



# Church of the Brethren

## Office of Ministry

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All employees, District Executive Ministers, Mission and Ministry Board members, Annual Conference Officers, Agencies of the Church of the Brethren including Bethany Theological Seminary, Brethren Benefit Trust, and On Earth Peace

**FROM:** Nancy Sollenberger Heishman, Director, Office of Ministry

**RE: District Executive Minister Opening, South/Central Indiana District**

**DATE:** April 5, 2022

The **South/Central Indiana District** comprises 40 congregations in the middle of the state of Indiana which represent a wide range of theological views. The district longs for good connections/relationships between the district executive minister and pastors/congregations. The shift to a full-time position envisions strong connections out of which congregations will be able to reach out in service and witness more effectively to Christ. The DEM's commitment to Jesus Christ and the scriptures is essential. This **Full-Time position is available September 5, 2022.**

### FUNCTIONS:

- Serve as Executive Officer of the District Board.
- Facilitate the implementation of the core ministries of the District. (See Attachment.)
- Serve as custodian of all official papers of the District.
- Serve as an ex officio member of the District Board (w/o vote).
- Assist congregations and pastors with search and call of ministerial leadership.
- Assist congregations and pastors with the development of wholesome relationships.
- Assist congregations with church growth initiatives.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- A clear commitment to Jesus Christ demonstrated by a vibrant spiritual life.
- A commitment to the Seven Core Values of the District.
- A commitment to Church of the Brethren faith and heritage.
- Prefer Master of Divinity.
- Prefer minimum of 5 years of pastoral experience.
- Strong personal, communication, and mediation skills.
- Strong administrative, management and budget skills.
- Respect for theological diversity.
- A willingness and ability to travel across the District on a regular basis.

Interested and qualified persons may apply for this position by sending a letter of interest and a resume to:

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Applicants will be asked to complete a candidate profile on receipt of resume.  
Applicants are requested to contact three or four persons to provide a letter of reference.  
**Applications will be received until the position is filled.**

## **South Central Indiana District Core Values**

1. Deity of Jesus: We affirm the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as the only divine Lord and Savior. “1995 Annual Conference Statement” (Acts 4:12)
2. Biblical Authority: We affirm the New Testament as our rule of Faith and Practice. “1998 Annual Conference Statement” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
3. Love: As God loved us, we also should love one another. (1 John 4:11)
4. Peace: Since Jesus is the Prince of Peace, we are to be ambassadors of His peace in our world.  
(Ephesians 4:2-4)
5. Discipleship: Each church has the responsibility of calling, making and equipping fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:16-20)
6. Service: Known for putting our faith in action, we will serve in the name of Jesus Christ. (John 13:12-17)
7. Community: As Christians, we are committed to the body in faithful stewardship with one another. (1 Corinthians 12:12-36)

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