

Church of the Brethren Ministers' Association
Pre-Annual Conference Continuing Education Event

A PLACE FOR EVERY BODY: DISABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND THE CHURCH

July 1-2, 2025 • Greensboro, North Carolina



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In the U.S., more than 25% of adults have some type of disability. About 8.5% of children have been diagnosed with a developmental disability. People living in rural areas experience higher rates of disability than those in urban areas. Whether we are aware or not, we have many disabled people in our congregations. Many more are not present because of barriers to access and belonging. Jesus invited everyone to the table, meeting needs and calling forth gifts. How might we create congregations that have a place for everybody, and live into the fullness of the body of Christ?

Jeanne will guide us through three sessions:

- Tuesday evening: What Disables Us?
- Wednesday morning: Creating Accessible Congregations
- Wednesday afternoon: Accessible Worship

Suggested Reading:

- *Everybody Belongs, Serving Together: Inclusive Church Ministry with People with Disabilities* by Terry DeYoung and Mark Stephenson
- "Toward Accessible Worship: The Experiences and Insights of Christians with Disabilities," *Journal of Disability and Religion*, 2024, Vol. 28, No. 2, 189-219, by Erik W. Carter, Michael Tuttle, Emilee Span, Charis Ling and Tiffany B. Jones
https://bcdd.soe.baylor.edu/sites/g/files/ecbvkj1796/files/2024-11/toward_accessible_worship_the_experiences_and_insights_of_christians_with_disabilities_1.pdf

ARRIVAL/REGISTRATION

Tuesday, July 1

4:00 - 6:00 pm

EVENT

Tuesday, July 1

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, July 2

9:00 - 11:45 am / 1:15 - 4:00 pm

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER

offered Tuesday, July 1 to all attendees, 5:00 - 5:45 pm, just prior to the opening session (advance registration required for meal; attendees' children may be included if registered)

LUNCHEON

(available for purchase)

Wednesday, July 2

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

More information and registration:
www.brethren.org/ministryoffice



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Register online at www.brethren.org/ministryoffice beginning March 5, 2025
or by mail using the 2025 Event Registration Form on reverse

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July 1 & 2, 2025

Registration Form

Or register online at www.brethren.org/ministryoffice

(Pre-registration cut-off: June 10, 2025)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # () _____ E-mail: _____

Registration will be confirmed by email, if you provide an email address

Translation needed for: ___Spanish ___Sign Language ___Creole ___Other (specify_____)

Registration Fee Schedule:

___ **First-timer Fee!** @ \$55.00 ___in person or ___hybrid
___ Individual @ \$95.00 (\$135.00 at the door) ___in person or ___hybrid
___ Couple @ \$150.00 (\$190.00 at the door) ___in person or ___hybrid
___ Current Seminary, EFSM, or TRIM Student @ \$55.00 (\$80.00 at the door)
___in person or ___hybrid **Registration Total** \$ _____

Continuing Education Units (*credentialed clergy only*) # _____ X \$10.00 \$ _____

___ **Tuesday evening July 1 Complimentary Dinner**

___ # of persons attending the Dinner from your family
(*Sponsored by the Part-time Pastor; Full-time Church Program*)

___ **Wednesday, July 2 Adult Luncheon Ticket** @ \$30.00 \$ _____

___ **Wednesday, July 2 Luncheon Ticket for children in M.A. Child Care** @ \$10.00 \$ _____

Please indicate dietary needs: Vegetarian # _____ Gluten Free # _____
(*Meals are being subsidized by the Brethren Ministers Association*)

On-Site Child Supervised Play for Toddler – Elementary school

Sessions needed: ___ Tues. evening ___ Wed. morning ___ Wed. afternoon

Children's Names and Ages _____

Parent/Guardian Contact (during sessions) _____

Indicate any special needs or allergies _____

Fees for On-site Supervised Child Play per session: \$5.00/child or \$25.00 maximum total per family
number of children _____ x \$5, x number of sessions _____ = Total childcare \$ _____

Registration processing fee: \$ 2.50

Total Fees Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks payable to: CoB Ministers' Association - Mail registration by June 10, 2025 to:

Ministers' Association, Attn: Ben Lattimer, Stone Church of the Brethren 1623 Moore St. Huntingdon, PA 16652-2045

If your plans change, we can process a full refund up until 1 month before the event.

After that, you can transition to the "Hybrid" option at no additional cost or receive a refund less a \$50 cancellation fee.