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Empowering Disciples



March, 2023

SOK District Board Announces Changes in Camping and Retreat Ministries Staff

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Board meeting in January, was the last meeting for our retiring Director, Karen Dillon. While Karen will be sincerely missed, they are pleased to announce that they have called Carrie Drees as her replacement. We ask that you join us in welcoming Carrie Drees to this position and that you continue to support the camping and retreat ministries of the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District.

Camp Sugarwood Summer Camps Are on the Way!!

The dates are set for Camp Sugarwood summer camps. Check the district website for the schedule, save the dates and plan to attend or send your children, grandchildren or other children in your life. More info on the camps will be available soon. Many volunteers are also needed. If you are interested in volunteering as a counselor, in the kitchen, lead a bible study, or with any other camp activity, please email, text, or call Carrie Drees, cdrees23@gmail.com, 937-564-7346.

Volunteers needed for 2023 Annual Conference

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District will serve as the host district to the 2023 Annual Conference. It will be held at the Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati, OH. Many volunteers will be needed for various tasks, such as unloading supplies off of the truck; ushering; registration, helping with children and youth activities; and more. If you would like to join in as a volunteer to assist the Annual Conference staff in welcoming our delegates and attendees, please complete the online registration form, or call the district office at 937-203-5254. You will be contacted by the appropriate coordinator as they look at developing a schedule.

Standing with People of Color Welcome Session

March 14, 2023, 7-8:30pm Eastern

For the last several months a group of local, district, and agency leaders in the Church of the Brethren have been working on the 2022 Annual Conference's call to study and act against the violence of racism. This committee, facilitated by On Earth Peace, comprised of members of the Southern Ohio-Kentucky district, and joined by Mission and Ministry Board staff, invites you to join a special online event to build relationships and to learn more about the work of this two-year study/action process to help the Church of the Brethren to stand with people of color. Participants will gather using Zoom on Tuesday, March 14, to explore the committee's objectives and consider how we can all work

together in 2023 and 2024.

Please pre-register online at https://www.onearthpeace.org/2023_03_14_standing_with_people_of_color_welcome_session

Music on Main features the music of SHINE

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 at NEW CARLISLE CoB

SHINE consists of Rusty Curling and Phyllis Dodd who have come together to provide thought-provoking and spiritual songs centered around peace and justice.

Trotwood CoB Offers Scholarship for College Students

The Trotwood Church has five scholarships for college students. You can learn more details and ask for an application form by contacting the church at 937-837-6604, Tuesday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon or sending an email to office@trotwoodcob.com. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applicants, the resources available and the guidelines of each contributor. The deadline to have the applications turned in is April 14, 2023.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Workshop – On March 17-18, 2023 Oakland Church of the Brethren will host a Children's Disaster Services (CDS) workshop. Register online at <https://www.brethren.org/cds/training/>. Contact Toni Custer at tcuster77@gmail.com or 937-423-1841 for more information.

Short-Term Project in Eastern Kentucky – April 23-29 SOK volunteers are scheduled to work in eastern KY. The work will be recovery from the flooding event of July 2022. To volunteer call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Volunteer in Dawson Springs, KY - BDM is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to rebuild houses in Dawson Springs, KY. The work is tornado recovery from December 2021. Volunteers are needed May 7-13. Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 to join the crew.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – Saturday, March 25 at 9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for Church World Service (CWS). Non-sewers will prep items for school/hygiene kits and cleanup buckets. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

*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.***