

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
MINISTERIAL DATA

COB MINISTERS BY DISTRICT

#	District	Licensed			Commissioned			Ordained			2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
		Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
2	Atlantic Northeast	9	16	25	0	0	0	48	130	178	203	210	228	257	296
4	Atlantic Southeast	4	5	9	0	7	7	10	15	25	41	40	41	42	45
5	Idaho & West Montana	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	4	5	8	8	9	9	13
6	Illinois & Wisconsin	1	2	3	0	0	0	22	32	54	57	58	57	59	69
9	Northern Indiana	1	5	6	0	5	5	27	53	80	91	91	98	102	111
10	South/Central Indiana	1	7	8	0	2	2	26	50	76	86	86	91	104	109
16	Michigan	4	3	7	0	0	0	4	12	16	23	21	22	22	27
20	Mid-Atlantic	2	9	11	0	0	0	28	52	80	91	104	102	110	131
23	Missouri & Arkansas	2	1	3	0	1	1	6	7	13	17	19	19	22	26
28	Northern Ohio	2	7	9	0	6	6	9	45	54	69	77	81	88	97
30	Southern Ohio & Kentucky	4	5	9	0	0	0	20	52	72	81	88	89	94	103
31	Pacific Northwest	2	1	3	0	1	1	9	12	21	25	25	22	23	34
32	Pacific Southwest	8	5	13	0	5	5	22	37	59	77	77	81	85	96
34	Middle Pennsylvania	0	6	6	0	0	0	25	58	83	89	91	93	102	111
36	Southern Pennsylvania	1	1	2	0	0	0	18	53	71	73	86	91	102	121
37	Western Pennsylvania	1	7	8	0	1	1	19	50	69	78	82	94	117	124
26	Northern Plains	2	0	2	0	0	0	12	14	26	28	28	29	27	30
40	Southern Plains	2	3	5	0	0	0	2	8	10	15	15	16	19	19
45	Western Plains	1	1	2	0	0	0	26	34	60	62	66	67	74	81
38	Shenandoah	3	17	20	2	2	4	24	107	131	155	156	162	173	169
39	Southeastern	1	3	4	0	0	0	3	14	17	21	20	20	30	71
42	Virgina	9	19	28	0	2	2	25	86	111	141	142	149	158	181
46	West Marva	0	2	2	0	0	0	9	27	36	38	49	58	77	96
48	Puerto Rico	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	3	6	9	10	10	9	9
	Church of the Brethren	62	128	190	2	33	35	398	955	1353	1578	1649	1729	1905	2169

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* July 25, 2011	* March 9, 2018	March 8, 2019	March 9, 2020
1808 Ordained Ministers	1865 Ordained Ministers	1731 Ordained Ministers	1675 Ordained Ministers
1450 Men - 80%	1428 Men - 77%	1319 Men - 76%	1273 Men - 76%
358 Women - 20%	437 Women - 23%	412 Women - 24%	402 Women - 24%
420 Licensed Ministers	297 Licensed Ministers	291 Licensed Ministers	447 Licensed Ministers
285 Men - 68%	195 Men - 66%	196 Men - 67%	291 Men - 65%
135 Women - 32%	102 Women - 34%	95 Women - 33%	156 Women - 35%
* Commissioned Numbers Not Available	* Commissioned Numbers Not Available	43 Commissioned Ministers	47 Commissioned Ministers
		40 Men - 93%	44 Men - 94%
		3 Women - 7%	3 Women - 6%
2228	2162	2065	2169

March 9, 2021	March 9, 2022	March 9, 2023	March 9, 2024
1561 Ordained Ministers	1479 Ordained Ministers	1424 Ordained Ministers	1353 Ordained Ministers
1171 Men - 75%	1082 Men - 73%	1019 Men - 72%	955 Men - 71%
390 Women - 25%	397 Women - 27%	405 Women - 28%	398 Women - 29%
299 Licensed Ministers	212 Licensed Ministers	185 Licensed Ministers	190 Licensed Ministers
191 Men - 64%	136 Men - 64%	123 Men - 66%	128 Men - 67%
108 Women - 36%	76 Women - 36%	62 Women - 34%	62 Women - 33%
45 Commissioned Ministers	38 Commissioned Ministers	40 Commissioned Ministers	35 Commissioned Ministers
42 Men - 93%	36 Men - 95%	37 Men - 93%	33 Men - 94%
3 Women - 7%	2 Women - 5%	3 Women - 7%	2 Women - 6%
1905	1729	1649	1578

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COB MINISTERS BY ORDAINED AREA OF SERVICE

		* March 8, 2019			* March 9, 2020			* March 9, 2021		
Category		Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1	Pastor of a Congregation	710	562 - 79%	148 - 21%	676	540 - 80%	136 - 20%	671	529 - 79%	142 - 21%
2	Self-Supporting Ministry	123	103 - 84%	20 - 16%	114	96 - 84%	18 - 16%	76	61 - 80%	15 - 20%
3	Seminary Administrator/Teacher	12	9 - 75%	3 - 25%	11	5 - 45%	6 - 55%	11	5 - 45%	6 - 55%
4	Teacher of Religion (School/College/University)	10	5 - 50%	5 - 50%	13	10 - 77%	3 - 23%	13	9 - 69%	4 - 31%
5	Staff (District/Denomination/AC Agency)	38	25 - 66%	13 - 34%	38	25 - 66%	13 - 34%	39	25 - 64%	14 - 36%
6	Missionary	5	5 - 100%	0 - 0%	3	3 - 100%	0 - 0%	2	2 - 100%	0 - 0%
7	Chaplain	80	42 - 53%	38 - 47%	79	42 - 53%	37 - 47%	65	38 - 58%	27 - 42%
8	Specialized Ministry	119	60 - 51%	59 - 50%	119	61 - 51%	58 - 49%	111	55 - 49%	56 - 51%
9	Retired	630	507 - 80%	123 - 20%	622	491 - 79%	131 - 21%	573	447 - 78%	126 - 22%
0	Uncategorized	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
		1731			1675			1561		

* Commissioned Numbers Not Included

		* March 9, 2022			* March 9, 2023			* March 13, 2024		
Category		Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1	Pastor of a Congregation	620	475 - 77%	145 - 23%	580	429 - 74%	151 - 26%	547	402 - 74%	145 - 26%
2	Self-Supporting Ministry	66	52 - 79%	14 - 21%	60	46 - 77%	14 - 23%	53	40 - 75%	13 - 25%
3	Seminary Administrator/Teacher	12	6 - 50%	6 - 50%	11	7 - 64%	4 - 36%	12	7 - 58%	5 - 42%
4	Teacher of Religion (School/College/University)	13	9 - 69%	4 - 31%	13	9 - 69%	4 - 31%	12	9 - 75%	3 - 25%
5	Staff (District/Denomination/AC Agency)	42	25 - 60%	17 - 40%	38	23 - 61%	15 - 39%	35	20 - 57%	15 - 43%
6	Missionary	2	2 - 100%	0 - 0%	2	2 - 100%	0 - 0%	2	2 - 100%	0 - 0%
7	Chaplain	63	34 - 54%	29 - 46%	63	33 - 52%	30 - 48%	60	31 - 52%	29 - 48%
8	Specialized Ministry	103	48 - 47%	55 - 53%	96	43 - 45%	53 - 55%	97	44 - 45%	53 - 55%
9	Retired	558	431 - 77%	127 - 23%	561	427 - 76%	134 - 24%	535	400 - 75%	135 - 25%
0	Uncategorized	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		1479			1424			1353		

* Commissioned Numbers Not Included

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ORDAINED AREA OF SERVICE BY DISTRICT

#	District	Pastor	Self Supporting	Seminary Staff	Teacher	COB Staff	Missionary	Chaplain	Specialized	Retired	* 2024 Total
2	Atlantic Northeast	67	9	1	1	3	0	12	22	63	178
4	Atlantic Southeast	10	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	10	25
5	Idaho & West Montana	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	5
6	Illinois & Wisconsin	14	4	0	2	4	0	3	1	26	54
9	Northern Indiana	20	2	1	2	1	0	3	7	44	80
10	South/Central Indiana	20	2	3	1	1	0	3	4	42	76
16	Michigan	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	7	16
20	Mid-Atlantic	38	1	1	0	3	0	2	4	31	80
23	Missouri & Arkansas	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	6	13
28	Northern Ohio	23	9	0	0	1	0	3	1	17	54
30	Southern Ohio & Kentucky	31	1	2	1	2	0	5	4	26	72
31	Pacific Northwest	5	0	1	0	3	0	2	6	4	21
32	Pacific Southwest	19	0	0	0	1	0	4	9	26	59
34	Middle Pennsylvania	40	1	1	1	2	0	1	5	32	83
36	Southern Pennsylvania	25	8	0	0	3	2	2	5	26	71
37	Western Pennsylvania	35	3	0	0	1	0	4	4	22	69
26	Northern Plains	13	2	1	0	2	0	2	1	5	26
40	Southern Plains	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	10
45	Western Plains	21	4	0	2	1	0	5	3	24	60
38	Shenandoah	65	4	0	2	1	0	1	5	53	131
39	Southeastern	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	9	17
42	Virgina	59	0	0	0	1	0	3	5	43	111
46	West Marva	21	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	11	36
48	Puerto Rico	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Category Total	547	53	12	12	35	2	60	97	535	1353

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