

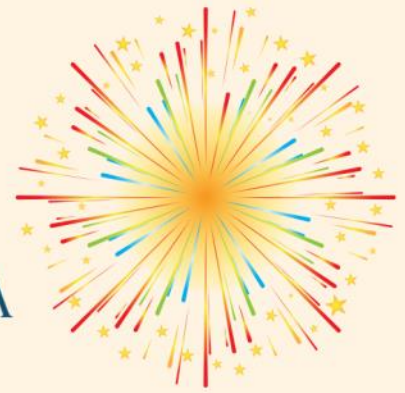


Isaiah's Purification to Speak For the Lord

An original painting by Ruth Aukerman,
Ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT EVENTS

June 2024
(and beyond)



CAMP MARDELA

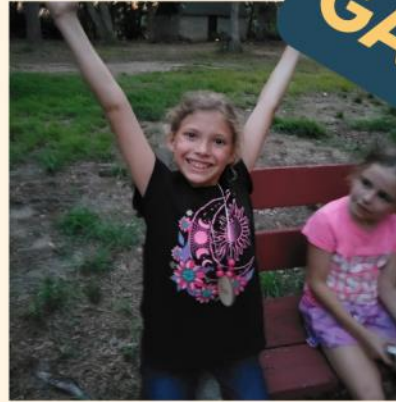
APPRECIATION DAY

www.campmardela.org/appreciation-day

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

301 DEEP SHORE ROAD, DENTON, MD 21629



BRETHREN HERITAGE **BUS TOUR**

Date: Friday, July 19, 2024

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Sights including Germantown Church of the Brethren, Monastery stables, and the Liberty Bell

Cost: \$76 Per Person



Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren is going to lead a bus trip to Germantown, PA on Friday, July 19th. Once we arrive in Germantown, we will be greeted by Jeff Bach, who will give us a tour of the Germantown congregation and property where the Brethren first settled once they migrated to the United States from Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. We will then go to visit the site of the first baptism, which happened on December 25, 1723, on the Wissahickon Creek. After this, we will enjoy some free time to explore the City Center (Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, etc.).

The trip costs \$65/person, and includes transportation via coach bus from Beaver Creek COB at 8am, and the tour guide expert. Please bring additional money for meals and any shopping you plan to do. We will return to Beaver Creek in the evening, after dinner.

We have about 40 seats left on the bus, and would love to fill as many as possible.

If you are able to go, please call pastor Gabe Dodd immediately.

540.325.9361

We need to have a final count by this Sunday, June 2.

Money will be due by Sunday, June 9th.

“STANDING WITH PEOPLE OF COLOR” PRE-ANNUAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING AND ORGANIZING CALL



Please join the Church of the Brethren Standing with People of Color Coordinating Committee for an update about our work and to learn about a new role you are invited to take on, Church of the Brethren Racial Justice Advocate.

We are preparing for the final year of work by laying the groundwork for a network of Church of the Brethren racial justice advocates who will keep working together after our committee completes its work in 2025.

WE INVITE ALL INTERESTED BROTHERS TO JOIN US FOR THIS CALL, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WORK, AND ESPECIALLY TO CONSIDER SIGNING UP AS RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES.



Art by Devin Dixon-Rosario

**MONDAY,
JUNE 10
7:00PM EST**

**COME AND
JOIN US!**



Our Contact

SWPOC@OnEarthPeace.org



More Information

www.OnEarthPeace.org/SWPOC

Please join the Church of the Brethren Standing with People of Color Committee for an update about our work and to learn about a new role you are invited to take on, Church of the Brethren Racial Justice Advocate.

In the last two years, the SWPOC coordinating committee has trained more than 80 members of the Church of the Brethren in facilitating the “7 Prompts” process of Crucial Christian Conversations about Race. The committee focuses on fostering connection among Brethren working on issues of race, culture, and injustice; resourcing and calling for education on these topics, and equipping and calling the church to action that can change systems and communities to be more inclusive and just.

We are preparing for the final year of work by laying the groundwork for a network of Church of the Brethren racial justice advocates who will keep working together after our committee completes its work in 2025.

We invite all interested Brethren to join us for this call, to learn more about our work, and especially to consider signing up as Racial Justice Advocates.

What to expect:

- Update on the work of the SWPOC coordinating committee
- Highlight from people already doing the work of racial justice advocacy in the Church of the Brethren
- Introduction to purposes and hopes for Church of the Brethren Racial Justice Advocates

Invitation to join newly-forming network of mutual support for racial justice work

To learn more about the event and to register, visit our events page located at [“Standing With People of Color” Pre-Annual Conference Briefing and Organizing Call - On Earth Peace](#)

Mid-Atlantic District Blood

Drive



**American
Red Cross**

Put your faith into action!

Not attending the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference?

It's ok – you can still join in the spirit of the Annual Conference Blood Drive by donating in your own area.

Friday, June 14, 2024

Noon to 5 pm

Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

124 S. Main Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791

**Sign up to donate at
www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive
and make an appointment to donate.**

Encourage others to donate!

Share that you pledged to give blood at www.brethren.org/virtualblooddrive2024 or send an email to bdm@brethren.org that you followed through with your pledge.

If you can't make June 14th, there is one more opportunity to participate,
there will be another blood drive:

Friday, July 19th, Noon to 5pm.

Questions? Need more information? Call 410-775-2717 or e-mail unbrb@verizon.net



ROMANS 16:2 (CEB)

WELCOME+ WORTHY

2024 CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

January 2024

To: Pastor, Moderator, or Church Representative

Re: **Registration for the 2024 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan -- July 3 - 7**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Annual Conference provides an opportunity for the body of Christ known as the Church of the Brethren to come together to hear the voice of God as revealed by the Holy Spirit within and among us. Please join us for inspiring worship, informational Bible studies, communal discernment, engaging breakout sessions, energizing exhibits, empowering witness, nurturing fellowship and meaningful connection.

Registration Fees

Registration for both delegates and non-delegates for the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will open at 12:00 Noon Central Time on **Friday, March 1, 2024**.

- The advance delegate registration fee is \$330 per delegate. Advance registration will close on June 10. The fee for registering delegates onsite in Grand Rapids will be \$405. Don't wait!
- The advance non-delegate registration fee is \$150. Advance registration will close on June 10. The fee for registering non-delegates onsite in Grand Rapids will be \$185.
- Registering as a Virtual Non-Delegate to watch business online, view special events and concerts, and participate in a number of equipping sessions is again an option. The advance virtual non-delegate registration fee is \$195 through June 10. From June 11 until July 7, the registration fee will be \$225. New this year is an option for Groups and Institutions to participate virtually from a common location. For more information go to www.brethren.org/ac2024/registration and select Virtual.

Registering a Delegate

Congregations may register their delegates using online registration beginning Wednesday, March 1, 2024 at 12:00 Central Time. Payment options include paying by credit card or sending a check. Go to www.brethren.org/ac and click on the "Registration" button and then choose "Delegate Registration". Each delegate's complete name, address, email, and phone number are required. If you need assistance, call the Annual Conference Office (800-323-8039, ext 4366) and we will be happy to assist in registering online. Delegate registration fees provide each delegate with a Conference booklet, the business materials packet, a designated delegate name tag, and seating at the delegate tables at Annual Conference. Each congregation who registers a delegate or delegates will also receive a copy of the 2024 Annual Conference minutes.

Delegate Eligibility and Allotment

Delegates must be full members of the Church of the Brethren. The number of delegates for each congregation is based on the membership statistics as reported in the 2023 Church of the Brethren Yearbook:

Up to 200 Members	1 delegate	401-600 Members	3 delegates
201-400 Members	2 delegates	601-800 Members	4 delegates

Non-Delegate Registration

Non-delegate registration opens Wednesday, March 1, 2024 at 12:00 Central Time. When registering anyone other than a delegate, click on the “Non-Delegate Registration” button.

New Registration System

The Church of the Brethren is rolling out a new registration system this year that looks different than what we have used in the past. For more information about how to use the new site go to www.brethren.org/ac2024 then click Registration and go to the Instructions for New Registration Site. These instructions will be available a week before registration opens.

Conference Hotels

There are two hotels in the conference block: the **Amway Grand Plaza** and **Courtyard Grand Rapids Downtown**. Our Annual Conference Room Rate at both hotels will be \$119 plus tax (15%), totaling \$136.90 per night. Go to www.brethren.org/ac2024/hotels for more information. **The link for hotel reservations will be on the last page of the registration site immediately after you register as well as in the confirmation email sent.** Everyone can reserve a room upon completing their registration. *Do not call the hotel to make a reservation! Annual Conference discounted room rates are only available for online registrations made through our provided link.*

Worship Services

All five worship services will be available free of charge to all registered and non-registered persons.

New Attendee Orientation

We encourage delegates or non-delegates who have never attended or have not recently attended Annual Conference to attend the New Attendee Orientation session in Grand Rapids at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon July 3. The location will be listed in the conference booklet.

Public Health Measures

Attending any group event may increase your risk of illness and injury. Should circumstances dictate, we will implement appropriate and responsive health and safety measures. However, we encourage all attendees to take the precautions they deem necessary and ask that all attendees respect the decisions made by others.

Online Information

Please check our webpage at www.brethren.org/ac2024 for more information about Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, including leadership, themes, schedules, meal and food options, meetings and events, and much more. New information is added regularly, so check back often!

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

Rhonda and Debbie

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SONG & STORY FEST 2024

JULY 7 - 13

CAMP BRETHERN HEIGHTS

RODNEY, MICHIGAN

FEATURING MUSICIANS:

GREG & RHONDA BAKER BRIAN KRUSCHWITZ ERIN & CODY FLORY ROBERTSON
HANNAH BUTTON-HARRISON TIM & BYRON JOSEPH & MARLENE WOOD LOUISE BRODIE
JENNY & JEFFREY FAUS FAMILY CHRIS GOOD PEG LEHMAN MIKE STERN

FEATURING STORYTELLERS:

SUSAN BOYER DEBBIE EISENBISE ANNA LISA GROSS
KATHY GUISEWITE JIM LEHMAN JONATHAN HUNTER



Mid-Atlantic 2024
District Conference

Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12
Brownsville Church of the Brethren

1911 Rohrersville Rd., Knoxville, MD 21758



"Not Against Flesh & Blood"

Logo design by Brandi Puzonia

This year's conference theme is based on Ephesians 6:12

Friday

Pastor & Spouse Dinner
Installation Service for District
Executive Douglas Veal
Meet and Greet with Doug

Saturday

Business Sessions
Engaging Workshops
Communion & Feet Washing

<http://www.madcob.com/districtconference/>