



Church of the Brethren Annual Conference **JOURNAL**

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Blood Drive Results

81 units were donated Friday.

A Sweet Shoutout From Grand Rapids

Experience Grand Rapids, the convention and visitors bureau for next year's site of Annual Conference, sends sweet greetings to all of us here in Greensboro. They have purchased 667 ice cream bars, available in the lobby at a special concession area following Saturday night's worship service. Those who arrive later this evening may still purchase ice cream bars at Skylite Café. See you in Grand Rapids in 2020!

Webcast by the Numbers

As of Friday, 9:56 p.m.

Wednesday evening worship

Live - 185 views — Total - 959 views

Wednesday concert

Live - 117 views — Total - 653 views

Thursday Morning Business

Live - 54 views — Total - 1006 views

Thursday Afternoon Business

Live - 154 views — Total - 877 views

Thursday Evening Worship

Live - 225 views — Total - 760 views

Friday Morning Business

Live - 129 views — Total - 751 views

Friday Afternoon Business

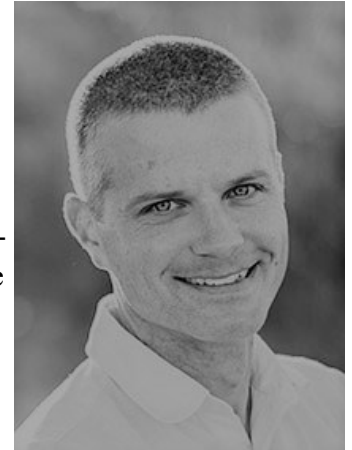
Live - 149 views — Total - 659 views

Friday Evening Worship

Live - 207 views — Total - 567 views

Saturday Features Jeremy Ashworth

Jeremy Ashworth, pastor of Circle of Peace (Ariz.) Church of the Brethren, is Saturday night's preacher. His message, "The Savior Is a Servant," is built around two classic scriptures, Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 25:31-46. He will proclaim Christ as servant, challenging us to reclaim our passion by serving both our local community and the world beyond. He and his spouse Mary share two sons, Gavin and Zane. According to Ashworth "We enjoy great conversations, hiking, stacking rocks, and tacos."



Election Results

Elected by Annual Conference

Moderator-Elect - David Sollenberger

Program and Arrangements Committee - Carol Higgs Elmore

Mission and Ministry Board Area 4 - J. Roger Schrock

Mission and Ministry Board Area 5 - Don Morrison

Bethany Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, Colleges - Monica Rice

Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust Board - Audrey Myer

On Earth Peace Board - Carla L. Gillespie

Board-elected/Constituency-elected Directors/Trustees

Mission and Ministry Board - Heather Gentry Hartwell, Paul V. Schrock, John Michael Hoffman.

Bethany Theological Seminary Board of Trustees - Eric Bishop, S. Philip Stover, Wendy Hutchinson Ailor.

On Earth Peace Board - Caitlin Haynes, Lucas Al-Zoughbi.

Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee - Dr. Terry Grove.

Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust Board - Donna McKee Rhoda, Russell Matteson.



Pastoral's Excellence

The Church of the Brethren Minister's Association held its annual meeting July 3-4 here in Greensboro. Dr. David Olsen presented a series titled "Saying No to Say Yes: Everyday Boundaries and Pastoral Excellence." His presentation was well-received, focusing on pastoral ethics and care. There were 132 in attendance. An offering of \$1312 was collected for the Ministry Assistance Fund. (Additional Donations can be sent to the Office of Ministry). Jody Gunn was elected to the office of secretary.

A Question for Y'all

Fred Swarz (58 consecutive Annual Conferences) reports that Paul White, Sr., of Roanoke, Va., who died this past year, had attended 63 consecutive Annual Conferences. Can anyone claim to have attended more than 63? Send answers to Annual Conference office.

Registration Info

As of July 5, at 5 p.m.

Delegate - 677

Non-delegate - 1469

Total - 2146

Online Evaluations

Your opinions matter! Let us know what you thought of Annual Conference, the music, the speakers, the insight sessions, and everything else! Every conference participant will be sent an email Sunday with a link to the conference evaluation online! Paper evaluations are also available but someone will have to enter them by hand into the system.

See You Next Year in Grand Rapids!

Sunday Morning Preacher Tim Harvey Proclaims Jesus Christ as Lord!

"Proclaiming Christ as Lord," based on Romans 12:1-2, 9-21, is the topic for Sunday morning's closing sermon at Greensboro. Tim Harvey, pastor at Oak Grove Church of the Brethren in Virginia, notes, "The scripture teaches us how Christians proclaim Christ as Lord in a culture that still believes Caesar is Lord. In a world that sees a continual escalation of hate, the church is to respond with an escalation of love. Rejecting retaliation and revenge, we love one another, love the stranger, and love our enemies as an inevitable outcome of our transformation in Christ."



In addition to serving as a pastor, Tim is a writer, a distance runner, a carpenter. He and his wife Lynette share three children. Tim was the 2012 Annual Conference moderator, was chair of General Board.

Overheard at Conference: Editor's Choice

Wendy McFadden: One day when I was a child my mother returned from a trip and told our family a conversation she had in the plane. The woman next to her had never flown before and was curious what she could see from the window. "What are all those dark spots on the ground?" she asked. "Those are shadows from the clouds. For people in those dark spots it's a cloudy sky." The woman had never thought about the sun and the clouds and the earth in quite that way. ...Even though I know God is not flying around in the air like an airplane, I wonder if sometimes God doesn't listen to us and think, well, from up here it looks quite different.

Elizabeth Ullery Swenson: I was raised in a church that Dan West came from. I was raised in a church that created change in the world. That's a part of my church history. Is it always good for my well-being? No.

Joel Peña, speaking about economic conditions in Venezuela: How it is that they smile? How do they keep the faith? How it is they do not rant about God and about faith? How do they keep the peace when food prices are extraordinarily high compared to the minimum wage? How do they maintain inner peace when a Big Mac is equivalent of one month and two days' pay? ... Each of them have had a real experience with God.

Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm: Thank God for silence so God can speak. What matters is paying attention. Have eyes to see.