February 2025

To: Pastor, Moderator, or Church Representative
Re: 2025 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference,
Greensboro, North Carolina -- July 2 - 6



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 **Wednesday, March 5, 2025**.

- The advance delegate registration fee is \$350 per delegate. Advance registration will close on June 10. The fee for registering delegates onsite in Greensboro will be \$425. Don't wait!
- The advance non-delegate registration fee is \$175. Advance registration will close on June 10. The fee for registering non-delegates onsite in Greensboro will be \$210.
- Registering as a Virtual Non-Delegate to watch business online, participate in a number of Equipping Sessions
 and see the Rockingham Male Chorus concert Saturday night is again an option. The advance virtual nondelegate registration fee is \$195 through June 27. There is also an option for Groups and Institutions to
 participate virtually from a common location for \$500. For more information go to
 www.brethren.org/ac2025/registration and select Virtual.

Registering a Delegate

Congregations may register their delegates using online registration beginning Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 12:00 Noon 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 (847-429-4366) and we will be happy to answer your questions. 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 2025 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 2024 Church of the Brethren Yearbook:

Up to 200 Members1 delegate201-400 Members2 delegates401-600 Members3 delegates601-800 Members4 delegates

Non-Delegate Registration

Non-delegate registration opens Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 12:00 Noon Central Time. When registering anyone other than a delegate, click on the "Non-Delegate Registration" button.

Registration System

We are again using the registration system that was launched last year. For information about how to use the new site go to www.brethren.org/ac2025 then click Registration and click on the link: A Guide to Registering Online for Annual Conference.

Conference Hotel

The Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons is connected to the Koury Convention Center, making it extremely convenient for guests. Our Annual Conference Room Rate is \$120 plus tax (12.75%) totaling \$135.30 per night. Parking is complimentary. The Sheraton Hotel provides complimentary shuttle transportation to and from Piedmont Triad International Airport from 8am to 10pm. In room Wi-Fi is complimentary for all hotel guests. 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!! Welcome Meal on Wednesday, July 2.

Come meet and greet other conference goers on **Wednesday evening**, **July 2**, beginning at **5:00 p.m. in Joseph's restaurant** located in the Koury/Sheraton Hotel. A dinner buffet will be available for the cost of \$19.95 for adults, \$14.95 for ages 12 and under. No reservations are required. Attendees will pay onsite at the restaurant. Questions on table tents will encourage conversation and there will be live music in the lobby outside the restaurant. *Come join us!*

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 Greensboro at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon July 2. The location will be listed in the conference booklet.

Online Information

Please check our webpage at www.brethren.org/ac2025 for more information about Annual Conference in Greensboro, including leadership, themes, activities, schedules, catered meals and food options, meetings and events, webcasting instructions 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.

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