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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN RESPONDS TO INCORRECT HEADLINE  
IN NEW WINDSOR-AREA NEWSPAPER

*Oct. 20, 2011 (Elgin, IL)* -- The Church of the Brethren has become aware of erroneous information published today by the Carroll County Times in a front-page headline in its print newspaper. The headline is not correct in stating that the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md., is closing.

The online version of the newspaper report was headlined with correct information, that the decision of the Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board was to shut down only the New Windsor Conference Center, and not the whole of the Brethren Service Center.

The Conference Center is only one of many ministries located at the Brethren Service Center. The other ministries at the Brethren Service Center are vital and continuing. They include Brethren Disaster Ministries, Children's Disaster Services, the Material Resources program, the Mid-Atlantic District Office, and ecumenical partner organizations IMA World Health and SERRV.

Church staff have contacted the newspaper about the incorrect information, and have received a cordial response from the reporter.

General secretary Stan Noffsinger stated, "We deeply regret that this mistaken information has been distributed in the New Windsor area."

The Church of the Brethren is a Christian denomination committed to continuing the work of Jesus peacefully and simply, and to living out its faith in community. It is based in the Anabaptist and Pietist faith traditions and is one of the three Historic Peace Churches. It celebrated its 300th anniversary in 2008. It counts about 125,000 members across the US and Puerto Rico, and has missions and sister churches in Nigeria, the DR, Brazil, Haiti, and India.

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