer camps, and Sunday picnics. More information about these opportunities to gather in His name for recreation, learning, prayer, adventures, service and renewing spirits can be found on the district website, or by contacting your Camp Ambassador or the church office. Volunteers are a vital part of the ministry. Information about signing up to volunteer in an area of interest can also be found on the district website. **Scholarships are available for all camps.** For more information about how to receive a scholarship, contact Karen Dillon.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Volunteer in Dayton, OH – Work continues in Dayton on "Tornado Survivors Pathways to Home Ownership" houses. Volunteers are needed the weeks of April 3, April 10, and throughout May. The work is with a partner of Brethren Disaster Ministries, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). More information, including how to register is available on the district website.

New Rebuild Site – Waverly, TN is the location of the new BDM site that opens April 24 and continues through 2022. The recovery is from flooding that occurred in August 2021. To volunteer, contact Burt Wolf at SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com or call/text 937-287-5902.

Sewing Bee/Prep CWS Items – A Sewing Bee/CWS Prep will be held on Sat., April 23 at 9:00 AM at the Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine for making bags for Church World Service (CWS) school kits. Non-sewers will prepare items for hygiene kits, school kits, and clean-up buckets. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. Contact Barb Brower (937-336-2442) for more information.

Hygiene Kit Assembly – Volunteers are needed on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 PM to assemble 1,000 hygiene kits for CWS. Come to Mill Ridge Village Community Center, 1000 Mill Ridge Circle, Union. There will be a variety of work – from jobs that are done while seated to carrying and loading boxes of kits. Plan to join in this time of service and fellowship.

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or visit our website: www.sodcob.org. In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to sodcob@brethren.org **before the 15th of the month.***