**Purpose**

The Ministers’ Association of the Church of the Brethren exists to:

- provide a forum for ministers to explore issues that affect their life and work
- serve as an advocate voice for ministers
- offer ministers continuing education opportunities
- provide opportunities for deep sharing and community building among ministers
- advocate for local and district fellowship opportunities that encourage mutual support
- support the work of the Ministry Assistance Fund
- strengthen ties with the wider church
**Membership**

Membership is open to all ministerial leaders in the Church of the Brethren.

There are no membership dues. Operating expenses are financed entirely by registrations for the annual Ministers’ Association Event.

**Meetings**

The Ministers’ Association convenes annually just prior to and in the same location as the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference.

This gathering is devoted to a focused continuing education experience, but also includes worship, association business items, fellowship, and networking. Supervised child care is provided for those with young children.

The Ministers’ Association is served by five officers, each serving four-year terms. New officers are affirmed at the annual event.

**Continuing education**

One of the priorities of the Ministers’ Association is to offer high-quality, affordable, accessible continuing education opportunities for the ministerial leaders of the Church of the Brethren. Annual meetings feature one of the continuing education focus areas:

- Biblical studies
- Spiritual hardiness
- Pastoral leadership
- Preaching and worship
- Evangelism and church growth
- Pastoral care
- Special ministry
- General enrichment

Presenters include some of our own best scholars and leaders, as well as high-profile ecumenical leaders from across the wider church and the academic world.

At least .6 CEUs are available through the annual Ministers’ Association Event.

**Ministry Assistance Fund**

The Ministry Assistance Fund provides short-term financial relief to ministers—licensed ministers serving as pastors, commissioned ministers, and ordained ministers. The Ministers’ Association supports the work of this fund through an offering at the annual event.