

2021 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Schedule

(E)=Eastern Time (P)=Pacific Time

Central and Mountain Time please add or subtract hours as necessary.

Sunday, June 27 – Wednesday, June 30

Standing Committee online meetings.

Tuesday, June 29

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm(E)
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm(P)

Brethren Ministers' Association Pre-Conference Event:
"The Church in 1 Corinthians: Challenges for Today"
with Dr. Michael J. Gorman

Session 1 – Corinthians Past and Present: Chaos and the Word of the Cross, and The Character of the Church, The Character of Ministry. (*You must be registered through the Ministry Office to participate in this event — www.brethren.org/ministryoffice*)

Wednesday, June 30

10:30 am – 12:00 pm(E)
7:30 am – 9:00 am(P)

Brethren Ministers' Association Pre-Conference Event:
"The Church in 1 Corinthians: Challenges for Today"
with Dr. Michael J. Gorman

Session 2 – The Holiness of the Church Between Cross and Parousia, and Costly *Koinōnia* and the Power of the Cross

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (E)
10:00 am – 1:00 pm (P)

Brethren Ministers' Association Pre-Conference Event:
"The Church in 1 Corinthians: Challenges for Today"
with Dr. Michael J. Gorman

Session 3 – The Gift of Love and the Body of Christ, and Proclaiming and Practicing Resurrection

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm (E)
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm (P)

Annual Conference New Attendee Orientation Meeting

An opportunity for everyone, but especially first-time delegates and those who have not attended Conference recently, to meet with the moderator-elect, secretary, and the director of the Annual Conference Office to learn the ropes and ask about this year's logistics.

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm (E)
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (P)

Opening Worship

A Future Grounded in Jesus – Revelation 1:1-9

God's adventurous future is best known in Jesus. As the Alpha and Omega, Jesus spans the "time of our life," pointing us to a future marked by hope. Though life will have pain—even persecution—we move forward with patient endurance in Christ.

Preacher: Paul Munday

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9:15 pm – 10:30 pm (E)
6:15 pm – 7:30 pm (P)

Concert: Fernando Ortega

Christian recording artist Fernando Ortega in concert

Thursday, July 1

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (E) **Morning Business Session**

7:00 am – 9:00 am (P)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Equipping Sessions**

9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

1. Love Jesus, Grow in Faith, Change the World:

Envisioning Faith Formation for a New Day

Presenters: Joan Daggett, Chrissie Walls Muecke, Jeff Lennard

Focus: The creators of Shine: Living in God's Light want children and youth to love Jesus, grow in faith, and change the world! The world and our church are not as they were in 2019—and neither is Shine. Together, let's share ideas and re-envision faith formation for a new day. Leave with ideas and resources to help your ministry of making disciples grow and thrive in 2021 and beyond. Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Brethren Press Representative: Joan Daggett

2. Brethren Pension Plan, It's Good for You! (0.1 CEU)

Presenters: Lynnae Rodeffer, Scott Douglas

Focus: With so many ways to save for retirement, why is it beneficial for full- and part-time church workers to use Brethren Pension Plan? From tax advantages, housing allowance, and the lifetime annuity, all invested with Brethren values, the merits of saving for retirement through Brethren Pension Plan will be covered in this session.

Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust

Representative: Loyce Borgmann

3. Theology at Series End: Helping Congregations Talk about Science Fiction and Theology (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Steven Schweitzer

Focus: Several major Science Fiction series recently wrapped up main story arcs, particularly The Avengers in the MCU and the Star Wars saga. In these popular finales (Infinity War/Endgame and The Rise of Skywalker), theological themes and claims are expressed in unique ways that connect with the wider culture. We will explore how these major SciFi series present theology in their finales and consider practical ways congregations can productively engage them.

Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary

Representative: Steven Schweitzer

CEU participants will need to fill out pages 191-192 and submit them.

Thursday, July 1 (continued)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Equipping Sessions**
9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

4. When Tragedy Strikes: Supporting Children Through Violence in their Communities

Presenters: John Kinsel, Lisa Crouch

Focus: This session will offer an introduction to the effects mass casualty events, including mass shootings, can have on children. Participants will learn three aspects of child trauma response and three strategies for supporting coping and recovery for children who have been exposed to such events. Christian Love, expressed in intentional acts, forms the basis for the interventions to be discussed.

Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/ Brethren Disaster Ministries-Children's Disaster Services
Representative: Lisa Crouch

5. Kingian Nonviolence #1: Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Matt Guynn

Focus: Nonviolence is a positive force confronting systems of injustice, and utilizing the righteous indignation and the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual capabilities of people as vital powers for change and reconciliation. Join us to explore the resolve it takes to confront conflict and to work for justice using this proactive approach. We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles, and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.

Agency/District: On Earth Peace
Representative: Matt Guynn

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Networking Groups**
9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

1. Talkback with the Moderator and General Secretary

Presenters: Paul Munday and David Steele

Focus: This session is an opportunity for persons to ask questions of David Steele and Paul Munday after their presentation to the Annual Conference on contextual realities impacting the life of the Church of the Brethren.

Agency: Annual Conference Office
Representative: Chris Douglas

Thursday, July 1 (continued)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Networking Groups**
9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

2. Q&A with Program & Arrangements Committee

Presenter: Chris Douglas

Focus: Annual Conference Director, Chris Douglas will be available for a question-and-answer time as a follow up to the P&AC Report to the Annual Conference Business Session.

Agency: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Chris Douglas

3. The Modern Seminarian: Following God's Call to Nigeria

Presenter: Sharon Flaten

Focus: Most of Bethany Seminary's international students come to live on campus in Richmond, Indiana. But one particular student felt the call to go to Jos, Nigeria, to pursue her master of divinity degree. Come hear Sharon Flaten share her story of discernment and how, through Bethany, she has been able to follow God's calling to a new yet familiar place. Sharon will also offer first-hand experience and a unique perspective of what it's like to be an American student in Nigeria!

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Representative: Lori Current

4. Climate change changes everything

Presenters: David Radcliff, Tom Benevento

Focus: What is our response as individuals, congregations and communities to this crisis of our time? An update on the state of the climate, NCP programs to cool a warming world, and a discussion on engaging others in productive, even transformational ways.

Organization: New Community Project

Representative: David Radcliff

5. Q&A with Michael Gorman

Presenter: Michael Gorman

Focus: A Q&A opportunity with Michael Gorman related to his morning bible studies. Bring your questions and insights to this interactive session, and Dr. Gorman will respond out of his extensive experience as a biblical scholar, writer, and teacher. Dr. Gorman will offer best practices for biblical study and application, along with encouragement and hope amid our current, challenging context.

Organization: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Paul Munday

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (E)
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (P)

Afternoon Business Session

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (E)
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (P)

Networking Groups

1. Q&A with Bethany Theological Seminary

Presenters: Jeff Carter, Eric Bishop

Focus: Bethany President, Jeff Carter and Board Chair, Eric Bishop will be available for a question-and-answer time as a follow up to the Bethany Report to the Annual Conference Business Session.

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Representative: Jeff Carter

2. Q&A with On Earth Peace

Presenters: Bill Scheurer, Irvin Heishman,
Melisa Leiter-Grandison

Focus: OEP Executive Director, Bill Scheurer and Board Co-Chairs, Irvin Heishman and Melisa Leiter-Grandison will be available for a question-and-answer time as a follow up to the OEP Report to the Annual Conference Business Session.

Agency: On Earth Peace

Representative: Bill Scheurer

3. Moderator's Forum with Tod Bolsinger (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Tod Bolsinger

Focus: Adventure or Die. The church in the West today finds itself in an unexpected place and unfamiliar terrain, but the key question is, what will we do at this critical moment? An overview of current church trends in the context of church history will be offered, along with foundational principles for being an effective and faithful change agent in stretching times. Come and be informed and inspired to move forward into God's adventurous future!

Organization: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Paul Munday

4. A Map to Mutuality: Doing good for the good of doing it

Presenter: MAA Team

Focus: MAA's deepest desire is to serve as a channel for mutual aid in times of crisis. Learn how MAA, Brethren congregations, and their members go beyond insurance together to make a difference in the lives of others.

Organization: Mutual Aid Agency

Representative: Kimberly Rutter

Thursday, July 1 (continued)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (E) **Networking Groups**
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (P)

5. **Thriving: Families with LGBTQ+ Members**

Presenter: Tom Hostetler

Focus: Learning that a family member is lgbtq can evoke a myriad of emotions, questions and even confusion. It often helps to know that there are others who have journeyed along this path. This is an opportunity to share with others and discover ways to help you and your family thrive and grow in your love and care for each other.
Organization: Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests

Representative: Carol Wise

6. **BVS and FaithX (formerly Workcamps) Networking**

Presenters: BVS Staff

Focus: BVS staff will be available for some BVS and FaithX fun and games, as well as updates and a time for questions.
Organization: Church of the Brethren/BVS/FaithX

Representative: Emily Tyler

7. **Come see what's happening at the Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center!**

Presenters: Sam Funkhouser and Paul Roth

Focus: Join us for an informational session on the Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center in Harrisonburg, VA! Our time together will include a brief overview of the Heritage Center's mission, campus, and programs, updates on current projects, and visioning for the future. We will also welcome questions you might have about our organization and ideas for ways in which we can partner with and serve the larger Brethren and Mennonite communities. We hope you will join us!

Organization: Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center

Representative: Sam Funkhouser

8. **Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN)**

Presenter: Jeanne Davies

Focus: Including people with disabilities in our congregations.

Organization: Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Representative: Jeanne Davies

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm (E)
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (P)

Evening Worship

A Future Informed by Scripture – 2 Timothy 3:10-17

God's adventurous future is enlightened by God Word, both living and written. As God's living Word, Jesus is trustworthy and true; as God's written Word, scripture is trustworthy and true. Scripture shows us the way, calling us to godly obedience.

Preacher: Richard Zapata

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Thursday, July 1 (continued)

9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E) **Equipping Sessions**

6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

1. Effectively Board (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Nevin Dulabaum

Focus: Is your church board doing what it should be doing? Are the meetings of your church board effective? This session will talk about the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of church boards. Attendees will leave with a handout offering ideas related to board functionality that they can take back to their congregation.

Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust

Representative: Loyce Borgman

2. Economic Peacemaking: Living as church in the face of economic crisis (0.1 CEU)

Presenters: Nathan Hosler, Naomi Yilma

Focus: The economic impact of the global pandemic has been devastating and is still being understood. The World Bank estimates that 150 million people globally will be pushed into extreme poverty by 2021 and that the gains of the last 25 years lost. Additionally, while many families suffered, many of the extremely rich got richer. This session will explore possible action and equip participants to engage their congregations and communities in faithful means of economic peacemaking. We will consider congregations as community organizing, the role of prophetic critique, embodied witness, and articulating a biblical theological vision of economic shalom.

Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of Peacebuilding and Policy

Representative: Nathan Hosler

3. Demystifying Clergy Taxes (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Deb Oskin

Focus: Participants will be equipped to understand clergy taxes and receive important 2021 updates and information including handouts.

Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of Ministry

Representative: Nancy Sollenberger Heishman

4. Preaching in Fearful Times: Building Pastoral and Prophetic Bridges (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm

Focus: We live in a time of great fearfulness, both personal and corporate. What are the fears we face as preachers during times of divisiveness and violence? How do we name and address these fears? How may we

be both pastors and prophets who speak forth God's life-giving intentions and build bridges of outreach to others?

Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary

Representative: Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm

Thursday, July 1 (continued)

9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E) **Equipping Sessions**
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

5. **Reading the Bible Missionally** (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Michael Gorman

Focus: What might it mean to read Scripture from the basic standpoint of the *missio Dei*—the mission of God in the world? We will explore this perspective with reference to both the church as a whole and the local congregation. Session 1 (Thursday) will explore the principles of missional interpretation, with attention to some Old Testament texts. Session 2 (Friday) will focus on reading the Gospels and Acts missionally. Session 3 (Saturday) will consider reading the letters of Paul and other New Testament letters missionally.

Agency/District: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Paul Munday

6. **Kingian Nonviolence #2: The Beloved Community is the framework for the future** (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Matt Guynn

Focus: The nonviolent concept is an overall effort to achieve a reconciled world by raising the level of relationships among people to a height where justice prevails, and persons attain their full human potential. Join us to explore what beloved community means for you and for us in the church, and how it relates to working for justice and peace. We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.

Agency/District: On Earth Peace

Representative: Matt Guynn

7. **Standing the Heat, Surviving the Sabotage** (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Tod Bolsinger

Focus: It's difficult to think some persons want to sabotage our ministry. But as more of our focus is necessarily on leading change, learning how to lead through sabotage becomes critical. Realistic yet hopeful insights will be offered, along with practical resources for moving forward despite resistance and conflict.

Agency/District: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Paul Munday

Thursday, July 1 (continued)

9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E) **Equipping Sessions**
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

8. **Thinking Theologically With Our Hands** (0.1 CEU)

Presenters: MaryAnn McKibben Dana,
Becky Ullom-Naugle

Focus: It's an exciting and nerve-wracking time to be engaged in ministry - especially if you work with youth or young adults. For many of us, ministry looks nothing like what we thought (even before we hit a global pandemic). Thankfully, our faith gives us plenty of tools for creative ministry. Join pastor, ministry coach, and author MaryAnn McKibben Dana as we explore faith formation through the lenses of improvisation and of play as holy work. We are all creators and improvisers - often without realizing it! The focus of our time together will be on practices for thriving in the midst of chaotic, often unpredictable lives. Take home flyer with more than 10 exercises to aid individuals and groups in "thinking theologically with our hands," as well as a resource list.
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries

Representative: Becky Ullom-Naugle

9. **How to Maximize the Insurance Benefits for your Pastor**

Presenter: Jeremiah Thompson

Focus: Come and find out what an ICHRA is and how it can benefit pastors and congregations. This session will highlight the advantages of establishing and ICHRA and give you step-by-step instructions on how to get started. The session will also highlight other group insurance products available for pastors and church staff members.
Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust

Representative: Loyce Borgmann

10. **Ecological identity and Racial Justice: Forming Brethren theology and practice** (0.1 CEU)

Presenters: Susu Lassa, William Miller, Kimberly Koczan

Focus: As Christians we are invited and called to care for others and all of creation, as part of our worship and gratitude to the Creator. Ecological damage and racial injustice are sin and harm which we must be healed and participate in healing. Often the impacts of both of these are experienced within the same community. In this workshop the Brethren Creation Care Network and the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy will consider these realities, (re)imagine church practices that can or do shape our understanding and lives, and ways to engage this difficult and complex topic(s) practically and as congregations.

Agency/District: Brethren Creation Care Network and Office of Peacebuilding and Policy

Representative: Nathan Hosler

Friday, July 2

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (E) **Morning Business Session**
7:00 am – 9:00 am (P)

10:40 am – 12:10 pm (E) **Plenary: “Doing Church” In Uncharted Territory** (0.15 CEU)
7:40 am – 9:10 am (P) Focus: Both laity and clergy tend to do church as if we’re still in a society friendly to the church, a Christendom world; however, we are in a post-Christendom world. A critical need, then, for laity and clergy alike, is to learn a different way of ‘doing church.’ Strategies for adaptative change and other practical ways of ‘doing church differently’ will be offered. The challenge of our days will be acknowledged and ‘owned’; however, the emphasis will be on hope and the prospect of renewed vitality for congregational life.
Speaker: Tod Bolsinger

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Insight Sessions**
9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

1. Kingian Nonviolence #3: Attack forces of evil not persons doing evil

(0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Matt Guynn

Focus: The nonviolent approach helps one analyze the fundamental conditions, policies, and practices of conflict rather than reacting to one’s opponents or their personalities. What does this really mean? How do we channel our righteous indignation toward conditions instead of personalities? We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.

Agency/District: On Earth Peace

Representative: Matt Guynn

2. The Pandemic Disruption Prompts Churches to Change

(0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Stan Dueck

Focus: Every church has adjusted some aspects of ministry since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Effects of COVID-19 continue to press into the modern landscape of the church. Congregations are planning how to shift from the current moment toward changes for the long-term future. The session will examine how the pandemic disruption has impacted congregations and how churches envision their ministries for the future.

Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Discipleship Ministries

Representative: Stan Dueck

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Insight Sessions**
9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

3. Thriving in Ministry: Part-Time Pastor; Full-Time Church program (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Dana Cassell

Focus: Is your pastor multivocational? Does your congregation have a part-time pastor or a team of ministers? Are you considering trying one of these creative models? 75% of Church of the Brethren congregations have multivocational pastors, and many of these churches have found fun and faithful ways of doing ministry together. Come hear about the infinite possibilities, surprising joys and inevitable challenges of doing church without a full-time pastor.

Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of Ministry
Representative: Dana Cassell

4. A Theopoetics of Unity Beyond the Theo-logics of Church Divisions, Culture Wars and Doctrinal Disputes? (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Scott Holland

Focus: In concert with the bitter, uncivil wars in a number of American denominations, the Church of the Brethren, as an embattled “peace church,” has been addressing its own divisions in recent years. Leaders of the CoB, the CBC, BRE, OEP, BMC and a number of breakaway independent congregations have been heard remarking that it appears God has exited institutional denominational life. Indeed, they have met Ichabod face to face, and he has declared, “The Glory of the Lord has departed.” Can we now together find a language that will invite the return of God? Can we capture and compose a compelling vision to welcome and greet the Coming Church? Can our God-talk encourage human flourishing and prevent cruelty? Can our hearts grow roomier and our lives become more radiant? We in the Theopoetics movement think so. Come and see!

Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary
Representative: Scott Holland

5. The Role of the Adult Child with Aging Parents (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Chris Widman

Focus: How do we provide assistance with love and support for our aging parents when it is needed? Or, as an aging parent yourself, how do you accept help from others? This session will discuss how we best support aging parents who may or may not appreciate the help.

Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust
Representative: Loyce Borgmann

Friday, July 2 (continued)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Networking Groups**

9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

1. Q & A with Brethren Benefit Trust Staff

Presenter: Panel of BBT staff members

Focus: This is time to ask your questions about Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust.

Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust

Representative: Loyce Borgmann

2. Brethren Revival Fellowship Publishing

Presenter: Eric Brubaker

Focus: An overview of BRF publishing with a focus on the BRF Witness, Brethren New Testament Commentaries and other commentaries and books and how people can sign up for the mailings or purchasing materials.

Organization: Brethren Revival Fellowship

Representative: Eric Brubaker

3. Q&A with Michael Gorman

Presenter: Michael Gorman

Focus: A Q&A opportunity with Michael Gorman related to his morning bible studies. Bring your questions and insights to this interactive session, and Dr. Gorman will respond out of his extensive experience as a biblical scholar, writer, and teacher. Dr. Gorman will offer best practices for biblical study and application, along with encouragement and hope amid our current, challenging context.

Organization: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Paul Munday

4. Give a Girl a Chance

Presenters: David Radcliff, Elena Yoder

Focus: Join a discussion of the challenges facing women and girls around the world - now exacerbated by Covid and climate change - along with updates of NCP programs to educate girls and empower women.

Organization: New Community Project

Representative: David Radcliff

Friday, July 2 (continued)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Networking Groups**
9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

5. Q&A with Tod Bolsinger (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Tod Bolsinger

Focus: A Q&A opportunity with Tod Bolsinger related to his plenary 'Doing Church' In Uncharted Territory. Bring your questions and insights to this interactive session.

Dr. Bolsinger will respond out of his extensive experience interacting with congregations in various settings across the U.S. Dr. Bolsinger will offer best practices, along with encouragement and hope for navigating our current, challenging context.

Organization: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Paul Munday

6. Outdoor Ministries Association - CoB Camp Celebration and Awards

Presenter: OMA Board

Focus: Sharing and supporting one another as we celebrate Church of the Brethren Camp Programs.

Organization: Outdoor Ministries Association

Representative: Gene Hollenberg

2:00 pm (E)
11:00 am (P)

Organ Recital

Organist Robin Risser Munday

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (E)
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (P)

Afternoon Business Session

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (E)
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (P)

Networking Groups

1. Getting ready for National Youth Conference 2022!

Presenters: Becky Ullom Naugle, Erika Clary

Focus: Q & A session about NYC 2022.

Organization: Church of the Brethren/Youth and Young Adults

Representative: Becky Ullom Naugle

2. A Conversation with Bethany Seminary President Jeff Carter

Presenter: Jeff Carter

Focus: A Conversation to discuss how Bethany continues to be affordable and accessible for students while continuing to focus on reducing student debt, creating new programming, and increasing enrollment.

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Representative: Lori Current

Friday, July 2 (continued)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (E)
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (P)

Networking Groups

3. Brethren Chaplains Network - Paging any available chaplain! (0.05 CEU)

Presenters: Kathy Gingrich, Anna Lee Hisey Pierson

Focus: This informal gathering seeks to cultivate sacred space and reflect on our holy work as we explore opportunities for networking as chaplains in various settings. Many of us provide chaplaincy care in environments with diminishing resources and increasing demands due to the pandemic. Let us meet together to renew, restore, and flourish as Church of the Brethren chaplains.

Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of Ministry

Representative: Nancy Sollenberger Heishman

4. Camp Swatara Ministry Update

Presenter: Tim Courtright

Focus: An update on the “State of the Family” at Camp Swatara, where we’ve been, where we are, where we’re going.

Organization: Camp Swatara

Representative: Tim Courtright

5. Brethren Mission Fund

Presenter: Carl Brubaker

Focus: An overview of how the Brethren Mission Fund began and how it functions, along with a description of those who have been supported over the years.

Organization: Brethren Mission Fund

Representative: Carl Brubaker

6. Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists

Presenter: Brian Seese

Focus: Networking among family historians having an interest in Brethren ancestry.

Organization: Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists

Representative: Karen Garrett

7. A Circle Ever Wider: The Supportive Communities Network

Presenters: Carol Wise, Brian Flory

Focus: The Supportive Communities Network (SCN) is a growing and vibrant network of congregations who value the full inclusion of LGBTQ people within their faith communities. This is an opportunity to meet people involved with this movement, hear what is happening within the network, and share important ways that you can help your congregation to become more welcoming.

Organization: Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests

Representative: Carol Wise

Friday, July 2 (continued)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (E) **Networking Groups**
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (P)

8. How to improve your Retirement Plan? Or start one? - IT IS NEVER TOO LATE

Presenters: James S. Replogle & Eric W. Barkey
Focus: God gave each of us unique talents. Let us share our talents as a skilled fiduciary; have an open, friendly conversation about your goals and your investments with educated professionals that have values and backgrounds similar to your own. Designed to be helpful and informative for both experienced individuals with current retirement plans and people starting their own investment/retirement journey. We plan to discuss: Is your retirement plan really working for you? Do you think it is too late or have too little to start? Top 5 questions to discuss with a financial advisor. Unable to attend the session? Want to ask us a question directly? We will be glad to work with you individually.
Organization: JS Replogle & Associates
Representative: Eric W. Barkey

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm (E)
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (P)

Evening Worship

A Future Sharpened through Risk – Matthew 14:22-33
God's adventurous future requires courage and daring; faithfulness in Christ is not lukewarm. Jesus calls us to be fervent in our outreach, repenting of complacency and complicity. Jesus invites us to open the door of bolder communion with Him, to be empowered to move forward into more energetic transformational witness.
Preacher: Chelsea Goss and Tyler Goss
Go to: www.brethren.org/ac

9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E)
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

Insight Sessions

1. Healing Racism Congregations and Communities Insights, Learnings & Next Steps (0.1 CEU)

Presenters: LaDonna Sanders Nkosi, Dana Cassell, Josh Brockway
Focus: Join us for a #ConversationsTogether insight session during Annual Conference hosted by the Healing Racism Congregations and Communities Program. Together, we will share insights and learnings on the journey to Healing Racism as congregations and communities in this critical time. Congregations, teams and communities will be invited to share trainings, ministry and witness initiatives that have worked well, places for growth and helpful resources. Participants will be encouraged to identify next steps as we move together seeking God's racial justice in these times.
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Intercultural Ministries
Representative: LaDonna Sanders Nkosi

Friday, July 2 (continued)

9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E) **Insight Sessions**
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

2. **Agriculture in the Great Lakes Africa Region** (0.1 CEU)
Presenters: Jeff Boshart, Christian Elliot, Etienne Nsanzimana
Focus: Agricultural ministries are part of the work of Church of the Brethren partner organizations in the Great Lakes Africa region. The session will give updates on projects in one or more of the following countries: Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo.
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Global Food Initiative
Representative: Jeff Boshart
3. **The Fire and the Anvil** (0.1 CEU)
Presenter: Tod Bolsinger
Focus: Leadership is critical to church vitality, especially vulnerable leadership. Such leadership requires the security of relationships—especially one kind of relationship; come and discover that needed vital connection. Biblical and practical insights will be offered to help strengthen you as a leader, especially during seasons of demand and perplexity.
Annual Conference Office
Representative: Paul Munday
4. **Herstory: Women Writing Brethren History** (0.1 CEU)
Presenter: Denise Kettering-Lane
Focus: For most of the last century, women have been active participants in remembering, recording, and retelling Brethren history. As both amateur and professional historians, women have interpreted local, district, and international Brethren history, often preserving important stories about our congregations and denomination in the process. Come find out about some of the influential women historians in our tradition and the history that they helped to preserve.
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Brethren Historical Committee
Representative: William Kostlevy
5. **Investing 101** (0.1 CEU)
Presenter: Nevin Dulabaum
Focus: Options are good, but with so many choices, investing can seem complicated and overwhelming. This session will help you learn the lingo, master fund classifications, and discern the services investment managers should offer. It will also focus on setting investment goals, and how investment options can help you reach those goals.
Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust
Representative: Loyce Borgmann

Friday, July 2 (continued)

9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E) **Insight Sessions**
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

6. Reading the Bible Missionally (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Michael Gorman

Focus: What might it mean to read Scripture from the basic standpoint of the *missio Dei*—the mission of God in the world? We will explore this perspective with reference to both the church as a whole and the local congregation. Session 1 (Thursday) will explore the principles of missional interpretation, with attention to some Old Testament texts. Session 2 (Friday) will focus on reading the Gospels and Acts missionally. Session 3 (Saturday) will consider reading the letters of Paul and other New Testament letters missionally.

Agency/District: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Paul Munday

7. Fair Pay for Your Time: A New Pastoral Compensation Model (0.1 CEU)

Presenters: Beth Cage, Ray Flagg, Daniel Rudy, Deb Oskin

Focus: Are you a pastor who feels like you are expected to do far more than you are paid for? Are you a congregational leader who is struggling to know what reasonable expectations for your pastor are? Do you desire a way to match pastoral compensation to the time that pastors are expected to give to the congregation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this insight session is for you. Your Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee has been working hard on addressing concerns related fair pay for time given across the denomination. Come and get a sneak peek at PCBAC's proposals for a more equitable pastoral compensation model.

Agency/District: Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee

Representative: Nancy Sollenberger Heishman

8. Viruses and Other Issues Infecting Our Economy (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Malcolm Nimick

Focus: There are issues impacting our economy: COVID, valuations, and interest rate levels just to name three.

This session will discuss how to manage money through today's economy. This session is designed to answer the trinity of most frequent investment questions: Is it time to buy, time to sell, or time to hold? These questions will be addressed in the context of the current economy, goals and constraints, and good stewardship principles.

Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust

Representative: Loyce Borgmann

Friday, July 2 (continued)

9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E) **Insight Sessions**
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

9. Kingian Nonviolence #4: Accept suffering without retaliation for the sake of the cause to achieve a goal (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Matt Guynn

Focus: Self-chosen suffering is redemptive and helps the movement grow in a spiritual as well as a humanitarian dimension. The moral authority of voluntary suffering for a goal communicates the concern to one's own friends and community as well as to the opponent. What in the world can this mean? Come explore the theme of suffering, personal sacrifice, and nonviolent discipline in the struggle for a more just world. We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.

Agency/District: On Earth Peace

Representative: Matt Guynn

10. Write it Down! Panel on Theological Writing (0.1 CEU)

Presenters: Anita Hooley Yoder, Chibuzo Petty,
Denise Kettering Lane

Focus: In Revelation 21:5, God urges us toward writing as a potent theological act. This session explores the reasons we write of God and the kinds of impact that writing can have on our world and our life of faith. Panelists from Brethren Life and Thought journal will talk about their own frameworks for writing, exploring images of "the storyteller," "the martyr or the trickster," and "the herald." If you write of God or think you might like to, come discover tools and possibilities for this type of expression. Participants will learn opportunities and outlets for writing in Brethren contexts and ways in which their writing might engage productively with the world and the church.

Agency/District: Brethren Journal Association

Representative: Anthony Price

Saturday, July 3

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (E) **Morning Business Session**
7:00 am – 9:00 am (P)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Insight Sessions**
9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

1. Haiti: One Congregation to 26

Presenters: Ilexene Alphonse, Dale Minnich,
Sandy Brubaker, Paul Brubaker

Focus: Brethren News from Haiti. (1) 28 congregations from one in 2003!, led by Rev. Ilexene Alphonse, former Haiti staff member, now pastor of the Haitian Church of the Brethren in Miami, Florida. An amazing story of church growth! (2) Haiti Medical Project today. Led by volunteer staff members Sandy and Dr. Paul Brubaker and Dale Minnich. A new congregational food event to support Haiti. Making possible community pure water, latrines, community health education of mothers and children, and mobile medical clinics. Learn how you or your congregation can join the Haiti team.

Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Global Mission
Representative: Roy Winter

2. Kingian Nonviolence #5: Avoid internal violence of the spirit as well as external physical violence (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Matt Guynn

Focus: The nonviolent attitude permeates all aspects of a nonviolent effort. This attitude provides a mirror-type reflection of the reality of a condition of injustice to one's opponent and the community at large. Specific activities must be designed to help maintain a high level of spirit and morale during a nonviolent campaign. How do you do the inner work it takes to release hatred and ill will toward opponents? We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.

Agency/District: On Earth Peace

Representative: Matt Guynn

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Insight Sessions**
9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

3. Reading Luke through the Lens of Home and Homelessness (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Dan Ulrich

Focus: The Covid 19 pandemic caused many Americans to lose their homes even while it greatly increased the risks of being homeless. How might the Gospel of Luke address this situation, and how can the situation inform our understanding and practice of Luke's teaching? Students at Bethany Theological Seminary recently explored those questions in a course on African American Interpretation and the Gospel of Luke. We hope to include you in that conversation.

Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary
Representative: Dan Ulrich

4. The Church of the Brethren in Nigeria: 12 Years of Violence

Presenters: Roy Winter, Yuguda Mdurvwa, Roxane Hill

Focus: Since 2009, when the terrorist group Boko Haram burned 59 churches in the city of Maiduguri in just one night, violence and acts of terror have been a part of living in Northeast Nigeria and have affected the Nigerian Church of the Brethren congregations. As violence escalated in 2014, a major joint (U.S. & Nigerian CoB) relief and development operation was formed and has provided aid and recovery for displaced families. The crisis response continues, just as violence, kidnapping and extremism is spreading to other parts of Nigeria. Leaders from Nigeria and U.S. staff will share about the last decade of violence in NE Nigeria and how relief programs have provided humanitarian aid and will discuss the future for the Church in Nigeria. The session will include video updates, a new crisis relief report from Nigeria and a question-and-answer time.
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Global Mission
Representative: Roy Winter

5. Wendell Berry and the Sabbath Imagination (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Joelle Hathaway

Focus: In this insight session we will consider Sabbath poetry of novelist, poet, environmentalist, and farmer Wendell Berry. Berry has been writing poetry inspired by his Sabbath walks for over forty years. These poems give witness to his rich imagination surrounding the life and connection between persons, the land, and God, an imagination that seeks the cultivation of virtues suitable for the flourishing of all life on earth. We will spend time with a few key poems in order to glimpse Berry's Sabbath vision for creation.

Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary
Representative: Joelle Hathaway

Saturday, July 3 (continued) _____

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Networking Groups**
9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

1. Q&A with Michael Gorman

Presenter: Michael Gorman

Focus: A Q&A opportunity with Michael Gorman related to his morning bible studies. Bring your questions and insights to this interactive session, and Dr. Gorman will respond out of his extensive experience as a biblical scholar, writer, and teacher. Dr. Gorman will offer best practices for biblical study and application, along with encouragement and hope amid our current, challenging context.

Organization: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Paul Munday

2. Bridgewater College Networking

Presenters: Alumni Staff

Focus: Eagles far and wide! We are excited to see you all virtually at the Networking Group Session for this year's Church of the Brethren Annual Conference. Join us to hear updates about all of the exciting things happening at BC and how you can connect with us through virtual events.

Organization: Bridgewater College

Representative: Ellen Miller

3. Elizabethtown College alumni and friends

Presenter: Kevin Shorner-Johnson

Focus: Hosted by Etown's Executive Director of College Engagement Mark Clapper '96 and featuring a presentation titled "Embodiments of Peacebuilding" by Associate Professor of Music Education and Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities Dr. Kevin Shorner-Johnson, this event promises to be a delightful part of your Annual Conference experience!

Organization: Elizabethtown College

Representative: Mark Clapper

4. Manchester University Updates and Student Sharing

Presenters: President Dave McFadden and Manchester University Students

Focus: Come to hear information about Manchester University including new and ongoing projects and programs and enjoy video of our students leading worship.

Organization: Manchester University

Representative: Bekah Houff, University Pastor and Director of Church Relations

Saturday, July 3 (continued)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (E) **Networking Groups**
9:30 am – 10:30 am (P)

5. McPherson College—Fulfillment through Service

Presenters: Cara Hudson, Erik Vogel

Focus: Service is a pillar at McPherson College. But what does it mean that we are rooted in a tradition of service? How does the commitment to develop whole persons which include hearts for service translate into lives after graduation? Cara Hudson '19 entered Brethren Volunteer Service after graduating from MC. Cara will share reflections on these roots of service in her own life. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear more about current campus happenings including COVID adaptations and the successful Building Community Campaign from Vice President for Advancement Erik Vogel '98.

Organization: McPherson College

Representative: Monica Rice

6. University of La Verne “Come have some fun!”

Presenter: Julia Wheeler

Focus: Come meet some new players from campus and play a game to win prizes!

Organization: University of La Verne

Representative: Julia Wheeler

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (E)
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (P)

Afternoon Business Session

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (E)
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (P)

Networking Groups

1. Q&A with Church of the Brethren

Presenters: David Steele, Patrick Starkey

Focus: General secretary, David Steele and Board Chair, Patrick Starkey will be available for a question-and-answer time as a follow up to the Church of the Brethren Report to the Annual Conference Business Session.

Agency: Church of the Brethren

Representative: David Steele

2. Q&A with Brethren Benefit Trust

Presenters: Nevin Dulabaum, Donna McKee Rhodes

Focus: BBT President, Nevin Dulabaum and Board Chair, Donna McKee Rhodes will be available for a question-and-answer time as a follow up to the Brethren Benefit Trust Report to the Annual Conference Business Session.

Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust

Representative: Nevin Dulabaum

Saturday, July 3 (continued)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (E) **Networking Groups**
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (P)

3. Q&A with Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee

Presenter: Beth Cage

Focus: PC&BAC chair, Beth Cage will be available for a question-and-answer time as a follow up to the OEP Report to the Annual Conference Business Session.

Committee: Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee

Representative: Beth Cage

4. Young Adult meetup with Moderator-Elect

Presenter: David Sollenberger

Focus: Getting to know the Annual Conference moderator-elect, with time for Q&A!

Organization: Church of the Brethren/Youth and Young Adults

Representative: Becky Ullom Naugle

5. Peace Seminar with Michael Gorman (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Michael Gorman

Focus: Non-Violence in the Writings of the Apostle Paul. The writings of Paul contain many texts and themes that have contributed to the church's theology and practice over the centuries. But one relatively neglected area is Paul's advocacy for, and practice of, non-violence.

Dr. Gorman will examine texts in Paul for their witness to non-violence and related themes, and we will consider the significance of these texts and themes for today.

Organization: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Paul Munday

6. Womaen's Caucus - Refreshed at Fifty

Presenter: Bobbi Dykema, Anna Lisa Gross and Carol Lindquist

Focus: Come connect with old and new friends! Learn about refreshed efforts of Womaen's Caucus to educate about feminist issues within and beyond the church, to provide support for women, and to advocate for equality in representation of women's voices and perspectives. Get to know those contributing to these efforts and share your thoughts, too.

Organization: Womaen's Caucus Steering Committee

Representative: Jonathan Bay

Saturday, July 3 (continued)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (E) **Networking Groups**
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (P)

7. Building Relationships that Change Lives

Presenter: Sally Forrester Rich

Focus: Learn how you can develop an ongoing friendship with a child or a family in Africa through sponsorship. This is a great way for US children and adults understand the joys and challenges people in a developing country face on a daily basis, and to help relieve some of their pressures and create a better future. We connect you safely with children or women with children who are known to our organization and facilitate communication between partners. This session will focus on stories of how sponsorship has enriched the lives of both parties and present the stories of some families needing help.

Organization: The Sparrow Fund

Representative: Sally Forrester Rich

8. Brethren Revival Fellowship Perspective on The Issues of the Day

Presenter: Craig Alan Myers

Focus: BRF looks at key issues facing the Church of the Brethren

Organization: Brethren Revival Fellowship

Representative: Craig Alan Myers

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm (E)
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (P)

Evening Worship

A Future Dependent on Prayer – Ephesians 3: 14-20

God's adventurous future does not develop through our own resources. God's next season requires the bounty of God received through a prayer-full relationship with God. Through prayer, we connect with the power, wealth, and wisdom of Jesus as we commune, confess, and convey: holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Preacher: Beth Sollenberger

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9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E)
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

Insight Sessions

1. How to Pay Your Minister (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Deb Oskin

Focus: Do W-2s and 1099s confuse you? This session, led by a clergy tax expert, will answer the important question - how do ministers get paid? Learn how to prepare your minister's W-2, how the housing allowance affects your minister's taxes, and how to set up and accountable expense reimbursement plan. This session is especially geared toward church leaders and treasurers.

Agency/District: Brethren Benefit Trust

Representative: Loyce Borgmann

Saturday, July 3 (continued)

9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E) **Insight Sessions**
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

2. **Kingian Nonviolence #6: The Universe is on the side of justice** (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Matt Guynn

Focus: Truth is universal, and human society and each human being is oriented to the just sense of order of the universe. The fundamental values in all the world's religions include the concept that the moral arc of the universe bends toward justice. For the nonviolent practitioner, nonviolence introduces a new moral context in which nonviolence is both the means and the end. When you look at the world around us, it might be hard to declare that the universe is on the side of justice. Is it? How can we tell? What does it do for nonviolence practitioners to have this long-term perspective with the eyes of faith? We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.

Agency/District: On Earth Peace

Representative: Matt Guynn

3. **Reading the Bible Missionally** (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Michael Gorman

Focus: What might it mean to read Scripture from the basic standpoint of the *missio Dei*—the mission of God in the world? We will explore this perspective with reference to both the church as a whole and the local congregation. Session 1 (Thursday) will explore the principles of missional interpretation, with attention to some Old Testament texts. Session 2 (Friday) will focus on reading the Gospels and Acts missionally. Session 3 (Saturday) will consider reading the letters of Paul and other New Testament letters missionally.

Agency/District: Annual Conference Office

Representative: Paul Munday

9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E) **Insight Sessions**
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

4. Puerto Rico: Recovery and Rebuilding from Natural Disasters

Presenters: Jenn Dorsch-Messler, José Calleja Otero, José Acevedo, Carrie Miller

Focus: Since September 2017, when Hurricane Maria battered Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico District of the Church of the Brethren and Brethren Disaster Ministries have been partnering in ministry to serve survivors on the island. This collaboration has produced work or construction materials for over 100 families supported by hundreds of volunteers who traveled to make repairs or rebuild homes. This session will highlight and celebrate this work that included extensive and innovative programming, coordination, and financial support within the denomination and the broad recovery. Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Brethren Disaster Ministries & Puerto Rico District
Representative: Jenn Dorsch-Messler

5. Lifelong Learning vs. Getting My CEUs (0.1 CEU)

Presenter: Janet Ober Lambert

Focus: Seeking options for continuing education and professional growth? Wondering about opportunities within the church and community and how to pay for them? Planning for a sabbatical, either for your pastor or for yourself? During this insight sessions, clergy and lay leaders alike will gain insight and resources to help them become lifelong learners. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good, acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Office of Ministry
Representative: Nancy Sollenberger Heishman

6. BVS in Retirement: Teaching “Old Dogs New Tricks”

Presenter: Judy Minnich Stout

Focus: Have you considered joining BVS in retirement? Serving in BVS is rewarding no matter when, where, or with whom. Judy Minnich Stout, current retiree, completed her two-year BVS term in March of 2020. She will share about how serving in Nigeria was an adventure, fulfilling in the largest sense: spiritually, emotionally, culturally, and personally. When reflecting on her experience, Judy asks, “Who says you can’t teach an old dog new tricks?”
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Brethren Volunteer Service
Representative: Emily Tyler

Saturday, July 3 (continued)

9:15 pm – 10:15 pm (E) **Insight Sessions**
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (P)

7. South Sudan: The Voice for God, Peace and Church

Presenters: Athanasus Ungang, Roger Schrock
Focus: With the civil war finally over, the Brethren Peace Center in South Sudan staff by global mission worker Athanasus Ungang continues to be a steadfast presence for peace, development and strengthening the church. The war displaced roughly a third of the country's population, caused severe hunger and prevented 70% of the children from accessing education. Come learn about the Church of the Brethren's new efforts of providing relief, agricultural development, trauma healing, education and supporting church development.
Agency/District: Church of the Brethren/Global Mission
Representative: Roy Winter

8. Technology in the Life of the Church

Presenter: Dan Poole
Focus: We will discuss the theological implications of the use of technology in ministry. Just because we have these wonderful tools at our disposal does not require us to use them. But if we are going to use them in the life of the church, how can we be sure that we are using them responsibly? We will explore some practical aspects of technology - from social media, to websites, to online forms of worship.
Agency/District: Bethany Theological Seminary
Representative: Dan Poole

Sunday, July 4

10:00 am – 11:00 am (E) **Morning Worship**

7:00 pm – 8:00 am (P) *A Future Filled with Promise – Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSV)*
God's adventurous future culminates in the fullness of New Creation. God promises, in the end, to make all things new, wiping away every tear, declaring death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more. The spring of the water of life will quench every thirst.

Preacher: Patrick Starkey

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