



Dava Hensley

Meet the Annual Conference Moderator/Delegate Briefing

*Sunday, June, 1 from 2pm – 4 pm
Ashland First CoB, Ashland, OH*

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 1 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm**. Dava Hensley, Annual Conference Moderator, will hold our Annual Conference Delegate Briefing at Ashland First Church of the Brethren. This session is for

Annual Conference delegates, pastors, and all who would like to know more of what will be happening at Annual Conference this year in Greensboro, North Carolina on July 2nd-6th. Come hear about Faith Working Through Love (theme for Annual Conference), the fellowship and learning opportunities, and Dava’s vision for Ashland First during the 10:30 am Sunday morning worship, and you are welcome to attend.

About Dava Hensley:

She has served the Lord in the local church, Virlina District, and the Church of the Brethren. She has served as youth leader, VBS director, Sunday school teacher, deacon, moderator-elect and moderator for Virlina District, District Conference delegate, Camp Bethel counselor, church planter, Virlina New Church Development Committee, and Virlina Race Relations Team. She has also served at the denominational level on the New Church Advisory Committee, Mission and Ministry Board, as an Annual Conference delegate and has preached and spoken at the Young Adult Conference, Annual Conference, National Youth Conference, and the National Older Adult Conference, the “EGOT” of the Church of the Brethren. She was also on one of the planning committees for the Clergywomen’s Retreat.

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**Northern Ohio Central Area Church
of the
Brethren
Combined Lenten Services
Services start at 6:30 p.m.
"Jesus in the book of John"**

March 9, 2025-Mike Huffaker at Ashland First CoB
March 16, 2025- Terry Vaught at Mansfield First
March 23, 2025- Brian Layman at Paradise CoB
March 30, 2025- Tina Hunt at East Chippewa CoB

Fellowship and finger food will be provided afterwards.

Everyone is invited to attend these Lenten services. Please feel free to bring your neighbors, co-workers, or even your whole family.

**Eastern Area Church of the
Brethren**

**Combined Lenten Services
Services start at 7:00 p.m.**

"He set His face towards Jerusalem" Luke 9:51

March 9, 2025-Preacher TBA at Eden CoB
March 16, 2025- Steve Simmons at Akron First
March 23, 2025- Tom Michaels at Center CoB
March 30, 2025- Dave Bell at Location to be announced
April 6, 2025- Choir Festival at Akron Springfield CoB

Everyone is invited to attend these Lenten services. Please feel free to bring your neighbors, co-workers, or even your whole family.



Seth and Angela Adkins

2025

Ministerial Day of Encouragement

**Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Maple
Grove CoB**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Jep Hostetler

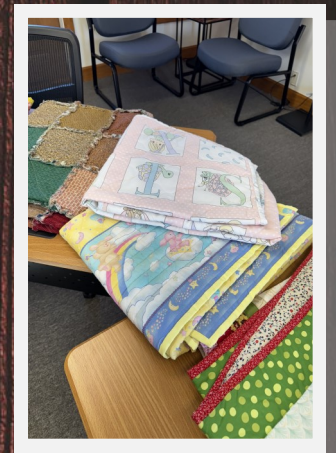
This workshop is available to pastors and spouses, lay leaders, all congregation members. Anyone who is interested in wanting to have encouragement, hope, healing, joy or wanting to hear God's voice.

The sessions will be led by Seth and Angela Adkins and Jep Hostetler. Seth and Angela have been pastoring and in ministry since 2003. They have a passion for leadership development and encouraging leaders. Seth has worked with leaders in 11 different countries, investing in and strengthening their ministries. Seth spent four years across the states helping equip local churches with outreach and evangelism tools. He has also been a church planter and is now helping others plant churches and movements. Angela is an author and speaker and has developed resources for the church in the area of inner healing. Jep is a professor at the Ohio State University of Medicine. He had an early interest in healing, health and humor, led him to write the book, *"The Joy Factor"* (Harold Press). Based on the book, Hostetler has presented many workshops on "healthy humor", illustrating them with visual humor and a touch of magic.

Registration fee is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. This does include lunch, snacks and sessions. Pre-registration deadline is March 26, 2025. Register by mail with the form provided to congregations or online at <https://nohcob.org/DayofEncouragement>.

Maple Grove CoB Quilt Donation for Hurricane Helene

We would like to thank the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Women's Fellowship and Emmie Vance, who made several of the quilts for their donations of quilts to the Southeastern District for the response to Hurricane Helene in September. Twelve quilts in total were donated. We packaged up and mailed the quilts to Andy Hamilton, District Executive of the Southeastern District. Thank you for the generosity of this District and we want to thank you for the work you do for Christ's Kingdom. God is definitely doing good things and people will be warm this winter!!



Buckeye Brethren Institute, Upcoming Classes

Introduction to Theology

Instructor Tina Hunt

Meeting dates: February 28, March 14 and 28 2025; 9:30 am to 3:30pm

This BBI course will discuss the basic doctrines of the Christian Faith, as well as some variations on those beliefs. Throughout this course, the historically Brethren/Anabaptist position will be emphasized where it is distinguishable from other traditions.

This class is available to those interested in the ministry and to licensed ministers moving towards ordination. Ordained and Commissioned clergy can also take this class for CEU's (1.5 CEU's for attendance at all three Friday sessions) at a cost of \$25.00. And the class is open to anyone who would like to take the class for personal enrichment.

Visit our webpage www.nohcob.org/registerBBI to register or for more information.

Faith working through love—the grief process: An invitation from the Annual Conference moderator



The losses in the church community are great. The loss of community through death and departure of churches is real. The loss of being and doing church like years past is our reality. There is much grief and sadness associated with these realities and grief does not have an end time. What we can do is learn how to better move through grief and loss. In the coming months, I am planning monthly sessions of one hour each to acknowledge our grief together and then share in small groups the grief we are experiencing. We will have an overview of grief, processing loss, and in this process learning ways to move forward in our mission which continues to be sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ!

This series of sessions will take place on Zoom once a month on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. (Eastern time). Registration is required. The dates and registration links are:

- Grief Workshop #1 – Feb. 6 https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlofuCtrzssEtStr6wNc3fNN5uFLw5RI_XU
- Grief Workshop #2 – March 13 https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/g3M9VOSNSDy1A_mTZ0EQsQ
- Grief Workshop #3 – April 10 <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FxiBoFvBQ0yLTbZ-zOyWhA>
- Grief Workshop #4 – May 15 <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/nj5YFttoTI6TQPRHnggtCw>
- Grief Workshop #5 – June 5 <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/UfVKs1puTKy9xVn23qio0w>

2025 Annual Conference Registration

Annual Conference will be held this year in Greensboro, North Carolina, Michigan at the Koury Convention Center from July 2-5. Delegate and Non-Delegate Registration opens on Wednesday, March 25, 2025 at 12:00 Noon Central Time. Visit www.brethren.org/ac for more information about this year's conference theme "Faith Working Through Love", schedule of events and registration.

Annual Conference Ushers Needed

Soon it will be time to register for Annual Conference 2025 in Greensboro, N.C., and the conference itself will seemingly begin not long afterwards! As usual many volunteers will be needed, and this year I am responsible for coordinating those who would like to volunteer with ushering during our worship services. During worship we need volunteer ushers to help receive offerings and record attendance. While an important role in our worship services, ushering requires very little time and does not take away from participating in the rest of the worship service. You will be able to sign up when registering for Annual Conference and at the usher table when you arrive and check in for conference, however I would like to have our first service covered on Wednesday night, before the conference begins. Once you have registered for conference, please follow the links to sign up to volunteer as an usher. You can also reach out to me directly at davidansley704@gmail.com and let me know if you are willing to serve on Wednesday evening, or for any of the other worship services. Please use "AC usher" in the subject line. Feel free to contact me via text or call also (540-314-8046).

District Conference 2025

August 8th & 9th, East Chippewa Church of the Brethren

Plan now to attend your upcoming Northern Ohio Church of the Brethren District Conference on Friday and Saturday, August 8th & 9th at East Chippewa CoB. Our theme this year is: "Grace Through Faith" based on Ephesians 2:8-10/ 2 Corinthians 6:1.

District Conference is a great time to get caught up with old friends and to make some new ones. District Conference is for all ages. There will be something good in store for all ages... adults, youth, and children! A block of rooms has been reserved at Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Wooster, Ohio. Please call 330-601-1221 to make reservations. Conference registration will be made available April 1st by mail or online at www.nohcob.org/register.



Joshua Brockway

2025 Pre-Conference Workshops

Friday August 8th, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

This year's Pre-Conference Workshop time is planned for Friday, August 8th, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at East Chippewa CoB. Anyone is welcome to attend and participate in the workshop. The workshop is available to all and ministers needing CEUs, for a total of 0.3 CEUs possible.

Friday Workshop

Title: Fruit of Discipleship in Shifting Times

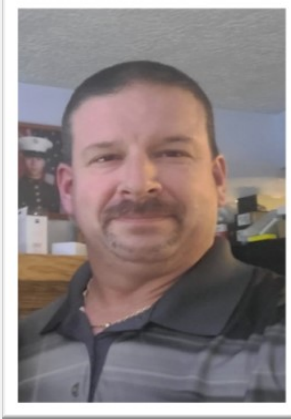
Theme: There is little doubt that the church in North America is experiencing dramatic shifts. Using the parable of the fig tree, we will explore together which it means to be tended and nourished so that we might produce the fruit of God's salvation. He will focus on the demographic shifts that are impacting the church and wider society all the same. He then turn to the practices of the church as regrounding us in the salvation of God.

About Joshua Brockway:

Joshua Brockway has served as the Director for spiritual formation for the Church of the Brethren since 2010. His work includes oversight for the Spiritual Directors Network and the Ethics for Congregations polity. He writes frequently for a range of denominational publications and leads workshops and renewal events on prayer, discipleship, and Brethren identity.

Joshua received his Master of Arts from Bethany Theological Seminary and completed his Masters of Divinity at Candler School of Theology. He finished his PhD in Church History at The Catholic University of America having written on the intersections of prayer, liturgy, and asceticism in the writings of John Cassian.

Please plan on attending!!



Mike Conner, Moderator

Conference Friday

Moderator Mike Conner will preach in our first interactive Worship Service on Friday evening, after the Pre-Conference Workshops and evening supper. Brother Mike will address the first part of this year's 2025 Conference Theme in his message "**Grace Through Faith**" from **Ephesians 2:8-10 / 2 Corinthians 6:1**. Brother Mike said "As I thought about Tina Hunt's theme from last year, Know the truth and tell the stories, it resounded with me when she asked "what's your story?", so I thought about my spiritual journey. Pride, beng a perfectionist, and upbringing all play in the part of my life when I thought I could work/earn my way to heaven by doing good works and being a good person. Grace is a gift freely given. And faith in Jesus Christ, as he said, is the only way to heaven. To me "Grace through Faith" in combination is my way of letting go of this world and my way of thinking to accept forgiveness and allow God to work though me by my faith in him, otherwise God's

forgiveness means nothing, or it is in vain. Does your faith in Jesus Christ allow you to accept his forgiveness/grace?"

Immediately after Friday's Worship Service, our annual District **Ice Cream Social** will be offered by East Chippewa Church of the Brethren and Smith Dairy.

Conference Saturday

All of our church delegates will gather together to do the important "business of our district of churches."

During our final interactive Worship Service, our guest speaker is **Joshua Brockway**. His sermon will be based on Ephesians 3:12-21. His title will be: "The Strength of the Spirit". Paul says plainly that we have "bold and confident access to God through faith." And then at the end of the chapter, he prayerfully describes what that kind of grace looks like—God power at work within us. As so much changes around us, let us return to faith and trust in the Spirit's work in us.

At the end of the Saturday's Worship Service, we will pass the moderator gavel to **Moderator Elect, Cindy Peel**, and install her as our District's 2026 Moderator.



Cindy Peel, Moderator Elect

Coming at District Conference!

August 8-9, 2025

The Silent Auction For The Peace Endowment Fund

Support District Peace Education Efforts!

We Need YOU to Donate!

handmade items and goodies (handcrafted items, artist's work, homemade food) for the auction! Themed baskets are also welcome.

Donate by:

- Bringing your donated items to the Auction Table *Friday, Aug 8 by 5 p.m.*
- provide an estimate of their value
- Not what a minimum starting bid should be

Money raised by the auction goes to support the District Peace Endowment Fund. This fund supports District peace education efforts.

As one of the Historic Peace Churches, we are committed to teaching Christ's message of peace – peace within ourselves as we make our peace with Jesus; peace within our families, our congregations, and with our friends; peace in our communities; and peace in the world with our friends and those we may call enemy. The Peace Endowment Fund was established in 1982 to support efforts in the District to teach the things that make for peace!

Come prepared to bit on items in the auction too!
(cash, check, or credit card accepted)



Pastoral Placement

Congregations actively in the search process:

Akron First– *Rebecca Ebie* is providing pulpit supply.

Center – Search Committee has completed the profile.

Jonah's People – *Mark Self* and *Amanda Reidling* are serving as interim co-pastors.

Sugar Creek West – *Ministry Team* providing pulpit supply.

Congregations that have not begun the search process of have chosen not to seek at this time:

Bristolville– *Ed Agler* serving as interim.

Brook Park– *Ryan Lopez* serving as interim pastor.

Dupont – *Solomon Okang* serving as preacher.

Eden – *Tom Michaels* serving as transitional pastor.

Freeburg – *Ed Wartluft* serving as preacher.

Owl Creek – *David Searcy* serving as interim pastor.

Silver Creek— Jason Martin serving as preacher

Hottle Grants For Outreach Ministries

Hottle Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for :

- 1) Project grants within the church to expand the ministry of the church.
- 2) Outreach Ministry grants that impact not only the church but the community at large and may include changes to the physical plant.
- 3) Program Development grants within the church to stimulate growth or spiritual health and may include changes to the physical plant. We are now accepting applications for 2025 Grants are approved at regularly scheduled District Board meetings. Our next District Board meetings are March 8 and May 17, 2025. For more information or a grant application form, please contact the Northern Ohio District Office or go to <https://nohcob.org/hottlegiants>

District Prayer Calendar

February

Our Churches

Akron Eastwood, Pastor Andrew Wenger
Akron First, Pulpit Supply Rebecca Ebie
Akron Springfield, Pastor Andrew Wenger

District Leadership

Our District Board, Terry Baldwin, Chair

Other Districts

Atlantic Northeast, MidAtlantic

Denominational Leadership

David Steele, CoB General Secretary
EYN (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria)

March

Our Churches

Ashland Dickey, Pastor Andrew Cuffman
Ashland First, Pastor Brian Layman
Bethel, Pastor David Wyant
Black River, Pastor Mark Teal

District Leadership

Our Nominating Committee, Cindy Peel, Chair

Other Districts

Shenandoah, Virlina

Denominational Leadership

Dava Hensley, Annual Conference Moderator
Dawn Baldwin, Standing Committee Delegate
Church of the Brethren in Brazil

April

Our Churches

Bristolville, Interim Pastor, Ed Agler
Brook Park, Interim Pastor, Ryan Lopez
Center, Pulpit Supply
Chippewa, Pastor Bill Eley

District Leadership

Our Central Committee, Mike Conner, Moderator

Other Districts

Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest

Denominational Leadership

Discipleship and Leadership
Formation Office of Ministry
Church of the Brethren in Haiti

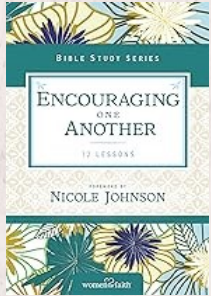
Visit our website www.nohcob.org/prayer for a complete prayer calendar for 2025.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE MILEAGE RATE FOR 2025

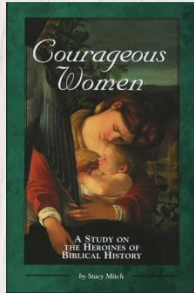
Beginning on January 1, 2025, the standard mileage rates for the business use of a vehicle will be 70 cents per mile driven. This is up 3 cents from the 2024 RS rate. The rate for miles driven for charitable work remains at 14 cents per mile driven.

East Chippewa Bible Study/ Sunday School Books

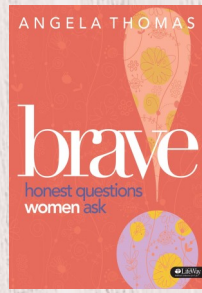
East Chippewa CoB has some Bible Study/Sunday School books they would like to donate to anyone or church in the district. These books are used, but if anyone would like to have them just let Laura Huffaker, in the District Office know. The books that they have are:



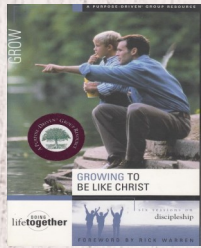
About 16 books



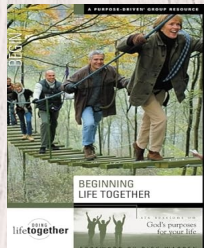
About 12 books



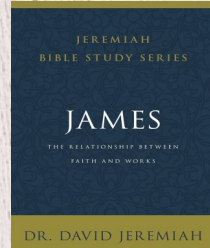
About 6 books



About 10 books



About 10 books



About 10 books



Brethren Disaster Ministries Update

Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) is currently working in Letcher County, KY helping those effected by flooding in 2022. Volunteers from Northern Ohio were there two different weeks in May and September of 2024. Our District has committed to sending volunteers for two weeks scheduled in 2025. The dates are **May 4-10** and **September 7-13**. Seven volunteers are needed each week. Transportation will be provided and paid for by district funds and housing and food is provided by BDM.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work, living arrangements and projects, contact one of us on the District Disaster Coordinator Committee and/or find the video on Youtube.com "BDM Rebuilding Letcher County, Ky., Project Overview". The last picture in the video is of our group that served last September. We hope to have volunteers committed to going to serve by March 15, for the May week and by July 15 for the September week. If you are interested, please contact us as soon as possible. There are often openings other weeks during the year if the Northern Ohio weeks don't work for you. We'd be happy to help you find a week that is convenient for you to serve.

We are so grateful for those who have volunteered from our district in the past and for all of you as you consider volunteering in 2025. What a wonderful way to serve others in Christ's name!

Sandy Humphrey (330) 603-9073

Kim Morckel (330) 618-2379

Pete Snyder (419) 685-0903

Ministerial Ethics Training March 29th from 10 am-4 pm At the Northern Ohio District Office

All Ordained and Commission clergy must attend the Advance Ethics training for the renewal of credentials. For those that were unable to attend the Ethics Training sessions in October, we will hold a make-up workshop on Saturday, March 29th at the District Office, 1107 East Main Street in Ashland. Lunch will be provided. This is the last session offered in our district. The training will also be available at Annual Conference in Greensboro. You can register on line at nohcob.org/ethics_march29 or email krishawk@nohcob.org.



SiSters Retreat

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Dawn Morton, Ed.D. from

Ashland Theological Seminary will lead the retreat.

More information will be coming soon!

Winter 2024-2025 Brethren Volunteer Service Newsletter



The winter issue of *The Volunteer*, the BVS newsletter, focuses on the theme of “Living with Purpose”. The semi-annual publication provides contributions from current BVS volunteers and highlights Faith X, which provides short-term service opportunities. *The Volunteer* may be found on-line at www.brethren.org/bvs/updates, here you can also sign up for the BVS e-newsletter for monthly updates

2025 FaithX registration is now open!



Registration for the 2025 FaithX service trip season is active! Trips are available for all ages with domestic options for youth, adults, older adults, and families and an international option for adults.

A few of the summer trips are already full, so take a look at the location list below and don't wait to snag one of the remaining open spots. If you have questions or see that your preferred trip is full, please contact the FaithX office at faithx@brethren.org to discuss options or a custom trip opportunity. The registration from summer trips will close on April 1.

MESSENGER

If you have not yet, you need to check out the January/February 2025 Messenger our own **James Washington**, Pastor at Pleasant View and Elm Street CoB and Northern Ohio District Moderator 2023, has an article you may want to check out. It is titled Modern-day problems in the modern-day church.

This article talks about changes in our churches. One thing he mentions is “We should not allow our phones to cause us to lose our ability and real way.” This statement is so true in today's society. He states Colossians 4:6 “Let your speech always be or the desire to communicate with one another in a caring with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” (NKJV)

If you have not yet, you may want to subscribe to the Messenger.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/ChurchOfTheBrethren1/MessengerSubscriptions>

Subscribe by email:

MessengerSubscriptions@brethren.org

Subscribe by phone: (800) 323-8039, ext. 327

Subscription rates:

- Individual rate (prepaid): \$17.50/year; \$32 for 2 years. (US only)
- Gift rates: \$14.50/year. **The gift rate is for a subscription that you are giving to someone else.**
- Church club rate: \$14.50/year; \$27 for 2 years (contact your congregation's representative)

District Strategic Planning Committee

Last November, the District Board appointed a Strategic Planning Committee to evaluate our current district ministries, financial status, staffing, board structure, and mission/calling and bring a comprehensive plan to the board and District Conference delegates for consideration.

We ask for your prayers for those serving on the committee and for the work they have been called to do.

Dave Bassett, chair (Pleasant View)
Erin Beebe, secretary (Maple Grove)
Jessi Adams (Ashland Dickey)
Karl Kelbly (East Chippewa)
Cindy Peel (Akron Springfield)
Sierra Swanson (Brook Park Community)
Lisa Snyder, District Treasurer (ex-officio)
Kris Hawk, District Executive (ex-officio)

One of their first steps was to gather input from members and friends of our churches to help determine the priorities that are important in our local congregations. Thank you to the many have responded either by filling out the on-line survey or sending in a paper copy.

While the deadline is past, we would still appreciate your input if you have not already responded. Would you please take a few minutes and assist us by clicking on this link <https://forms.gle/dda7nqnxMgXJUwMo8>



National Junior High Conference

Junior High youth (those who have completed grades 6 – 8) and their adult advisors are invited to this weekend of faith formation, friendship, and fun!

We will begin on Friday night with worship. Saturday will be a mix of worship, small group time, workshops, and recreation. Sunday we will worship again before saying “see ya’ next time!”

National Junior High Conference

June 20-22, 2025

Juniata College • Huntingdon, PA

Regular registration (Feb. 1 – June 1): \$275
Deposit (non-refundable, due within 2 weeks of registering): \$150.

Youth must be accompanied by an adult advisor. Please send at least one advisor for every five youth. If you are sending female youth, please send a female advisor and if you are sending male youth, please send a male advisor. Adult advisors must be a minimum of 22 years of age.

Register online at www.brethren.org/yya/njhc

National Youth Sunday

Suggested date: May 4, 2025

Information will be posted soon.

Online resources are available at:

<https://www.brethren.org/yya/national-youth-sunday/>

National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)

September 1-5, 2025

Lake Junaluska, NC



NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 50 and older who love learning and discerning together, exploring God’s call for their lives and living out that call by sharing their energy, insight, and legacy with their families, communities, and the world.

“Alive in the Spirit!”

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

—Romans 15:13 (NRSV)

Christian Citizenship Seminar

April 5-9, 2025

Washington, D.C.



In a world where injustice and violence are too common, how can your faith guide you to drive positive social and policy change in policy and build authentic relationships and community?

Christian Citizenship Seminar 2025 invites high schoolers, college freshmen (and those who are age-equivalent), and their adult advisors to engage this question and discover how to be advocates for change while being grounded in Jesus’ teachings.

We will build the skills you need to address various issues such as, climate change, war and violence, racism, and poverty, from a faith perspective. Learn from faith-based experts and policy advocates, practice conducting meetings with elected officials, and plan how to best take action and make your perspective heard.

What does it cost?

\$525 registration fee

To register on-line www.brethren.org/ccs.



Date: May 14-16, 2025

Location: Elgin, IL

Theme: God Is Doing a New Thing – Isaiah 43:19

Are you seeking a spiritually enriching and creative space to worship, learn, network, and grow? With everything happening in the world and the church, would it be beneficial for you to connect with other Jesus followers who are exploring and implementing fresh expressions of mission, church planting, and congregational revitalization?

Registration opens Monday, February 10

Early bird pricing: \$129/person until April 20 for both on-site and virtual.

Regular pricing: \$179/person starts Monday, April 21 for both on-site and virtual. CEU's will include both live sessions and recordings

The keynote presenter is **Jonathan Brooks**, affectionately known as Pastor J. He serves as the Lead Pastor at Lawndale Christian Community Church. He is the Chief Inspiration Officer for Lawndale Christian Ministries. Pastor J is a sought-after speaker, writer, artist, organizer, and community developer. Additionally, he authored the book *Church Forsaken: Practicing Presence in Neglected Neighborhoods*. Here, he unpacks the themes of Jeremiah 29 and shows how Christians can be fully present in local communities.

New & Renew is a vibrant hybrid gathering focused on church planting and church renewal that is rooted in worship and prayer that equips, nurtures, and stimulates creative, practical ministry.

Scholarships are available by contacting the church office or by Kris Hawk at krishawk@nohcob.org. or 330-612-2086

Registration and Information:

<https://www.brethren.org/dlf/newandrenew/>



Faith in Action Fund

Formed by funds generated from the sale of the upper campus of the Brethren

Service Center in New Windsor, the **Brethren Faith in Action Fund** provides grants to fund outreach ministry projects that serve their communities, strengthen the congregation, and expand the reign of God. Such ministries will honor and continue the legacy of service that the Center has epitomized while also addressing the dynamics of the present age. Grants of up to \$5,000 per congregation or ministry project per year are awarded, with a maximum of \$15,000 allocated to any one ministry project over multiple years. Recognizing that camps represent an outreach opportunity in their communities, Church of the Brethren camps may apply for grants up to \$2,500 every other year to support their ministry programs.

Who May Apply

Any United States Church of the Brethren congregation, fellowship or project and any Church of the Brethren camp.

Application Process

Grants will be awarded as determined by the Grant Oversight Committee at least semi-annually. A grant application will require basic information such as amount requested, description of the project, budget, affirmation that the congregation or camp will provide the matching funds as recorded in the minutes of the congregation's decision-making body, and a statement of support from your district executive. Download the forms below to review the questions and prepare and then fill out application.

<https://www.brethren.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/BFIA-Guidelines-and-Application-2022-10.pdf>

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/ChurchOfTheBrethren1/BrethrenFaithInActionFundGrantApplication>

Mark Your Calendar

- 2.22 Changing Mindsets for Ministry Workshop by Zoom
- 2.24 SISTERS Planning Meeting at 6:45 pm
- 2.28 BBI (Theology) Class, District Office, at 9:30 am
- 3.4 Northern Area Pastor's Gathering, 10:00 am
- 3.5 Western Area Pastor's Gathering, 12:30 pm
- 3.8 District Board Meeting at Sugar Creek CoB
- 3.13 Central Area Clergy Breakfast, District Office
- 3.13 Eastern Area Pastor's Gathering at 12:00 pm
- 3.14 BBI (Theology) Class, District Office, 9:30 am
- 3.19 Central Committee Meeting at District Office, 9:30 am
- 3.22 Church Treasurer's Workshop, District Office
- 3-28 BBI (Theology) Class, District Office, 9:30 am
- 3-29 Ministerial Ethics Make-Up Training. District Office

Church Treasurer's Workshop
Saturday March 22
10 am—3 pm

At the District Office. Also Available to join remotely via Zoom.
 Led by District Treasurer,
 Lisa Snyder

Sponsored by the District Stewardship and Finance Commission
 Lunch Provided. Register online at
<https://nohcob.org/treasurer>
 or via email laura@nohcob.org

Upcoming Events at Inspiration Hills Camp



ANNUAL WORK WEEKEND


SUMMER WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT AND THERE ARE MANY PROJECT TO BE DONE.

COME JOIN US APRIL 25 AND 26 FROM 8AM-4PM

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

INSPIRATION HILLS CAMP- 4819 EASTON RD, BURBANK, OH 44214

LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING



<https://bit.ly/IH2025-AWW>

Wood Splitting Weekend



MARCH 28-29
8AM-4PM BOTH DAYS
LUNCH PROVIDED



As we get ready for summer we need plenty of firewood for campfires. Come help us stock up!



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District Staff Hours

The District Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 2 pm.

District Executive Minister, **Kris Hawk** takes Monday as her day off. She can be reached at 330-612-2086 or krishawk@nohcob.org.

Administrative Secretary, **Laura Huffaker** is in the office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. She can be reached at 419-281-3058 or laura@nohcob.org.

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Inspiration Hills Camp

SAVE THE DATES!

Put these dates on your calendar so that you don't miss camp this summer!

- June 8-13 - Senior High Camp
- June 13-14 - Senior High Volunteer Weekend
- June 15-20 - Junior High Camp
- July 6-11 - Junior Camp
- July 13-15 - Beginners Camp
- July 13-15 - Beginners Parents
- July 15-18 - Bring Your Big Camp
- Aug 29-Sept 1 - Labor Day Family Camp




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