



Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Journal

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Peacefully. Simply. Together.

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.



Pastoral Compensation and Advisory Committee honors Church of the Brethren Pastors

GENERAL INFORMATION

PLEASE TAKE YOUR DELEGATE PACKET

and all personal items with you after each business session. There will be periodic cleaning and straightening of the chairs between sessions.

VIEW LIVE BROADCASTS OF THE FIVE WORSHIP SERVICES AND ALL BUSINESS SESSIONS

Over the internet, open your browser to www.brethren.org/ac2012. Church members from across the country--and the world--may follow events at this year's Annual Conference through the onsite coverage provided by a news team of staff and volunteers, writers, photographers, and videographers. All worship and business sessions will be live broadcasts. Recordings are also available.

CONFERENCE 'WITNESS TO HOST CITY' WILL BE SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION

The Annual Conference witness to the city of St. Louis, Mo., will involve the collection of school supplies for the St. Louis Public School system. During the 2012-13 school year, the St. Louis Public Schools will serve approximately 28,000 students in 72 different schools. Kits will be accepted thru noon Tuesday at the worship center in halls 1 and 2

LOST AND FOUND

Is located in the Annual Conference office. Please check with one of the volunteers in the office if you have lost something.

INSIGHT SESSION ON KOREA

Tonight's insight session, "The Inside Story on North Korea" will be lead by Jay Wittmeyer, Executive Director of Global Mission and Service. It will be an informal conversation on mission activities in North Korea.

2 Timothy 1:11 "And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News."

Thank you pastors for your commitment and service to our Lord through pastoral ministry in serving as spiritual leaders nourishing, instructing, and shepherding your congregations. Thank you for your selfless example, giving of your time at a moment's notice to people from all walks of life and circumstances. You are in our prayers and we are committed to supporting you in your calling and ministry.

Conference attendees, we encourage you to express your appreciation to your pastors here at conference and back in your home congregations for all they do throughout their ministry.

We share the following poem in honor of our pastors:

A Pastor's Heart

A well spoken message stirs a heart to rejoice
There is nothing like a strong, resilient voice
But when sorrow comes, there is no better gift to impart
Then the gift of a caring, pastor's heart.

A loving touch or a kind word
A moment of counsel from God's holy word
A telephone call--after you just heard...
Is the gift of our pastor's heart.

Lord, bless this pastor
In each new day
Bless this ministry along the way
For fame and fortune can never impart
The precious gift of a caring pastor's heart

Just a servant of Christ
and at times a dear friend
With a desire to love God
To the very end
Tending God's flock in the Savior's way
Is the gift of a pastor's heart

Striving to live
as an apostle of Christ
Serving and giving Godly advice!
Preaching and teaching and sharing the Word
Is the gift of a caring pastor's heart.

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**Again, thank you pastors for your ministry.
The members of the Pastoral Compensation
and Advisory Committee**

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



**Leonard Matheny
Peoria (Ill.) COB**

“I try to be peaceful and follow Jesus at work by mediating conflict.”



**Sarah Wittmeyer
Highland Avenue (Ill.) COB**

“I follow Jesus by managing my family peacefully through registration and activities at conference.”

Conference Statistics

(as of 10pm Saturday)

Registrations:	Delegate:	727
	Non-Delegate:	1556
Total as of 10pm Saturday:		2283
Saturday Evening offering:		\$6,332.35
Worship Attendance		1,675



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QUILTERS NEEDED!

Quilters needed—No experience necessary! We happily guide new quilters at the AACB display in the exhibit hall. Each year the quilts are auctioned off at the close of business to benefit projects that alleviate hunger around the world.



**STOP BY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO
WIN \$250**

of FREE books for your church library. Through a generous donation, Brethren Press will be giving four \$250 gift certificates for use within the bookstore at this year’s Annual Conference. Stop by and enter for your chance to win FREE books. One winner will be selected each day of conference.

**CALL WALL SHARES BRETHREN
GIFTS AND TALENTS**

The Church of the Brethren has a deep well of leadership throughout the denomination. Those persons with special talents and gifts should have the opportunity to share them with the larger church. In an effort to recognize persons who have gifts that should be shared with their local congregations or the church at large to *Continue the Work of Jesus*, this year’s Annual Conference will feature a “Call Wall.” The “Call Wall” is located just outside of the worship/business area.

**MEMORIAL TRIBUTE
HONORS THOSE WHO
HAVE PASSED AWAY**

The Memorial Tribute, honoring pension plan members and denominational leaders that have passed away in the previous year, is scheduled for Monday afternoon at the close of business (tentatively at 4:05 p.m.).



CONFERENCE WORSHIP CENTER

Victoria (Vicki) Smith has the privilege and responsibility of creating the conference worship center. Vicki felt strongly that the center of worship must be the Cross. Our Voice as Brethren is spoken clearly with the Cross. While on the Cross Jesus said, “It is finished,” and yet we, as His Church, are called to continue His work. *Continuing the Work of Jesus* is achieved when we take seriously His sacrifice – on THE CROSS.

This year’s Worship Center – a simple Cross – was built and donated by Church of the Brethren member and first-time attendee, Randy Estep. Randy is a member of the West Green Tree congregation in Lancaster County, Pa.



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN
OFF ALL CELL PHONES
DURING WORSHIP AND
BUSINESS SESSIONS**

