



# Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Journal

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*“Annual Conference exists to unite, strengthen and equip the Church of the Brethren to follow Jesus”*

## INFORMATION UPDATES

### ELECTRONIC EVALUATION FORM AVAILABLE

Annual Conference is requesting that all conference attendees complete an evaluation form. Please place completed forms in the boxes provided at the usher’s tables. If you do not have an opportunity to fill out the form while at conference, an electronic form has been created for your convenience once you are home. You may find it at [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac).

### CORRECTION

Tuesday evening’s Worship Leader is Peter Kontra. The Journal regrets that the information contained in the Monday Edition was incorrect.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN GENERAL SECRETARY TO PREACH CLOSING SERVICE



Stan Noffsinger, Church of the Brethren General Secretary since July 2003 will deliver a message titled, “Let’s Partake: Called to . . .” at the closing worship of the 2011 Annual Conference Wednesday morning. In an interview with the Annual Conference Journal editor in Boise, Idaho in 2003, Noffsinger said, “Building relationships will consume a major portion of my time.” Ecumenical Relationships and how we deal with one another remain major topics of discussion in the Church of the Brethren. Chris Bowman, pastor of the Oakton (Md.) CoB will serve as Worship Leader.

## MAX BOOTH GIVEAWAY

The MAX booth in the exhibit hall is giving away a daily door prize. Saturday’s Paula Dean Basket was won by Carolyn Thomas from the Oak Grove South CoB in Floyd, Va., Sunday’s Spa Gift Basket winners were David Doudt and Kim Ebersole from the Highland Avenue CoB in Elgin, Ill., and Monday’s Picnic Basket was won by David Huber from the Yellow Creek CoB, Goshen, Ind. The winner of the iPad will be announced during tonight’s worship service.



## PENNSYLVANIA PASTOR IS MODERATOR-ELECT



Little Swatara (Pa.) Church of the Brethren pastor Bob Krouse was chosen by the delegate body of Annual Conference to serve as Moderator-Elect. Nominated from the floor of conference, Krouse was elected for a three (3) year term. He will serve year one as Moderator-Elect, year two as Moderator and year three as Past Moderator. In addition to the

Moderator’s position, the delegate body also elected the following:

### **Program and Arrangements Committee:**

Thomas Dowdy, Long Beach, Ca.

### **Bethany Seminary Trustee—Colleges:**

Jonathan Frye, McPherson, Ks.

### **Bethany Seminary Trustee—Laity:**

D. Miller Davis, Westminster, Md.

### **Committee on Interchurch Relations:**

Torin Eikler, Morgantown, WV.

### **Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee:**

Herb High, Lancaster, Pa.

### **Mission and Ministry Board:**

Becky Rhodes, Roanoke, Va., Area 3

Jerry Crouse, Warrensburg, Mo., Area 4

W. Kieth Goering, Wilson, Id., Area 5

## PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2016 CONFERENCE SITE *Greensboro, North Carolina*

## NOMINEES AND APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE BODY



### **Church of the Brethren**

#### **Mission and Ministry Board:**

Janet Wayland Elsea, Port Republic, Va.

Don Fitzkee, Manheim, Pa.

Patrick C. Starkey, Roanoke, Va.

#### **On Earth Peace Board:**

Madalyn Metzger, Bristol, Ind.

Louise Knight, Harrisburg, Pa.

#### **Bethany Theological Seminary Trustees:**

Gregory W. Geisert, Harrisonburg, Va.

David W. McFadden, North Manchester, Ind.

#### **Brethren Benefit Trust Board:**

Deb Romary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Craig H. Smith, Elizabethtown, Pa.

## RECYCLE NAME BADGE HOLDERS

Please remove stickers and paper name badge from your plastic name badge holder and deposit the holder in the boxes provided on the usher tables as you exit the meeting hall after worship tomorrow morning.



Mr. Potato Head  
Pressroom mascot.  
Photo by Glenn Riegel

## BRETHREN PRESS AND THE EXHIBIT HALL CLOSE AT 10:00PM TONIGHT

### SERMON AND CONFERENCE WRAP-UP DVDS AVAILABLE FROM BRETHREN PRESS

Order forms are available on the ushers' tables, as well as in the delegate packet for sermon and Conference wrap-up DVDs. You may choose also to order online: [www.brethrenpress.com](http://www.brethrenpress.com) or you may e-mail: [brethrenpress@brethren.org](mailto:brethrenpress@brethren.org).



These DVDs are a great opportunity to share with your local congregations.

### MAKE YOUR FINAL PURCHASES TONIGHT

The Brethren Press Conference Bookstore will close tonight at 10:00 p.m. You are encouraged to visit the store to make your final purchases, order DVDs and stock up on supplies. Remember, buying at conference saves shipping costs!



### FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN GENEALOGISTS BRETHREN DIGITAL ARCHIVES

The Brethren Digital Archives project is digitizing Brethren periodicals from the 1800s forward. Volunteers are needed to review the pages once they are posted. One month is allowed to check for digitizing errors such as missed pages. Volunteers can do this work anywhere in the world where they have internet access. Training will be provided. If you would like to be one of the volunteers contact Eric Bradley, Project Coordinator at [eric@ericbradley.com](mailto:eric@ericbradley.com).



## 2011 NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE A Church of the Brethren Conference for adults age 50 and older

September 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center  
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Join us at NOAC in 2011!  
Share your laughter through *passion* and fellowship.  
Expand your *purpose* as we worship and pray.  
Consider how you can more fully participate in our *changing* world.

## DISTRICT COMFORTERS TO BE SOLD IN SILENT AUCTION TONIGHT



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Each of the 23 Church of the Brethren districts were asked to bring one comforter to Annual Conference, with the idea of sending them to Church World Service. The quality of the comforters that were brought this week along with the obvious hours of labor and talent increased the value of the comforters. In conversation with our Disaster Response Office,

we were encouraged to consider offering the comforters in a silent auction to increase the number of blankets Church World Service could realize with the proceeds. From 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm tonight these comforters will be on display in the back of the Exhibit Hall in a silent auction. Whoever has the highest bid at 10:00 pm will be able to donate that money to Church World Service to buy many more blankets.

## YOUTH PEACE TRAVEL TEAM 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Since 1991 The Youth Peace Travel Team has served camps each summer teaching and sharing techniques and skills for peacemaking and justice issues to camper. If you were impacted by these teams you are invited to stop by a sponsor booth and send a card to members of the teams to say "thank you." The sponsoring agencies are On Earth Peace, Outdoor Ministries Association, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Brethren Volunteer Service.



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## CONFERENCE STATISTICS

Registrations:	Delegate:	868
Non-Delegate:		2325
Final Registrations:		3193
Monday evening offering:		\$7,820.33



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