Mission and Ministry Board

Spring Meeting
March 13-16, 2020

Brethren Retirement Community
Greenville, Ohio

Agenda
VISION
The Mission and Ministry Board envisions the Church of the Brethren wholly engaged in the reconciliation of all people to God and to each other.

MISSION
The Mission and Ministry Board is called by the Church of the Brethren to extend the church’s witness around the world. It leads out in God’s mission, serving as a bridge between the local and the global and creating opportunities for service and partnership.

The Mission and Ministry Board supports congregations in their task to create joyful communities of faith that proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, cultivate discipleship, respond to human need, and make peace.

The Mission and Ministry Board cares for the whole fabric of the community, building up the Church of the Brethren as a distinctive part of the body of Christ, cherishing its unique heritage, and strengthening its witness.

CORE VALUES

Christ-likeness: Reflecting the love and heart of Jesus.

Servant leadership: Serving the church with both humility and boldness.

Discernment: Seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit through prayer, scripture, and the gathered community.

Community: Cultivating relationships and building up the body of Christ.

Stewardship: Caring for all God’s gifts and the resources of the Church of the Brethren.

Simplicity: Living simply so that we have room in our lives for God and for others.

Hospitality: Following Jesus’ example of respecting all people and inviting them into his fellowship.

Peacemaking: Acting as instruments of reconciliation and justice.

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2019-2020

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March 6, 2020
Board Committees and Assignments 2019-2020

**Executive Committee Members**
- Chair: Patrick Starkey (2021)
- Chair-elect: Carl Fike (2023)
- Member: Lois Grove (2020)
- Member: Paul Liepelt (2019)
- Member: Colin Scott (2019)
- Ex-Officio: David Steele, General Secretary
- Ex-Officio: Paul Mundey, Moderator

**Audit and Investment Committee**
- Diane Mason, chair
- John Hoffman
- Roger Schrock

**Board Development Committee**
- Carl Fike (chaired by MMB chair-elect)
- Paul Liepelt
- Christina Singh
- Carol Yeazell

**Strategic Planning Committee**
- Paul Schrock, chair
- Thomas Dowdy
- Lois Grove
- Heather Gentry Hartwell
- John Mueller

**Sustainability Committee**
- Colin Scott, chair
- Lauren Seganos Cohen
- Dava Hensley
- Joel Peña

**Governance Monitor** – 2-year term
- Lois Grove (2020)
- Colin Scott (2021)

**Brethren Faith in Action Grant Oversight** – 3-year term
- Diane Mason (2020)

**Mission and Ministries Planning Council** – 2-year term
- Christina Singh (2020)

**Personnel Relations Committee** – 2-year term
- Wendy McFadden (Guiding Team representative)
- Shamek Cardona (virtue of position)
- Thomas Dowdy (2021)

**Program Feasibility Committee** – Appointee: 4-year term
- TBD
Friday Meeting Schedule

Friday, March 13

9:00 a.m. Executive Committee closed session Private Dining Room

12 noon Coordinated ridesharing to Brethren Retirement Community Meet in the hotel lobby

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Board Committee meetings
Audit and Investment Committee Private Dining Room
Board Development Committee Meeting House
Strategic Planning Committee Shuff Meeting Room
Sustainability Committee Classroom

3:30 p.m. Mission and Ministry Board closed session Brick Room
(Voting members only)

5:30 p.m. Dinner Private Dining Room

6:30 p.m. Coordinated ridesharing to Holiday Inn Express
Church of the Brethren
Mission and Ministry Board
Brethren Retirement Community
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Mission and Ministry Board – Agenda

Saturday, March 14

8:00 a.m.  Coordinated ridesharing to Brethren Retirement Community

8:30 a.m.  Mission and Ministry Board Open Session  Brick Room

Welcome and Introductions  Patrick Starkey

8:45 a.m.  Consent Agenda  Patrick Starkey

- Approve meeting agenda
- Approve MMB minutes
  o October 18-21, 2019 meeting
  o November 5, 2019, EDF allocation action
  o January 22, 2020, EDF allocation action
  o February 9, 2020, Capital action
  o February 28, 2020, Capital action

8:50 a.m.  Opening Worship  Diane Mason

9:05 a.m.  General Secretary’s report  David Steele

9:20 a.m.  Executive Committee and MMB closed session report  Patrick Starkey

9:35 a.m.  2019 Year-end financial update  Ed Woolf

9:55 a.m.  Audit and Investment Committee report  Diane Mason

10:05 a.m.  Break

10:30 a.m.  Board Development training  Jim Beckwith

Mission and Ministry Board within Church of the Brethren structure

Prayer for lunch  David Sollenberger

12:00 p.m.  Lunch  Dining Room
1:00 p.m. **Mission and Ministry Board Open Session**  
Gathering song  
Prayer  

1:05 p.m. Board Development Committee report  
Carl Fike

1:15 p.m. On Earth Peace report  
Bill Scheurer

1:30 p.m. Ministry Sharing – Ministry Office  
Nancy Sollenberger Heishman

1:45 p.m. Ministers’ Housing Fund recommendation  
*Action: Approval*  
Patrick Starkey

1:55 p.m. BSC Quasi-endowment  
Patrick Starkey

2:25 p.m. Ministry sharing – Discipleship Ministries  
Josh Brockway and Stan Dueck

2:45 p.m. Annual Conference moderator’s report  
Paul Mundey

3:00 p.m. Annual Conference Office report  
Chris Douglas

3:05 p.m. Strategic Design Team report  
Carl Fike

3:25 p.m. MMB group photo

3:35 p.m. **Break**

4:00 p.m. Ministry Sharing – Global Mission and Service  
Roy Winter and David Steele

4:20 p.m. Elgin east-end property – Brainstorm potential uses of proceeds  
Patrick Starkey

4:35 p.m. Living Together as Christ Calls team  
Thomas Dowdy

4:40 p.m. Bethany Theological Seminary report  
Jeff Carter

Prayer for dinner  
Jeff Carter

5:00 p.m. **Dinner**  
Dining Room

6:00 p.m. **Coordinated ridesharing to Holiday Inn Express**  
**or Bethany Seminary**

**Visit to Bethany Theological Seminary (optional)**
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### Sunday, March 15

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<td>Compelling Vision</td>
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<td>4:10 p.m.</td>
<td>Strategic Design Team recommendation</td>
<td>Patrick Starkey</td>
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<td>(Action: Approval)</td>
<td>Handout</td>
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<td>7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Ted &amp; Company with Ken Medema (optional)</td>
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**Monday, March 16**

8:30 a.m.  **Coordinated ridesharing to Brethren Retirement Community**

9:00 a.m.  **Mission and Ministry Board Open Session**  
            Brick Room  
            Gathering song  
            John Hoffman and Nancy Heishman  
            Prayer  
            Dava Hensley

9:05 a.m.  Brethren Historical Committee appointment  
            Patrick Starkey  
            (Action: Approval)  
            Exhibit 3

9:10 a.m.  Brethren Faith in Action team report  
            Diane Mason

9:20 a.m.  EDF Allocation – Nigeria Crisis Fund  
            Patrick Starkey  
            Exhibit 4

9:25 a.m.  MMB meeting evaluation  
            Patrick Starkey  
            Governance Monitors’ report  
            Lois Grove and Colin Scott

10:00 a.m.  **Closing Worship**  
            Chapel  
            Joel Peña  
            Prayer for lunch  
            Patrick Starkey

11:00 a.m.  **Lunch**  
            Brick Room