

Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples



September, 2022

District Conference Celebrates God's Abundant Goodness"

We eagerly anticipate a return to an in-person District Conference this year. It will be held at the Happy Corner Church of the Brethren on October 7 & 8. We will also be offering a virtual option, but all delegates must be present to vote. A full schedule can be found on the district website. We will hear stories of celebration from our congregations, our commissions, and our board. But more than that, we will celebrate by serving together!

Friday morning begins with a training session on Visionary Leadership led by Vicki Ullery and Andrew Wright. This session is open to anyone and CEUs will be given to our pastors. Following our lunch, we will all participate in a service project for the afternoon. A complete list of service projects offered can be found on the district website. You will need to choose a first and second choice of which project you wish to participate in when you register.

In addition to our service projects, we wanted to offer an opportunity for the entire district to join together in a meaningful way, even if you are unable to attend conference. Our moderator, Vicki Ullery, along with the Program and Arrangements Commission decided to do this through a "Witness to the Host Communities". We have chosen a ministry of each of the congregations who are helping with District Conference this year. We are asking you to collect and bring items for these ministries. These items will be distributed to the following organizations:

Trotwood CoB- Little Free Library, and Trotwood-Madison City School
Lower Miami CoB--Assistance to Asylum seeking guests, and contributions for St Vincent de Paul
Happy Corner CoB--Blessing Box
New Carlisle CoB--Family & Youth Initiatives
Good Shepherd CoB--Needy Basket of Tipp City and Miami County

Registration for conference is now open. ***It is necessary that both delegates and non-delegates register.*** This is always extremely important as we make preparations for conference. But more so this year, since many of the meals will be catered. Registration is available online.

Pre-Conference Briefings to Present Budget

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Resource Development Commission has scheduled two different times to present and discuss the 2023 Budget. These will be held via Zoom on Saturday, September 17 at 10 AM and Tuesday, September 20 at 7 PM. These meetings are open to anyone who is interested but you must pre-register online.

Women's Retreat

September 30-October 1, 2022 At Bergamo Center. A brochure with more information, including how to register can be found on the district website, or ask in your church office.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Volunteer at the Bucket Assembly – Come assemble Clean-up Buckets for Church World Service (CWS)! The assembly will be on Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 PM at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton. Volunteers are needed for putting cleaning supplies in 528 buckets and stacking them on pallets. These will be shipped to the Brethren Service Center and then distributed to flood survivors.

Eastern KY Flood Response – BDM has responded to the request of Mud Lick COB for donations of nonperishable foods, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies for those affected by the flooding in eastern KY. One load was delivered to Oneida, KY on Thursday, Aug. 11. These items were received with much appreciation. A second load will be taken in mid-September. This is later than originally planned, but allows comforters to be included. Thank you to all who donated items.

The Brethren Service Center has shipped cleanup buckets, hygiene kits, school kits, and blankets. Children's Disaster Services has sent four volunteers at the request of the Red Cross. Please remember in prayer those affected by the flooding and those responding to the needs. Online gifts can be made at www.brethren.org/give-kentucky-flooding. Checks may be sent to Emergency Disaster Fund, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

Sewing Bee/Prep CWS Items – A Sewing Bee/CWS Prep will be held on Sat., Sept. 17 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine for making bags for CWS school kits. Non-sewers will prepare items for CWS kits. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. Contact Barb Brower (937-336-2442) for more information.

Appreciation for Support/Fundraisers – Thank you to all who supported the BDM Ice Cream Social on August 6. There were about 250 in attendance which included 80 workers. It was an evening of food, music, and fellowship, as we raised \$7,900. August 19-27 BDMers parked cars at the Darke County Fair, using the parking lot of Orthopedic Associates on Sweitzer Street. Funds raised were \$2,500. Thirty-two volunteers helped with this project. On August 20 the annual Golf Scramble was held at Beechwood Golf Course. This is a joint fundraiser with Camping and Retreat Ministries. There were seventy-three golfers and the total raised was about \$5,700. The support of these fundraisers is greatly appreciated! It enables us to continue helping disaster survivors by rebuilding homes and providing Church World Service kits.

*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.***