Pre-Conference Schedule

Sunday, June 28

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  Standing Committee Meeting
Location: Amway Ambassador East, 2nd floor

Monday, June 29

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Standing Committee Meeting
Location: Amway Ambassador East, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Council of District Executives Meeting
Location: Amway Imperial Ballroom, 1st floor

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Retirement Readiness Seminar (by invitation only)
Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Standing Committee Meeting
Location: Amway Ambassador East, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Brethren Higher Education Association Coordinating Group Meeting
Location: Amway Riverview, 1st floor

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Council of District Executives Meeting
Location: Amway Imperial Ballroom, 1st floor

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Retirement Readiness Seminar (by invitation only)
Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Retirement Readiness Seminar Lunch (by invitation only)
Location: Amway Ottawa, 1st floor

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Mission and Ministry Board Executive Committee Meeting (closed session)
Location: Amway Pantlind Ballroom, 2nd floor

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Annual Conference Coordinators Meeting
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery C, 1st floor

3:00 p.m.  Annual Conference Onsite Registration Opens
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Concourse, 1st floor

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Brethren Academy Directed Independent Study Unit
Location: Amway Diamond, 2nd floor

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Brethren Ministers’ Association Pre-Conference Event: “The Church in 1 Corinthians: Challenges for Today” with Dr. Michael J. Gorman
Registration
Location: Amway Ambassador West, 2nd floor
Tuesday, June 30 (continued)

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Council of District Executives and Inter-Agency Forum Prayer Gathering  
All are welcome!  
Location: Amway Kendall, 3rd floor

5:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Brethren Ministers’ Association Supervised Child Play  
Location: Amway Ruby, 2nd floor

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Brethren Ministers’ Association Pre-Conference Event: “The Church in 1 Corinthians: Challenges for Today” with Dr. Michael J. Gorman  
Session 1 – Corinthians Past and Present: Chaos and the Word of the Cross, and The Character of the Church, The Character of Ministry.  
Location: Amway Ambassador West, 2nd floor

Wednesday, July 1

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Standing Committee Meeting  
Location: Amway Ambassador East, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Mission and Ministry Board Meeting  
Location: Amway Pantlind Ballroom, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Council of District Executives Meeting  
Location: Amway Imperial Ballroom, 1st floor

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Brethren Ministers’ Association Supervised Child Play  
Location: Amway Ruby, 2nd floor

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  Brethren Ministers’ Association Pre-Conference Event: “The Church in 1 Corinthians: Challenges for Today” with Dr. Michael J. Gorman  
Session 2 – The Holiness of the Church Between Cross and Parousia, and Costly Κοινόνια and the Power of the Cross  
Location: Amway Ambassador West, 2nd floor

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  Ethics for the Set-Apart Ministry: Advanced Level  
Location: Amway Ottawa, 1st floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Brethren Ministers’ Association Buffet Lunch and Networking (by invitation only)  
Location: Amway Ambassador West, 2nd floor

12:00 p.m.  Exhibit Hall Opens  
A great place to learn about many of the church’s ministries as well as other church-related organizations.  
Location: DeVos Exhibit Hall C, 1st floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Nominating Committee Luncheon (by invitation only)  
Location: Amway Pearl, 2nd floor
Wednesday, July 1 (continued)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Mission and Ministry Board and Guiding Team Luncheon with International Guests (by invitation only)  
Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Brethren Ministers’ Association Supervised Child Play  
Location: Amway Ruby, 2nd floor

1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Brethren Ministers’ Association Pre-Conference Event: “The Church in 1 Corinthians: Challenges for Today” with Dr. Michael J. Gorman  
Session 3 – The Gift of Love and the Body of Christ, and Proclaiming and Practicing Resurrection  
Location: Amway Ambassador West, 2nd floor

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Brethren Academy Directed Independent Study Unit  
Location: Amway Diamond, 2nd floor

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Annual Conference New Attendee Orientation Meeting  
An opportunity for everyone, but especially first-time delegates and those who have not attended Conference recently, to meet with the moderator-elect, secretary, and the director of the Annual Conference Office to learn the ropes and ask about this year’s logistics.  
Location: Amway Ambassador East, 2nd floor

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Table Facilitators Training  
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery C, 1st floor

4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.  Choir Rehearsal  
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists Annual Business Meeting  
Location: Amway Riverview, 1st floor

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  Open Table Mix and Mingle  
Join us for an all-ages gathering with light appetizers. Grab some lemonade or an iced tea, together we’ll raise a glass and say a prayer as we continue the work of Jesus in a spirit of bold, visionary, and inclusive love. No tickets required, all are welcome!  
Location: Amway Atrium, lower level

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  Faith Forward Donor Circle Dinner (by invitation only)  
Location: Amway Governors, 2nd floor
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Please note: The evening worship times begin at 6:45 p.m. and Insight Sessions begin at 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening, July 1

6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.  Early Childhood Services
                        *God made our special world*
                        Location: DeVos River Overlook E and F, 2nd floor

6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.  Gathering and Opening Worship
                        Preacher: Paul Mundey
                        Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Concert: Fernando Ortega
                        Christian recording artist Fernando Ortega in concert
                        Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Delegate Packet Preparation
                        Location: DeVos Grand Gallery A, 1st floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Hearing: Compelling Vision
                        Location: Amway Ambassador East, 2nd floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.  Junior High Activities
                        *Getting acquainted games and activities*
                        Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook A and B, 2nd floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.  Senior High Activities
                        *Reuniting and making friends, games, Annual Conference theme*
                        Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook C and D, 2nd floor

Thursday, July 2

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  New Congregations Breakfast (by invitation only)
                        Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  BRF Advisory Council Breakfast (by invitation only)
                        Review the Annual Conference booklet
                        Location: Amway Pearl, 2nd floor
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  **Brethren Disaster Ministries Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** (by invitation only)
Speaker: Roy Winter
This complimentary breakfast is open to pre-registered current and past BDM and CDS volunteers. Join us for a time of fellowship and a brief BDM/CDS update. Registration is required by June 15 by calling the BDM/CDS office (800-451-4407; bdm@brethren.org; cgs@brethren.org). Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Late registrations will only be accepted if space is available. Contact a BDM or CDS staff member for information.
Location: Amway Governors, 2nd floor

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  **Annual Conference Blood Drive**
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery B, 1st floor

8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  **Early Childhood Services**
*God made special friends*
Location: DeVos River Overlook E and F, 2nd floor

8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  **K – 2nd Grades Children’s Activities**
Grand Rapids Children’s Museum
Location: DeVos River Overlook C and D, 2nd floor

8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  **3rd – 5th Grades Children’s Activities**
*Aberdeen Park, outreach project*
Location: DeVos River Overlook A and B, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  **Junior High Activities**
*Tree Runner Adventure Park*
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook A and B, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  **Senior High Activities**
*Gerald R. Ford Museum, swimming, Brethren colleges*
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook C and D, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  **Business Session**
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.  **Mutual Support Group: Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones to Suicide**
Location: Amway Diamond, 2nd floor

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.  **Mutual Support Group: Families Living with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities**
Location: Amway Lyon, 2nd floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  **Brethren Revival Fellowship Prayer and Fasting Session**
Location: Amway Vandenberg A, 2nd floor
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **El Almuerzo**
Tiempo de conversación y comunión para todos aquellos que están involucrados en el trabajo con ministerios Latinx (Hispanos, Latino, Latina). Será un tiempo para compartir alegrias, preocupaciones, ideas y retos; así como también llegar a conocerse mejor y aprender mutuamente. Nota: Esta conversación se llevará a cabo principalmente en español. Para solicitar un boleto: Lnkosi@brethren.org
A time for conversation and fellowship for all those who are involved in working with Latinx (Hispanic/Latino/Latina) ministries. It will be a time to share joys, worries, ideas and challenges, as well as getting to know each other better and learn from each other. Note: This conversation will be conducted primarily in Spanish. To request a reservation, please contact LaDonna Nkosi at Lnkosi@brethren.org
Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **Brethren Volunteer Service Luncheon**
Speaker: Michaela Alphonse
Topic: “Service, Privilege, and Wearing Clean Underwear”
Michaela Alphonse regularly presents sessions at BVS orientation on the privileges we carry into service. She helps volunteers identify these privileges as they step into new communities and cultures. Michaela will talk about how privilege shows up in different ways, including how we relate to those we serve, how we view the communities where we serve, and even the importance of wearing clean underwear. As supporters of BVS, come get an inside look at how orientation equips volunteers for their term of service.
Location: Amway Governors, 2nd floor

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **Brethren Chaplains Network – Paging Any Available Chaplain! (.05 CEU)**
Leaders: Kathy Gingrich and Anna Lee Hisey Pierson
This gathering will cultivate a sacred space to reflect on our holy work as we explore opportunities for networking as chaplains in various settings. Also included will be a presentation on compassion fatigue, coping with secondary trauma (.05 CEUs). Many of us provide chaplaincy care in environments with diminishing resources and increasing demands. Let us meet together to renew, restore, and flourish as Church of the Brethren chaplains.
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery C
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Equipping Sessions**

1. **When Tragedy Strikes: Supporting Children Through Violence in Their Community**  
   Presenters: Lisa Crouch and John Kinsel  
   Focus: This session will offer an introduction to the effects of mass casualty events, including mass shootings, on children. Participants will learn three aspects of child trauma response and three strategies for supporting coping and recovery for children who have been exposed to such events. Christian love, expressed in intentional acts, forms the basis for the interventions to be discussed.  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Children’s Disaster Services  
   Representative: Lisa Crouch  
   Location: Amway Berkey, 3rd floor

2. **Effectively Board (.1 CEU)**  
   Presenter: Nevin Dulabaum  
   Focus: Is your church board doing what it should be doing? Are board meetings effective? This session will talk about the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of church boards. Attendees will leave with a list of ideas related to board functionality to take back to their congregations.  
   Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust  
   Representative: Loyce Borgmann  
   Location: Amway Haldane, 3rd floor

3. **Love Jesus, Grow in Faith, Change the World: Lighting the Way for Faith Formation**  
   Presenter: Joan Daggett  
   Focus: The creators of Shine: Living in God’s Light want children and youth to learn to know and love Jesus, grow in their faith and relationship with God and each other, and live out that faith in ways that bring healing and hope to our world! Join us as we share Shine’s vision for faith formation and explore the new curriculum resources launching this fall. From small visual cues to larger thematic changes, the new Shine curriculum lights the way to a better understanding of the Bible. Leave with ideas and resources to help your Sunday School grow and thrive in 2020 and beyond.  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Brethren Press  
   Representative: Jeff Lennard  
   Location: Amway Heritage Hill, 3rd floor
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Equipping Sessions

4. **Kingian Nonviolence #1: Nonviolence is a Way of Life for Courageous People** (1 CEU)
   Presenters: Marie Benner-Rhoades, Matt Guynn, and Bill Scheurer
   Focus: Nonviolence is a positive force confronting system of injustice, and utilizing the righteous indignation and the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual capabilities of people as vital powers for change and reconciliation. Join us to explore the resolve it takes to confront conflict and to work for justice using this proactive approach. We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.
   Agency/District: On Earth Peace
   Representative: Bill Scheurer
   Location: Amway Winchester, 3rd floor

5. **Biblical Resources for Creation Care** (1 CEU)
   Presenter: Dan Ulrich
   Focus: The Bible reveals God’s persistent care for all creation and God’s call for humans to share in the work of making creation whole. Biblical teaching and preaching can help overcome complacency or despair, opening a path for people to answer God’s call. Are you feeling led to preach or teach on the topic of creation care? This equipping session will introduce several passages that could be the basis for your next series of sermons or lessons. The session will also lay a biblical foundation for meaningful action in your church and community.
   Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary
   Representative: Jenny Williams
   Location: Amway Pullman, 3rd floor

6. **Talkback with the Moderator and General Secretary**
   Presenters: Paul Mundey and David Steele
   Focus: This session is an opportunity for persons to ask questions of David Steele and Paul Mundey after their presentation to the Annual Conference on contextual realities impacting the life of the Church of the Brethren.
   Agency/District: Annual Conference Office
   Representative: Chris Douglas
   Location: Amway Ambassador East, 2nd floor
Thursday, July 2 (continued)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  **Mutual Support Group: Persons Caring for Someone with Dementia**  
Location: Amway Diamond, 2nd floor

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  **Mutual Support Group: Families Living with Aspergers and Autism**  
Location: Amway Lyon, 2nd floor

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  **Early Childhood Services**  
*Special friends, crafts*  
Location: DeVos River Overlook E and F, 2nd floor

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  **Business Session**  
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.  **Choir Rehearsal**  
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  **Discipleship Ministries Dinner**  
Speaker: MaryAnn McKibben Dana  
Topic: “Yes, and: Improvisational Leadership in an Imperfect World” Life is full of the unexpected, both positive and not so positive. What if, instead of fighting it when things don’t go as planned, we leaned into the change and improvised? From Moses to Ruth to Jesus, scripture is full of people boldly saying “yes, and…” as they receive what life throws their way and build upon it in faithful and surprising ways. Writer and pastor MaryAnn McKibben Dana will engage us with a lively blend of scripture, theology, psychology, literature, and more, inviting us to dream of what’s possible for the church and our ministry within it.  
Location: Amway Governors, 2nd floor

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  **Moderator’s Dinner**  
Speaker: Tod Bolsinger  
Topic: “Adventure or Die” The church in the West today finds itself in an unexpected place and unfamiliar terrain, but the key question is, what will we do at this critical moment? All are invited!  
Location: Amway Ambassador West, 2nd floor

6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.  **Early Childhood Services**  
*A house with an opening in the roof*  
Location: DeVos River Overlook E and F, 2nd floor

6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.  **Evening Worship**  
Preacher: Richard Zapata  
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  

**Equipping Sessions**

1. **Reading the Bible Missionally – Part 1 (1 CEU)**  
   Presenter: Dr. Michael Gorman  
   Focus: What might it mean to read Scripture from the basic standpoint of the missio Dei—the mission of God in the world? We will explore this perspective with reference to both the church as a whole and the local congregation. Session 1 (Thursday) will explore the principles of missional interpretation, with attention to some Old Testament texts. Session 2 (Friday) will focus on reading the Gospels and Acts missionally. Session 3 (Saturday) will consider reading the letters of Paul and other New Testament letters missionally.  
   Agency/District: Annual Conference Office  
   Representative: Paul Mundey  
   Location: Amway Vandenberg A, 2nd floor

2. **How to Pay Your Minister (1 CEU)**  
   Presenter: Deb Oskin  
   Focus: Do W-2s and 1099s confuse you? Wondering if a pastor is self-employed or not? This session, led by a clergy tax expert, will answer the important question - “How do ministers get paid?” Learn how to prepare your minister’s W-2, how the housing allowance affects your minister’s taxes, and how to set up an accountable expense reimbursement plan. Attendees will receive a list of housing allowance items.  
   Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust  
   Representative: Loyce Borgmann  
   Location: Amway Grand View B&C, 3rd floor

3. **Standing in the Heat, Surviving the Sabotage (1 CEU)**  
   Presenter: Tod Bolsinger  
   Focus: Leadership has long been considered a crucible of transformation, but as more of our focus is necessarily on leading change, learning how to lead through sabotage is becoming the critical quality. Participants will receive information on how to lead change in their congregations.  
   Agency/District: Annual Conference Office  
   Representative: Paul Mundey  
   Location: Amway Ambassador East, 2nd floor
Equipping Sessions

4. Thinking Theologically with Our Hands (1 CEU)
   Presenter: MaryAnn McKibben Dana
   Focus: It’s an exciting and nerve-wracking time to be engaged in ministry - especially if you work with youth or young adults. For many of us, ministry looks nothing like what we thought. Thankfully, our faith gives us plenty of tools for creative ministry. Join pastor, ministry coach, and author MaryAnn McKibben Dana as we explore faith formation through the lenses of improvisation and of play as holy work. We are all creators and improvisers - often without realizing it! The focus of our time together will be on practices for thriving in the midst of chaotic, often unpredictable lives. Participants will receive a flier with more than 10 exercises to aid individuals and groups in “thinking theologically with our hands,” as well as a resource list.
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries
   Representative: Becky Ullom Naugle
   Location: Amway Vandenberg B

5. Kingian Nonviolence #2: The Beloved Community is the Framework for the Future (1 CEU)
   Presenters: Marie Benner-Rhoades, Matt Guynn, and Bill Scheurer
   Focus: The nonviolent concept is an overall effort to achieve a reconciled world by raising the level of relationships among people to a height where justice prevails, and persons attain their full human potential. Join us to explore what beloved community means for you and for us in the church, and how it relates to working for justice and peace. We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.
   Agency/District: On Earth Peace
   Representative: Bill Scheurer
   Location: Amway Winchester, 3rd floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Equipping Sessions

6. A Verdant Faith: Cultivating Eco-Discipleship Practices (1 CEU)
Presenters: Jonathan Stauffer and Randall Westfall
Focus: A verdant faith is one that recognizes the connection between our discipleship to Jesus and our relationship with his creation. Jesus was deeply attuned with his natural settings. He knew God’s wisdom came from creation encounters and he sought solace in it to regenerate his ministry and mission. As his disciples, our lives should mirror that connectivity. This session will be about how the inner landscape of our faith is strengthened by the outer landscapes in God’s creation. Attendees will be given new eco-formation resources and practices to help equip their ministry and spiritual life as verdant disciples.
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of the General Secretary/Outdoor Ministries Association
Representative: Randall Westfall
Location: Amway Haldane, 3rd floor

7. How to Maximize Insurance Benefits for Your Pastor (1 CEU)
Presenter: Jeremiah Thompson
Focus: Come and find out what an ICHRA is and how it can benefit pastors and congregations. This session will highlight the advantages of establishing an ICHRA and give you step-by-step instructions on how to get started. The session will also highlight other group insurance products available for pastors and church staff members.
Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust
Representative: Loyce Borgmann
Location: Amway Thornapple, 3rd floor

8. Congregational Care System Includes Church Safety (1 CEU)
Presenter: Stan Dueck
Focus: Emergency preparedness for churches used to mean having a plan for responding to reports of fires and severe weather. Today, churches must also prepare to deal with crises created by violent people. While outbreaks of violence at church seem unthinkable, they’re happening with increasing frequency. During the session, you will take away information on the following: • Preparing the Congregation, • Assessing Risks, • Helpful resources.
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries
Representative: Stan Dueck
Location: Amway Grand View A, 3rd floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  **Equipping Sessions**

9. **Social Media Manners for All Who Minister** (.1 CEU)  
   **Presenters:** Nancy Heishman and Wendy McFadden  
   **Focus:** The Apostle Paul urged the Ephesian Christians to “speak truth to their neighbors” and to also let their words “give grace to those who hear” (Eph. 4:25, 29). Users of social media including ministers often struggle to find that balance and discern how best to navigate social media given their ministerial role. This session will offer guidance, tips, and resources for meeting these challenges today.  
   **Agency/District:** Church of the Brethren/Office of Ministry  
   **Representative:** Nancy Heishman  
   **Location:** Amway Heritage Hill, 3rd floor

10. **Yeast, Salt, and Light: A Recipe for a Moving, Meaningful, and Mission-Focused Stewardship Ministry** (.1 CEU)  
    **Presenter:** Marcia Shetler  
    **Focus:** Need a fresh recipe for your stewardship ministry? This workshop will help your congregation become more generous stewards by investing in your mission, adding fresh practices, and brightening your witness. We’ll also explore the important roles for clergy and laypersons as you create a stewardship ministry that is relevant, purposeful, and inviting. All attending will leave with at least three new ways to affect stewardship in their congregation.  
    **Agency/District:** Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries  
    **Representative:** Josh Brockway  
    **Location:** Amway Kendall, 3rd floor

11. **Theology at Series End: Helping Congregations Talk About Science Fiction and Theology** (.1 CEU)  
    **Presenter:** Steven Schweitzer  
    **Focus:** Several major science fiction series are wrapping up main story arcs, especially The Avengers in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and Star Wars. In these popular finales (“Infinity War/Endgame” and “The Rise of Skywalker”), theological themes and claims are expressed in unique ways in the wider culture. We will explore how these major scifi series present theology in their finales and consider practical ways congregations can productively engage them.  
    **Agency/District:** Bethany Theological Seminary  
    **Representative:** Jenny Williams  
    **Location:** Amway Pantlind, 2nd floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  **Equipping Sessions**

12. **Learning to Be More Active and Effective in Disaster Response**  
   Presenter: Lisa Crouch, Jenn Dorsch-Messler, and Disaster Response Volunteers  
   Focus: Come learn from experienced Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children Disaster Services volunteers who have dedicated their time and gifts to serve families who have experienced disasters. They will share stories and resources that will provide lessons learned and staff will provide updates on the two programs and where other volunteers and supporters can connect. From this session, attendees will learn how to engage volunteers, donors and supporters in their congregations and districts to respond to disasters locally through partnerships or nationally with Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children’s Disaster Services.  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Brethren Disaster Ministries  
   Representative: Jenn Dorsch-Messler  
   Location: Amway Berkey, 3rd floor

13. **Birthing a New World: Global Interconnectedness of Wealth, Poverty and Liberation**  
   Presenters: Anna Lisa Gross, Katie Heishman, Sarah Neher, and Barb Sayler  
   Focus: What has changed - and what hasn’t changed - in the 42 years that Global Women’s Project has been educating within the Church of the Brethren and empowering women throughout the world? How are dynamics of wealth and privilege, poverty and instability, getting better or worse? What has changed for women in the U.S. and other countries? Where do we find hope, and how can we put our prayers, energy and resources to best use? Participants who attend this session will leave with concrete ways to create a more equitable global community and a greater knowledge about their connectedness with others around the world.  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Global Mission and Service/Global Women’s Project  
   Representative: Kim Hill Smith  
   Location: Amway Riverview, 1st floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Equipping Sessions

14. Write it Down! (.1 CEU)

   Presenters: Denise Kettering-Lane, Chibuzo Petty, and Anita Hooley Yoder
   Focus: In Revelation 21:5, God urges us toward writing as a potent theological act. This session explores the reasons we write of God and the kinds of impact that writing can have on our world and our life of faith. Panelists from “Brethren Life & Thought” journal will talk about their own frameworks for writing, exploring images of “the storyteller,” “the martyr or the trickster,” and “the herald.”

   If you write of God or think you might like to, come discover tools and possibilities for this type of expression. Participants will learn opportunities and outlets for writing in Brethren contexts and ways in which their writing might engage productively with the world and the church.

   Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary
   Representative: Tony Price
   Location: Amway Pullman, 3rd floor

15. Worship for Everybody: Including People with Disabilities (.1 CEU)

   Presenter: Jeanne Davies
   Focus: Worship is the work of the people of God, all the people of God. However, sometimes our worship practices exclude people with differing abilities. In this insight session we will explore how to include people of all abilities and ages with worship based on universal design. Come envision together how we can all worship together using the languages of music, art, symbol, story, drama, movement, and ritual. Participants in this session will take home ideas and resources for planning corporate worship in ways that include those with disabilities.

   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries
   Representative: Josh Brockway
   Location: Amway Nelson, 3rd floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.  Junior High Activities

   Witness to the Host City materials sorting
   Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook A and B, 2nd floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.  Senior High Activities

   Bible quiz show
   Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook C and D
Friday, July 3

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Clergywomen’s Breakfast
Speaker: Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim
Topic: “Holy Spirit: Mover and Shaker of Ideas and Actions”
The Spirit presents itself to many as an enigma. Its existence is mysterious and complex, generating misunderstandings and unawareness of its true purpose. The Spirit’s ambiguous nature opens the opportunity for study to unearth the exciting truths that it holds. The Spirit is present in our world in various forms and stirs us to work toward new kinships with God that are sustainable, just, and whole. The Spirit empowers, sustains, and encourages us to live out our call and ministry.
Location: Amway Emerald, 2nd floor

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Breakfast with Tod Bolsinger
Speaker: Tod Bolsinger
Topic: “The Fire and the Anvil” The vulnerability of leadership requires the security of relationships, especially one kind of relationship.
Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Annual Conference Blood Drive
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery B, 1st floor

8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Early Childhood Services
God made me special
Location: DeVos River Overlook E and F, 2nd floor

8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  K – 2nd Grades Children’s Activities
Grand Rapids Public Museum, carousel, planetarium
Location: DeVos River Overlook C and D, 2nd floor

8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  3rd – 5th Grades Children’s Activities
Lena Meijer Children’s Garden Trip
Location: DeVos River Overlook A and B, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  Junior High Activities
Church of the Brethren ministries, Grand Rapids Public Museum
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook A and B, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  Senior High Activities
Tree Runner Adventure Park, EYN
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook C and D, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Business Session: “Doing Church” in Uncharted Territory, with Tod Bolsinger
Both laity and clergy tend to ‘do church’ as if we are still in a Christendom world; however, we are in a post-Christendom world. A critical need, then, for laity and clergy alike, is to learn a different way of ‘doing church.’ Strategies for adaptative change, along with other practical ways of ‘doing church differently’ will be offered.
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Organ Recital by Robin Risser Mundey**  
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. **Mutual Support Group: Persons Impacted by Addictions**  
Location: Amway Diamond, 2nd floor

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. **Mutual Support Group: Persons Living with Depression and Related Issues**  
Location: Amway Lyon, 2nd floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Womaen’s Caucus Luncheon**  
Speaker: Kathy Gingrich  
Topic: “50 Years of Womaen’s Caucus” Over the past ten years Womaen’s Caucus has been celebrating our 40th anniversary by naming the women who started, nurtured, and instrumentally changed us. This year is our final year of celebration marking our 50th year. Come join us for good conversation and empowerment!  
Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Brethren Revival Fellowship Luncheon**  
Speaker: Roger Myers  
Topic: “The On-Going Mission of the Church” Today’s church faces numerous challenges, both in theology and practice. Some of those challenges are external and others are internal. It is imperative for the church to have a clear, biblically informed understanding of what God expects His people, this is, the church, to be and to do in the days in which we live. Believers must also be on guard against subtle and not so subtle deviations in theology and in practice. This message will consider some of the major external and internal issues confronting the church today, and then offer insight from God’s Word on how those challenges can be overcome.  
Location: Amway Ambassador West, 2nd floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Bethany Seminary and Brethren Academy Luncheon**  
Speaker: Jeff Carter  
Topic: “Celebrating a Milestone” A quarter century ago, Bethany Seminary faculty, staff, and students opened the doors to their new educational home on National Road in Richmond, Indiana. It was more than a geographical shift. Bethany was setting a course for long-term growth and service years ahead of the changes that are forcing many seminaries today to merge, downsize, or close. Join President Jeff Carter and the voices of others in the extended Bethany community to celebrate the challenges met and vision realized over the past twenty-five years.  
Location: Amway Governors, 2nd floor
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Outdoor Ministries Association Celebration Luncheon**
Speaker: Randall Westfall
Topic: “Celebrating a Year Seeking Peace” The luncheon is a celebration of the Christian ministry occurring in the Church of the Brethren camps spread across the country. It is about connecting and reconnecting with the people who have shared the Gospel in outdoor ministry. Join together with camp leaders and former campers in recognizing individuals and camps who have provided leadership in ministry in the past year. Sing the old camp songs and fellowship with people who have found the joy of connecting with God in community and creation.
Location: Amway Pearl, 2nd floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Multiracial Family Reunion**
An all-ages luncheon reunion for Brethren who identify as or come from multiracial families. This is a time to get to know one another, reconnect, and share experiences and stories. To request a reservation, please contact Joanna Willoughby at: jojozazo@yahoo.com
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery C, 1st floor

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Insight Sessions**
1. **The Role of the Adult Child with Aging Parents** (1 CEU)
   Presenter: Chris Widmon
   Focus: How do we provide assistance with love and support for our aging parents when it is needed? Or, as an aging parent, yourself, how do you accept help from others? This session will discuss how we best support aging parents who may or may not appreciate our help.
   Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust
   Representative: Loyce Borgmann
   Location: Amway Haldane, 3rd floor

2. **Organic Leadership and the Small Church** (1 CEU)
   Presenters: Josh Brockway, Stan Dueck, Becky Ullom Naugle, and LaDonna Sanders Nkosi
   Focus: There is always more to do in the church than there are people. That is the new reality of being the church regardless of size. Organic Leadership is a way of connecting spiritual gifts, skills, and passions with the ministries of the congregation. Instead of finding people to fill roles, Organic Leadership starts with people first. Discipleship Ministries staff will share how Organic Leadership has impacted their work and the shape of their ministry in the Church of the Brethren.
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries
   Representative: Randi Rowan
   Location: Amway Thornapple, 3rd floor
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

3. **Kingian Nonviolence #3: Attack Forces of Evil, Not Persons Doing Evil**  (1 CEU)
   
   **Presenters:** Marie Benner-Rhoades, Matt Guynn, and Bill Scheurer
   
   **Focus:** The nonviolent approach helps one analyze the fundamental conditions, policies, and practices of conflict rather than reacting to one’s opponents or their personalities. What does this really mean? How do we channel our righteous indignation toward conditions instead of personalities? We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.
   
   **Agency/District:** On Earth Peace
   
   **Representative:** Bill Scheurer
   
   **Location:** Amway Winchester, 3rd floor

4. **Fostering a Spirit of Generosity: Tips for Giving Strategies**
   
   **Presenter:** Traci Rabenstein
   
   **Focus:** The Mission Advancement office will offer insights into how planned gifts from members can help sustain the work of the church. The session will cover checklists, methods on how to begin conversation about charitable giving, the importance of relationships, and some of the methods used by the Mission Advancement office to encourage congregations and donors in fostering their hearts of generosity, as we continue the work of Jesus.
   
   **Agency/District:** Church of the Brethren/Mission Advancement
   
   **Representative:** Traci Rabenstein
   
   **Location:** Amway Kendall, 3rd floor

5. **Thriving in Ministry: Part-Time Pastor, Full-Time Church Program**  (1 CEU)
   
   **Presenter:** Dana Cassell
   
   **Focus:** Is your pastor multi-vocational? Does your congregation have a part-time pastor or a team of ministers? Are you considering trying one of these creative models? 75% of Church of the Brethren congregations have multi-vocational pastors, and many of these churches have found fun and faithful ways of doing ministry together. Come hear a panel of congregational leaders share the infinite possibilities, surprising joys and inevitable challenges of doing church without a full-time pastor.
   
   **Agency/District:** Church of the Brethren/Office of Ministry
   
   **Representative:** Nancy Heishman
   
   **Location:** Amway Heritage Hill, 3rd floor
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Insight Sessions**

6. **Respecting Difference, Rejecting Division: The Pacific Southwest District Unity Statement**
   Presenters: Susan Boyer, Russ Matteson, and Mary Kay Ogden
   Focus: Differences among God’s people are more pronounced than ever before! But is division the best way forward? A few years ago, the Pacific Southwest District (PSWD) grappled with this very challenge, developing a unity statement. This session will explore PSWD’s journey toward unity in the midst of diversity. You will hear how their unity statement was crafted and advanced, resulting in an affirmative vote at the 2007 PSWD District Conference.
   **Agency/District:** Annual Conference Office
   **Representative:** Paul Mundey
   **Location:** Amway Vandenberg A

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Mutual Support Group: Persons Impacted by Domestic Violence**
   **Location:** Amway Diamond, 2nd floor

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Mutual Support Group: Third Culture Kids**
   **Location:** Amway Lyon, 2nd floor

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Early Childhood Services**
   *God made me special, mirror craft*
   **Location:** DeVos River Overlook E and I, 2nd floor

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Business Session**
   **Location:** DeVos Steelcase Ballroom

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **BMC Worship**
   **Location:** Amway Imperial Ballroom, 1st floor

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal**
   **Location:** DeVos Steelcase Ballroom

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Brethren Press and Messenger Dinner**
   **Speaker:** David Mow
   **Topic:** “The Bruderhof and the Brethren” David Mow will speak about the history and relationships shared between the Church of the Brethren and the Bruderhof, an intentional community in the Anabaptist tradition that is observing its centennial this year. Mow is a Bruderhof minister and a former editor at Plough Publishing House. After years of service in western Pennsylvania, he and his wife, Louisa, pastored at the Bruderhof’s urban house community in London. More recently, they returned to pastoral service at Spring Valley Bruderhof in Farmington, Pennsylvania. David is the oldest grandson of Anna Mow, a beloved missionary, teacher, and ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren.
   **Location:** Amway Ambassador West, 2nd floor
6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.  Early Childhood Services
*Giant floor puzzle*
Location: DeVos River Overlook E and F, 2nd floor

6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.  Evening Worship
Preachers: Chelsea Goss and Tyler Goss
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Insight Sessions

1. Agriculture Projects in the Great Lakes Region of Africa (.1 CEU)
   Presenters: Christian Elliot and Etienne Nsanzimana
   Focus: Hear from those directly involved with Global Food Initiative projects in Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Learn about the work among the Batwa and farming techniques such as Farming God’s Way.
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/GLOBAL Food Initiative
   Representative: Jeffrey Boshart
   Location: Amway Nelson, 3rd floor

2. Courage to Lead: Building Inclusive Communities (.1 CEU)
   Presenters: Brian Flory and Carol Wise
   Focus: Is your congregation looking to revitalize its vision for ministry? Is your congregation ready to delve more deeply into the oft-used congregational norm of ‘all are welcome here?’ Would you like to learn more about how to build a truly inclusive faith community in your congregation? Congregations in the Supportive Communities Network of Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests have been strengthened and enriched by the full inclusion of their LGBTQ members. During this insight session, attendees will hear from a panel of SCN Pastors about their personal and congregational experiences with being part of an inclusive congregation. Attendees will learn about how to begin the process of building an inclusive community, what mistakes to avoid and what best practices to employ. Join us for a rousing and informative conversation that is intended to provide clarity on how to engage and lead your congregation in this important conversation.
   Agency/District: On Earth Peace
   Representative: Bill Scheurer
   Location: Amway Pullman, 3rd floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
**Insight Sessions**

3. **Herstory: Women Writing Brethren History** (.1 CEU)  
   Presenter: Denise Kettering Lane  
   Focus: For most of the last century, women have been active participants in remembering, recording, and retelling Brethren history. As both amateur and professional historians, women have interpreted local, district, and international Brethren history, often preserving important stories about our congregations and denomination in the process. Come find out about some of the influential women historians in our tradition and the history that they helped to preserve.  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Brethren Historical Committee  
   Representative: William Kostlevy  
   Location: Amway Imperial Ballroom, 1st floor

4. **BVS in Retirement: Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks**  
   Presenter: Judy Stout  
   Focus: Have you considered joining BVS in retirement? Serving in BVS is rewarding no matter when, where, or with whom. Judy Stout, current retiree, completed her two-year BVS term in May of 2020. She will share about how serving in Nigeria was an adventure, fulfilling in the largest sense: spiritually, emotionally, culturally, and personally. When reflecting on her experience, Judy asks, “Who says you can’t teach an old dog new tricks?”  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Brethren Volunteer Service  
   Representative: Hannah Shultz  
   Location: Amway Ruby, 3rd floor

5. **Reading the Bible Missionally – Part 2** (.1 CEU)  
   Presenter: Dr. Michael Gorman  
   Focus: What might it mean to read Scripture from the basic standpoint of the missio Dei—the mission of God in the world? We will explore this perspective with reference to both the church as a whole and the local congregation. Session 1 (Thursday) will explore the principles of missional interpretation, with attention to some Old Testament texts. Session 2 (Friday) will focus on reading the Gospels and Acts missionally. Session 3 (Saturday) will consider reading the letters of Paul and other New Testament letters missionally.  
   Agency/District: Annual Conference Office  
   Representative: Paul Mundey  
   Location: Amway Vandenberg A
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

6. Brethren Pension Plan – It’s Good for You!
   Presenters: Scott Douglas and Lynnae Rodeffer
   Focus: With so many ways to save for retirement, why is it beneficial for full- and part-time church workers to use Brethren Pension Plan? From tax advantages, housing allowance, and the lifetime annuity, all invested with Brethren values, the merits of saving for retirement through the Brethren Pension Plan will be covered in this session.
   Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust
   Representative: Loyce Borgmann
   Location: Amway Haldane, 3rd floor

7. Kingian Nonviolence #4: Accept Suffering Without Retaliation for the Sake of the Cause to Achieve a Goal
   (.1 CEU)
   Presenters: Marie Benner-Rhoades, Matt Guynn, and Bill Scheurer
   Focus: Self-chosen suffering is redemptive and helps the movement grow in a spiritual as well as a humanitarian dimension. The moral authority of voluntary suffering for a goal communicates the concern to one’s own friends and community as well as to the opponent. What in the world can this mean? Come explore the theme of suffering, personal sacrifice, and nonviolent discipline in the struggle for a more just world. We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.
   Agency/District: On Earth Peace
   Representative: Bill Scheurer
   Location: Amway Winchester, 3rd floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

8. **New and Renew: Innovative Transformational Ministries** (.1 CEU)
   Presenter: Stan Dueck
   Focus: Established and new churches of diverse ethnicities are cultivating innovative approaches to more effectively engage with people who are not yet part of a church. The session will share what some congregations are doing to reach people who might never experience Christian community and the transformational and self-giving love of Jesus. Attending the session, you will leave with effective resources applicable to your local congregation.
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries
   Representative: Stan Dueck
   Location: Amway Thornapple, 3rd floor

9. **Intercultural Ministry: Building Culturally Diverse Faith Communities** (.1 CEU)
   Presenter: Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim
   Focus: Why are most churches still segregated by culture and language? Is it possible to build culturally and linguistically diverse and intercultural ministries today? What are the biblical and theological imperatives for intercultural ministry? This session will address questions of power in working towards intercultural congregational leadership.
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of Ministry Representative: Nancy Heishman
   Location: Amway Pantlind, 2nd floor

10. **Defining Set-Apart Ministry Within the Multi-Vocational Reality** (.1 CEU)
    Presenter: Sandra Jenkins
    Focus: This insight session will explore the special rewards and challenges of pastoral ministry in a bi-vocational or multi-vocational context.
    Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary
    Representative: Janet Ober Lambert
    Location: Amway Heritage Hill, 3rd floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

11. **Mental Health First Aid** *(1 CEU)*  
   Presenter: Rebekah Flores  
   Focus: Research has shown how prevalent mental illness is within our congregations, across demographics. As communities of care and compassion, it is important for our congregations to understand the importance of mental health, but also to recognize signs of illness. Pastors, deacons, and lay leaders are welcome to this insight session so that they can better understand the realities of mental illness and to learn how congregations can offer meaningful support to not just individuals affected by mental illness but to care for those providing care.  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries  
   Representative: Josh Brockway  
   Location: Amway Vandenberg B

12. **A Place of Refuge: Ministries of Care in an Urban Context**  
   Presenters: Josh Brockway and Dan Poole  
   Focus: This session reports on the immersion learning course jointly sponsored by Bethany Theological Seminary, the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and the Office of Discipleship Ministries of the Church of the Brethren. It is based upon an exploration of the collective impact that results when leaders from the three main sectors—nonprofit, public, and government—advocate for the voiceless through collaborative efforts. It will also detail the networking apparatus necessary for ministry partnerships that provide assistance for marginalized communities in an urban context.  
   Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary  
   Representative: Dan Poole  
   Location: Amway Berkey, 3rd floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

**13. The Church of the Brethren in Nigeria: A Decade of Violence**  
**1 CEU**  
Presenters: Roy Winter and Nigerian Leaders  
Focus: Since 2009, when the terrorist group Boko Haram burned 59 churches in the city of Maiduguri in just one night, violence and acts of terror have been a part of living in Northeast Nigeria and have affected the Nigerian Church of the Brethren congregations. As violence escalated in 2014, a major joint (U.S. & Nigerian CoB) relief and development operation was formed and has provided aid and recovery for displaced families. The execution of the Nigerian Brethren district leader and ecumenical leader, Lawan Andimi, in December 2019 highlights how volatile and tragic this decade of violence has been for the Nigerian Church. Leaders from Nigeria and U.S. staff will share about the last decade of violence in NE Nigeria and how relief programs have provided humanitarian aid, and will discuss the future for the Church in Nigeria. Participants will leave with new understanding of the causes of the violence, how the church has responded and the ways in which the Nigerian church can be supported moving into the future.  
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Global Mission and Service  
Representative: Roy Winter  
Location: Amway Grand View B&C, 3rd floor

**14. Investing 101: A Primer**  
**1 CEU**  
Presenter: Nevin Dulabaum  
Focus: Options are good, but with so many choices, investing can seem complicated and overwhelming. This session will help you learn the lingo, master fund classifications, and discern the services investment managers should offer. It will also focus on setting investment goals, and how investment options can help you reach those goals.  
Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust  
Representative: Loyce Borgmann  
Location: Amway Kendall, 3rd floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.  **Junior High Activities**

*Annual Conference insight sessions*  
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook A and B, 2nd floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.  **Senior High Activities**

*Film making, NYC, workcamps*  
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook C and D, 2nd floor
Saturday, July 4

7:00 a.m.  **BBT 5K Fun Run/Walk**
No longer a timed race, but a 5k measured course for runners and walkers of all ages. Registration is required and all proceeds benefit the Nigeria Crisis Fund. For additional information and sign up go to www.cobbt.org, or visit the Brethren Benefit Trust exhibit in Exhibit Hall C.
Location: The Meadows at Millennium Park

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  **Brethren World Mission Breakfast**
Speaker: Carol Yeazell
Topic:  *“Faith and Perseverance Bearing Fruit in Spain/Europe.”* Faith and perseverance is bearing fruit in Spain/Europe. The end of 2019 saw a vision fulfilled after four years of prayer that will provide many more opportunities for spiritual and numerical growth. Join us to learn about the current Kingdom work taking place with the Church of the Brethren in Spain.
Location: Amway Ambassador West

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  **On Earth Peace Breakfast: Courage to Lead**
Speaker: Bill Scheurer
Topic:  *“Jesus in the Neighborhood: Courage to Lead”* Come hear stories from the On Earth Peace community about courageous acts of leadership that have helped bring On Earth Peace and the Church of the Brethren to where we are today. Stories of how we are making room for “Jesus in the Neighborhood” in tomorrow’s Church of the Brethren.
Location: Amway Governors, 2nd floor

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  **Bethany Seminary Breakfast** (by invitation only)
Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  **Early Childhood Services**
*_God can do special things through you*_
Location: DeVos River Overlook E and F, 2nd floor

8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  **K – 2nd Grades Children’s Activities**
*_Festival of Fun*_
Location: DeVos River Overlook C and D, 2nd floor

8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  **3rd – 5th Grades Children’s Activities**
*_Beacon Hills Retirement Community service project, swimming*_
Location: DeVos River Overlook A and B, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  **Junior High Activities**
*_Mock Annual Conference business session, pool party*_
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook A and B, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  **Senior High Activities**
*_Brethren Volunteer Service, College lunches, prayer walk*_
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook C and D, 2nd floor
Sunday, July 4 (continued)

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Business Session**
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. **Mutual Support Group: Persons Living with Physical Disabilities and Chronic Conditions**
Location: Amway Diamond, 2nd floor

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. **Mutual Support Group: Communities Supporting Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees**
Location: Amway Iyon, 2nd floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Bridgewater College Alumni Luncheon**
Speaker: Ellen Miller
Topic: *Bridgewater College Connections* Connections and updates from Bridgewater College.
Location: Amway Emerald, 2nd floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Elizabethtown College Luncheon**
Speaker: Pam Reist
Topic: *Elizabethtown College and Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren* Join fellow Elizabethtown College alumni and friends for this special luncheon event. Hosted by Elizabethtown College Executive Director of College Engagement Opportunities Mark Clapper ’96 and featuring Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren Executive Pastor for Congregational Life and Elizabethtown College Trustee Reverend Pam Reist as its keynote speaker, this event promises to be a delightful part of your Annual Conference experience!
Location: Amway Ottawa, 1st floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Juniata College Luncheon**
Speaker: Matthew Damschroder
Topic: *Juniata Reflections* The Juniata Luncheon will be a wonderful opportunity to visit with others who have a connection to, or interest in, the College. Together, we will share in fellowship and storytelling about the Juniata experience. Matthew Damschroder, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students will bring greetings and updates from the College. All are welcome. We hope you’ll join us!
Location: Amway Pearl, 2nd floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Manchester University Luncheon**
Topic: *Service at Manchester* At Manchester University we value service as a means of committing self in service to others which connects faith with action and abilities with convictions. Staff and alumni, including those currently serving in Brethren Volunteer Service, will share how Manchester helped inspire their call to service to the world. Current staff and students will also share how the Manchester University community is involved in civic engagement and community service in North Manchester, Fort Wayne, and beyond.
Location: Amway Governors, 2nd floor
Saturday, July 4 (continued)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **McPherson College Luncheon**
Speaker: Cara Hudson
Topic: “Fulfillment Through Service” Service is a core pillar at McPherson College. But what does it mean that we are rooted in a tradition of service? How does the commitment to develop whole persons which include hearts for service translate into lives after graduation? Cara Hudson ’19 entered Brethren Volunteer Service this past summer after graduating from MC. Cara will share reflections on these roots of service in her own life. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear more about service and creative opportunities included in MC’s Building Community Campaign.
Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **University of La Verne Luncheon**
Speaker: Julie Wheeler
Topic: “Spirituality on La Verne Campus” Interested in how colleges encourage spirituality in our Young Adults? Come hear about the building and opening of the new Ludwick Center for Spirituality, Cultural Understanding, and Community Engagement. Additional updates will be given on a wide range of campus activities and programs.
Location: Amway Riverview, 1st floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch with Michael Gorman**
Speaker: Michael Gorman
Topic: “Non-Violence in the Writings of the Apostle Paul”
The writings of Paul contain many texts and themes that have contributed to the church’s theology and practice over the centuries. But one relatively neglected area is Paul’s advocacy for, and practice of, non-violence. Dr. Gorman will examine texts in Paul for their witness to non-violence and related themes, and we will consider the significance of these texts and themes for today.
Location: Ambassador East, 2nd floor
Saturday, July 4 (continued)

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

1. **Lament, Repent, Re-invent: Grappling with Both Vision and Division**
   Presenter: Don Fitzkee
   Focus: A sermon preached at the 50th Atlantic Northeast District Conference in October (and reprinted in the January/February Messenger) seemed to resonate with many people. The sermon used the story of Job to shed light on current affairs in the Church of the Brethren and suggested that Brethren have been people who balance opposing viewpoints. It raised the question whether the middle might be the most faithful place to be in polarized times. This session will include a presentation of the main ideas of the sermon followed by time for discussion (or rebuttal, as the case may be). You can do your homework in advance by reading the Messenger version or watching the video on the ANE YouTube page.
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Annual Conference Office
   Representative: Chris Douglas/Paul Mundey
   Location: Amway Pantlind, 2nd floor

2. **Haiti: One Congregation to 26 in the Last 17 Years!**
   Presenters: Ilexene Alphonse, Vidor Alphonse, Dale Minnich, and Romy Telfort
   Focus: An early effort by the Haitian diaspora started several churches in Haiti beginning in 2003. The Eglise Des Freres d’Haiti (Church of the Brethren in Haiti) has survived a deadly earthquake killing 300,000 persons in 2010 and somehow is growing rapidly. It has sparked a development program working in water projects community health, mobile clinics and agriculture. How has this happened?
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Global Mission and Service
   Representative: Dale Minnich
   Location: Amway Vandenberg A

3. **Sharing Our Unique Journey: A Pastor’s Spouse Gathering**
   Presenter: Dave Shetler
   Focus: This session is an invitation to spouses of pastors to share insights, joys, or frustrations of being part of a minister’s family. You will be invited to share in table talk groups around questions such as “What could have been done differently that would have enriched your life with Christ and the church?” The Council of District Executives wants to hear your voice and your stories. Please note this session is only for those who are spouses of ministers.
   Agency/District: Council of District Executives
   Representative: Torin Eikler
   Location: Amway Kendall, 3rd floor
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

4. **Where is the Church Treasurer Manual?** (.1 CEU)
   Presenter: Jan Fahs
   Focus: It’s not just about depositing the offering and writing checks - there is so much more involved in being a church treasurer. This session will offer helpful guidance and tips for church treasurers, pastors, and church leaders about how to best fulfill the duties of a church treasurer. We will look at budgeting and reporting, policies and procedures, and much more.
   Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust
   Representative: Loyce Borgmann
   Location: Amway Haldane, 3rd floor

5. **Kingian Nonviolence #5: Avoid Internal Violence of the Spirit as Well as External Physical Violence** (.1 CEU)
   Presenters: Marie Benner-Rhoades, Matt Guynn, and Bill Scheurer
   Focus: The nonviolent attitude permeates all aspects of a nonviolent effort. This attitude provides a mirror-type reflection of the reality of a condition of injustice to one’s opponent and the community at large. Specific activities must be designed to help maintain a high level of spirit and morale during a nonviolent campaign. How do you do the inner work it takes to release hatred and ill will toward opponents? We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.
   Agency/District: On Earth Peace
   Representative: Bill Scheurer
   Location: Amway Winchester, 3rd floor

6. **What’s Going on at the Seminary?**
   Presenters: Russell Haitch, Scott Holland and Denise Kettering-Lane
   Focus: Exciting developments are taking place at Bethany Theological Seminary, including new courses in theology and science, new programs in theopoetics, and changes to our existing MA program. Our goal is to be responsive to the interests of future students and needs of the church as we anticipate new kinds of vocations and modes of ministry. Come join this discussion about significant changes to our curriculum.
   Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary
   Representative: Jenny Williams
   Location: Amway Heritage Hill, 3rd floor
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

7. **Beyond Stewardship: New Approaches to Creation Care**  
   Presenters: Steve Bouma-Prediger, Gail Heffner, William Miller, James Skillen, and David Warners.  
   Focus: Christians have historically applied models of stewardship to creation care, but scriptural guidance indicates that humans may be called to serve more as protectors of creation rather than stewards over creation. The authors of the recent book Beyond Stewardship: New Approaches to Creation Care challenge the paradigm of stewardship by asking, what if God didn’t place humans on earth to be stewards of creation? And if not stewards, then what? Authors of Beyond Stewardship will lead a discussion on how these new insights can help us seek the restoration of shalomic relationships between humans, the non-human creation, and the Creator.  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of Peacebuilding and Policy  
   Representative: Nathan Hosler  
   Location: Amway Berkey, 3rd floor

8. **Following Jesus in a Racialized World (1 CEU)**  
   Presenters: Josh Brockway and LaDonna Nkosi  
   Focus: To follow Jesus is to undo the subtle ways our culture has shaped us in ways that contradict the gospel. We are all socialized into a culture that has categorized people according to race. Yet, since race itself is a social construct, having no basis in biology, we can unlearn the race hierarchy that has privileged white people. In this session we will name whiteness as a social construct that impacts everyone and explore practices that undo our racist socialization and form us into a Christ-like people.  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries  
   Representative: Josh Brockway  
   Location: Amway Imperial Ballroom, 1st floor

9. **Evangelical and Church of the Brethren: Do They Go Together?**  
   Presenter: Scott Kinnick  
   Focus: Some say the two are incompatible. Others say they have much in common. What would it be like to claim both? There are a variety of images in the church when trying to define the two. This session will examine the values and historic theology of both.  
   Agency/District: Southeastern District  
   Representative: Scott Kinnick  
   Location: Amway Vandenberg B, 2nd floor
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Insight Sessions**

10. **The Modern Seminarian: Following God’s Call to Nigeria**
   Presenter: Sharon Flaten
   Focus: Most of Bethany Seminary’s international students come to live on campus in Richmond, Indiana. But one particular student felt the call to go to Jos, Nigeria, to pursue her master of divinity degree. Come hear Sharon Flaten share her story of discernment and how, through Bethany, she has been able to follow God’s calling to a new yet familiar place. Sharon will also offer first-hand experience and a unique perspective of what it’s like to be an American student in Nigeria!
   Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary
   Representative: Sharon Flaten
   Location: Amway Thornapple, 3rd floor

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Mutual Support Group: Persons Impacted by Childhood Sexual Abuse**
   Location: Amway Diamond, 2nd floor

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Mutual Support Group: Grief and Loss**
   Location: Amway Lyon, 2nd floor

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Brethren Higher Education Association Presidents Meeting**
   Location: Amway Fine Arts, 1st floor

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Early Childhood Services**
   *Fish and loaves craft*
   Location: DeVos River Overlook E and F, 2nd floor

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Business Session**
   Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal**
   Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

4:45 p.m. **Association for the Arts (AACB) Quilt Auction**
   Auction of quilts for the benefit of the Nigeria Crisis Fund and other hunger relief projects.
   Location: DeVos Exhibit Hall C, 1st floor

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Mission and Ministry Board Dinner and Meeting**
   (by invitation only)
   Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Brethren Revival Fellowship Dinner**
   Speaker: Ken Leininger
   Topic: “Our Future Heavenly Home” Even though the events of our future here on this earth tend to be uncertain, we have a certain hope in Jesus Christ that moves us forward toward our eternal Heavenly home.
   Location: Amway Ambassador West, 2nd floor
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  Global Mission and Service Dinner  
Speaker: Nathan Wineiger  
Topic: “A Decade of Violence in Nigeria: Protecting Religious Freedom” The right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion is a fundamental human right. For more than a decade we have continued to witness the shrinking of religious freedom in Nigeria taking place alongside the closing of civic space, due in part to governmental shortcomings, radical insurgency, and the multifaceted nature of violent conflict in the region. As people of faith, it is our responsibility to advocate for the freedom of thought, conscience, and religion of Nigerian brothers and sisters. The reality of religious freedom is bleak, and we were reminded of its severity with the killing of Rev. Andimi in December of last year. The guest speaker, Nathan Wineiger has been engaged in working towards religious freedom in Nigeria, both in the country via organizing action with 21Wilberforce and advocacy around religious freedom via the Nigeria working group and his International Religious Freedom work on Capitol Hill in DC. This talk will help to contextualize the pertinent work on religious freedom being done in DC, touching on that context by highlighting the work done with the Department of State via the International Religious Freedom Roundtable, as one piece of a broader faith response to the shrinking of religious freedom in the region.  
Location: Amway Governors, 2nd floor

6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.  Early Childhood Services  
Two fish and five loaves of bread  
Location: DeVos River Overlook E and F, 2nd floor

6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.  Evening Worship  
Preacher: Beth Sollenberger  
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Insight Sessions

1. Reading the Bible Missionally – Part 3 (.1 CEU)  
Presenter: Dr. Michael Gorman  
Focus: What might it mean to read Scripture from the basic standpoint of the missio Dei—the mission of God in the world? We will explore this perspective with reference to both the church as a whole and the local congregation. Session 1 (Thursday) will explore the principles of missional interpretation, with attention to some Old Testament texts. Session 2 (Friday) will focus on reading the Gospels and Acts missionally. Session 3 (Saturday) will consider reading the letters of Paul and other New Testament letters missionally.  
Agency/District: Annual Conference Office  
Representative: Paul Mundey  
Location: Amway Ambassador East, 2nd floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  

**Insight Sessions**

2. **Creating a Road Map for Your Financial Journey (0.1 CEU)**  
   Presenters: BBT’s Client Relations Staff  
   Focus: There are many things you will be saving for throughout your life - home, kid’s college, emergency fund, retirement...the question is when should you start saving for these different items, and in what order? This session will help you think about the different stages in life that affect retirement savings, and help you develop a financial plan for these stages.  
   Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust  
   Representative: Loyce Borgmann  
   Location: Amway Haldane, 3rd floor

3. **Wanted: Young Adults (0.1 CEU)**  
   Presenters: Nolan McBride and Becky Ullom Naugle  
   Focus: Within the life of the church, the only age group perhaps more enigmatic than youth is young adults. “How do young adults make and/or find meaning in life?” “What do we know about young adults in the US today?” “How are Brethren young adults counter-cultural (or not) when compared to others?” “How can local churches engage young adults more?” If you’ve asked one of those questions or a similar one, join us for a panel discussion featuring several Brethren young adults of various ages and stages of life. Bring your curiosity, hope, and openness to the Holy Spirit’s work!  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries  
   Representative: Becky Ullom Naugle  
   Location: Amway Pullman, 3rd floor

4. **How to Be Anti-Racist: Identifying “Not-Racist” Policies That Still Support Racial Oppression (0.1 CEU)**  
   Presenters: Susu Lassa, LaDonna Sanding Nkosi, and Alexandra Toms  
   Focus: Drawing from Ibram X. Kendi’s book “How to be an Antiracist,” this insight session will explore how seemingly innocent policies can lead to and exacerbate racial oppression. In his book, Kendi discussed his own process of self-examination to realize where he was being racist and participating in oppression. He draws a distinction between being “not-racist” - but continuing to participate in racist practices and being “anti-racist” - actively working to stop racism. During the insight session, we will practice self-examination of how we may be supporting “not-racist” policies and explore ways to work toward anti-racist policies that actively work to end racial oppression.  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of Peacebuilding and Policy  
   Representative: Nathan Hosler  
   Location: Amway Nelson, 3rd floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

5. **Kingian Nonviolence #6: The Universe is on the Side of Justice** *(1 CEU)*
   Presenters: Marie Benner-Rhoades, Matt Guynn, and Bill Scheurer
   Focus: Truth is universal, and human society and each human being is oriented to the just sense of order of the universe. The fundamental values in all the world’s religions include the concept that the moral arc of the universe bends toward justice. For the nonviolent practitioner, nonviolence introduces a new moral context in which nonviolence is both the means and the end. When you look at the world around us, it might be hard to declare that the universe is on the side of justice. Is it? How can we tell? What does it do for nonviolence practitioners to have this long-term perspective with the eyes of faith? We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.
   Agency/District: On Earth Peace
   Representative: Bill Scheurer
   Location: Amway Winchester, 3rd floor

6. **Congregational Care and the Opioid Epidemic and Vaping Crisis** *(1 CEU)*
   Presenter: Stan Dueck
   Focus: The opioid addiction and vaping crisis has raised health concerns for communities and families across the country. More churches are paying attention to these challenges and learning to model a way of nonjudgmental care in ways that break the stigma and isolation that comes with addiction. The insight session will offer resources helpful for your church ministries of congregational care and community outreach.
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries
   Representative: Stan Dueck
   Location: Amway Pantlind, 2nd floor

7. **Demystifying Clergy Taxes** *(1 CEU)*
   Presenter: Deb Oskin
   Focus: Participants will be equipped to understand clergy taxes and receive important 2020 updates and information including handouts.
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of Ministry
   Representative: Nancy Heishman
   Location: Amway Vandenberg A
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

8. **Puerto Rico: Recovery and Rebuilding from Natural Disasters**  
   Presenter: José Calleja, Jenn Dorsch-Messler, and Carrie Miller  
   Focus: Since September 2017, when Hurricane Maria battered Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico District of the Church of the Brethren and Brethren Disaster Ministries have been partnering in ministry to serve survivors on the island. This collaboration has produced work or construction materials for over 60 families supported by hundreds of volunteers who traveled to make repairs or rebuild homes. This session will highlight and celebrate this work that included extensive and innovative programming, coordination, and financial support within the denomination and the broad recovery. The session will also include updates and information on the 2020 Earthquake recovery in Puerto Rico and how the District has responded.  
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Brethren Disaster Ministries/Puerto Rico District  
   Representative: Jenn Dorsch-Messler  
   Location: Amway Imperial Ballroom, 1st floor

9. **Theopoetics: The Return of God and the Coming Church**  
   (1 CEU)  
   Presenter: Scott Holland  
   Focus: In concert with the bitter, uncivil wars in a number of American denominations, the Church of the Brethren, as an embattled “peace church,” has been addressing its own divisions in recent years. Leaders of the CoB, the CBC, BRF, OEP, BMC and a number of breakaway independent congregations have been heard remarking that it appears God has exited institutional denominational life. Indeed, they have met Ichabod face to face and he has declared, “The glory of the Lord has departed.” Can we now together find a language that will invite the return of God? Can we capture and compose a compelling vision to welcome and greet the Coming Church? Can our God-talk encourage human flourishing and prevent cruelty? Can our hearts grow roomier and our lives become more radiant? We in the theopoetics movement think so. Come and see!  
   Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary  
   Representative: Scott Holland  
   Location: Amway Kendall, 3rd floor
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  Insight Sessions

   Presenter: Matt Rittle and Dunker Punks
   Focus: After the National Youth Conference in 2014, the Dunker Punks movement took root and began to spread its “mustard seed revolution” to grow the Kingdom of God on Earth rooted in the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. Friendships formed at National Young Adult Conferences continued to expand the work, leading up to the launch of the Dunker Punks Podcast in 2016, sponsored by Arlington Church of the Brethren and supported by On Earth Peace. 100+ episodes later, scores of Brethren young adult voices continue to be amplified and broadcast online to everyone willing to click and listen. Come and learn how you can use these audio resources to equip and inspire every age and variety of “Dunker”—from the punks, to those who would never be mistaken for a punk—in your congregations and districts. Hear together what our primarily young adult voices have been talking about in our last 100 podcasts. Maybe you’ll even be inspired to join us for our next 100.
   Agency/District: On Earth Peace
   Representative: Bill Scheurer
   Location: Amway Berkey, 3rd floor

11. Lifelong Learning vs. Getting My CEUs (.1 CEU)
   Presenters: Janet Ober Lambert and Panel
   Focus: Seeking options for continuing education and professional growth? Wondering about opportunities within the church and community and how to pay for them? Planning for a sabbatical, either for your pastor or for yourself? During this insight sessions, clergy and lay leaders alike will gain insight and resources to help them become lifelong learners. “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good, acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of Ministry
   Representative: Nancy Heishman
   Location: Amway Vandenber B
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  **Insight Sessions**

12. **Why Church is Not a Big Priority for Most Parents, and What We Can Do About It** (.1 CEU)
   Presenter: Russell Haitch
   Focus: Parents, motivated by love, have wanted to keep open as many doors as possible and offer as many options as a hard-earned income can afford in order to give children every opportunity to construct their own identities, follow their own interests, and make a good life for themselves. Since the contours of this good life are hazy, the focus falls on assembling a portfolio of abilities and activities that will make possible some future unknown happiness. In this milieu, the church becomes seen as a “thing” or “activity,” alongside and competing with other activities — and it pales in comparison with the excitement of winning a big game or the importance of landing a good job. Drawing on recent research from Christian Smith and in dialogue with recent ideas from Andy Root and Kenda Dean, this session looks at ministry with families in an age of ambition and authenticity.
   Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary
   Representative: Jenny Williams
   Location: Amway Grand View B&C, 3rd floor

13. **South Sudan: A Voice for God, Peace and the Church** (.1 CEU)
   Presenters: Roger Schrock and Anthanasus Ungang
   Focus: With the civil war finally over, the Brethren Peace Center in South Sudan staff by global mission worker Anthanasus Ungang continues to be a steadfast presence for peace, development and strengthening the church. The war displaced roughly a third of the country’s population, caused severe hunger and prevented 70% of the children from accessing education. Come learn about the Church of the Brethren’s new efforts of providing relief, agricultural development, trauma healing, education and supporting church development.
   Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Global Mission and Service
   Representative: Roy Winter
   Location: Amway Thornapple, 3rd floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.  **Junior High Activities**

*Closing reflections*
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook A and B, 2nd floor

8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.  **Senior High Activities**

*Wrap-up activities, fireworks*
Location: DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook C and D, 2nd floor
Sunday, July 5

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Annual Conference Coordinators Breakfast  
(by invitation only)  
Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor

8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Early Childhood Services  
Jesus was God’s special gift  
Location: DeVos River Overlook E and F, 2nd floor

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Closing Worship  
Preacher: Patrick Starkey  
Consecration of the Moderator  
Location: DeVos Steelcase Ballroom, 1st floor

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Brethren Benefit Trust Board Luncheon  
Location: Amway Ford Ballroom, 1st floor