



The 2012 Annual Conference logo (pictured above) is a new treatment of “Continuing the work of Jesus.” This logo comes to us from the talents of Paul Stocksdale, designer, and Wendy McFadden, art director. Annual Conference is deeply grateful to both of them for sharing their gifts of art with the larger church.

Booklet Corrections And Changes

- The BVS Luncheon on Monday has been moved to Room 227.
- The speaker for the Global Ministries Dinner on Monday has changed. Current Brethren Volunteer worker Jillian Forester will speak about her service with a peace building organization in South Sudan.
- Due to changes in the Conference schedule, there will be NO Junior High Activities Sunday morning. Activities begin at 1:30pm in Room 275.

Ministers of Reconciliation are available at the “MoR Observer” areas during business sessions and throughout Annual Conference

- To Listen
- To help make sense of the proceedings
- To be a peaceful presence in tense situations
- To mediate conflict, facilitate communications, and help navigate misunderstandings

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Brother Fred Swartz Annual Conference Secretary Completes 10 Year Term

By Eddie Edmonds, Editor



Ten, twenty-eight, forty-two. Sounds like a signal called by the quarterback on a football team. It is, however, the number of years that Brother Fred Swartz has served his Lord and the Church of the Brethren in the various ministries he has engaged over the course of his career.

Following his graduation from Bridgewater College in 1958 he enrolled at Bethany Theological Seminary, graduating with an M.Div in 1961. Fred became a church planter following his seminary days, serving as the founding pastor of the Summerdean Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, Va. He then served the wider church

on denominational staff in Elgin Ill. where he was the Supervisor of Congregational Resources and Book Editor for Brethren Press. After 8 years in Elgin he returned to pastoral ministry, serving as Senior Pastor of the Manassas (Va.) Church of the Brethren for 20 years. He earned his D.Min from Lancaster Theological Seminary, graduating in 1992.

In addition to serving vocationally, Fred held leadership positions in the district and denomination serving as Editor of the Annual Conference Journal for 28 years then as Annual Conference Secretary for 10 years. Swartz will continue his service to the church working to update the Church of the Brethren Manual of Polity and Procedure as well as preparing an index of Annual Conference Statements.

“Nothing exceeds pastoral ministry,” Swartz said. “That was my calling and the calling sticks.” All of his other work enhanced his call and allowed him to share his many gifts and talents with the wider church.

Following the St. Louis conference, Fred, his wife Nancy, their two daughters Terry and Connie and four grandchildren Josie (12), Meredith (12), Rose (12), and Clark (5) will travel to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. For vacation.

The Church of the Brethren is deeply appreciative for his years of service and issues a “Well Done Good and Faithful Servant” to Fred with prayers for a long and restful retirement. Fred and Nancy are residents of the Bridgewater (Va.) Retirement Community.

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**Question of the Day
“What are you doing to
Continue the Work
of Jesus?”**



**Ashley Saylor
Williamsburg, PA**

“I try to live with a loving presence and meet people where they are, emulating what we have been taught about being the face of Jesus.”

NOTE: Ashley is a First Time conference attendee.



Jerry and Becky Crouse

Jerry said, “I try to live my life in service to others.” Becky said, “I try to reach out to the marginalized; immigrants, refugees and abused children.”

**MODERATOR TO MEET WITH
YOUNG ADULTS**

On Sunday, July 8, Moderator-Elect Bob Krouse will be meeting with young adults of the Church of the Brethren at 4:45 in Room 263. Young adults, bring your passion for the church - your hopes, dreams, fears and questions! The Moderator-Elect is looking forward to the chance to listen to and get to know the young adult community.

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**BRING YOUR SCHOOL KITS TO WORSHIP
SUNDAY MORNING - 9am - Halls 1 and 2**

School Kits assembled and collected to benefit the St. Louis Public School System should be brought to worship on Sunday morning. As a part of the offering time you will be invited to bring the kits forward to the worship center.

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP
PACKETS AVAILABLE**

Congregational Life Ministries of the Church of the Brethren are providing Children’s Packets at each of the worship services. If you have children, please pick these packets up from the baskets at the usher tables. Packets will be distributed to children singing in the children’s choir.

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES LUNCHEON

Tickets are still available for the Intercultural Ministries luncheon on Monday at 12 noon. Wendy McFadden will speak about her moving experience with the Sankofa Journey, an intentional, cross-racial prayer journey that took her to Civil Rights sites to examine racism. Wendy is publisher of Brethren Press and Communications for the Church of the Brethren.

**BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
INFORMAL DISCUSSION SESSIONS**

Two informal discussion sessions are scheduled for the BTS booth .

“Reimagining Ministries” presented by Dan Poole and Tracy Primozich—Saturday 8:30-9:00pm

“New Opportunities in the Master of Arts Program” presented by Steve Schweitzer and Malinda Berry-Sunday after worship, 10:30-11:00am

**ANNUAL FITNESS
CHALLENGE**

Join over 100 other Brethren for the Annual Fitness Challenge on Sunday, July 8. Start time for this 3.5 mile run/walk is 7am sharp. Participants will have time to return for the start of worship. Registration fee is \$25 for individuals and \$60 for families of four or more. This registration fee covers a T-shirt and post-race refreshments. Stop by the BBT booth to sign up and to obtain directions to the starting line. Please register by 10:00pm on Saturday, although registrations will still be accepted between 6:00 and 6:30am on Sunday prior to the start time.



**BRUEGGEMANN, WOLFE, AND
RAMIREZ TO SIGN BOOKS AT
THE CONFERENCE
BOOKSTORE**

- **Walter Brueggeman will sign his books on Saturday, 8:45-9:45pm.**
- **Dr. Lisa Wolfe will sign her books on Saturday from 2:00-3:00pm**
- **Pastor Frank Ramirez will sign his books on Sunday from 2:00-3:00pm**