

Brethren Ministers' Association

Pre-Annual Conference Continuing Education Event

Gratitude: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks

July 3-4, 2018 · Cincinnati, Ohio



Diana Butler Bass

All attendees will receive
a free copy of the book,
*Gratitude: The Transformative
Power of Giving Thanks*

Amid division, stress, and anxiety, why should anyone care about gratitude? In *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks* (HarperOne; Hardcover; April 3, 2018,) cultural observer and theologian Diana Butler Bass argues that gratitude is central to both our personal and political lives – and that it may be the single most important spiritual practice we can engage in times of turmoil and conflict. In this compelling case, she untangles our misunderstandings about gratitude and proposes that a new commitment to giving thanks can save our own souls and society.

Bass, author of the acclaimed, award-winning *Grounded*, explores this gap: we feel grateful as individuals but that seems to have little to do with the larger tensions roiling society. Using her trademark blend of spiritual insight and timely research, she shows how gratitude can be understood through four different lenses – me and we, emotions and ethics – and examines how a multi-dimensional awareness of gratitude opens pathways of health, wellness, and doing good. She concludes that gratitude is a practice of both resilience and resistance.

Diana Butler Bass is the author of ten books on American religion, politics and culture and comments widely in the media about faith and public life. She holds a PhD in religious studies from Duke University, has taught at the college and graduate level, is currently an independent scholar, and teaches and preaches internationally on matters of religion and spirituality. She lives in Virginia with her family.

Registration: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 - 4:00-6:00 pm

Event: Tuesday, July 3 - 6:00-9:00 pm; Wednesday, July 4 - 9:00-11:45 am, 1:15-4:00 pm

Buffet Luncheon (available for purchase): Wed. July 4 - 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm



Church of the Brethren

Register online at www.brethren.org/sustaining beginning March 1, 2018

or by mail using the 2018 Event Registration Form

MinistersAssociation@brethren.org

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Registration Form

Or register online at www.brethren.org/sustaining*
(Pre-registration cut-off date June 11)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # () _____ E-mail: _____

Registration will be confirmed by email, if you provide an email address

Translation needed for: ___ Spanish ___ Sign Language ___ Creole

Registration Fee Schedule:

___ *First-timer Fee!* @ \$45.00

___ Individual @ \$85.00 (\$125.00 at the door)

___ Couple @ \$135.00 (\$175.00 at the door)

___ Current Seminary, EFSM, or TRIM Student @ \$ 50.00 (\$75.00 at the door)

Registration Total \$ _____

Continuing Education Units (*Ordained Clergy Only*) # _____ X \$10.00 \$ _____

___ **Wednesday, July 4 Buffet Luncheon Ticket @ \$20.00*** \$ _____

*(*Meal cost is being subsidized by the Brethren Ministers Association)*

On-Site Child Supervised Play for Toddler – Elementary school

Circle sessions needed: Session One Session Two Session Three

Children's Names and Ages _____

Parent/Guardian Contact (during sessions) _____

Indicate any special needs or allergies _____

Fees for On-site Supervised Child Play per session: \$5.00/child or \$25.00 maximum total per family

children _____ x \$5, plus # sessions _____ = Total childcare \$ _____

Total Fees Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks payable to: CoB Ministers' Association

**Credit card payments accepted at Online Registration only – www.brethren.org/sustaining*

Mail registration by June 11, 2018

to: Ministers' Association, Attn: Tim Morphew, P. O. Box 52, New Paris, IN 46553

If you need to cancel your registration, you must do so in writing (emails accepted: bethany1@bnin.net).

Written cancellations must be received by June 11, 2018. All refunds are subject to a \$25 cancellation fee.

If the fees for attendance are prohibitive, you may request assistance by contacting ministersassociation@brethren.org.