By the numbers

Registration: 519 delegates from congregations and districts and 705 nondelegates for a total registration of 1,224

New fellowships and church projects:
1 new fellowship: Centro Ágape en Acción (Los Banos) in Pacific Southwest District
3 new projects: Nueva Visión la Hermosa Iglesia de Los Hermanos and Conexión Pasadena in Pacific Southwest District, and Light of the Gospel Fellowship in Atlantic Northeast District

Offerings received as of July 4:
$3,705 for the Core Ministries of the Church of the Brethren
$2,745 for church rebuilding in Nigeria
$2,665 to support the Conference budget
$1,445 for translation of Conference documents and simultaneous translation
$1,195 for the expenses of volunteers leading children’s activities at Conference
$1,170 for new furniture and supplies for children’s activities at Conference
$250 for the Minister’s Assistance Fund
$250 for Intercultural Ministries
$200 for the Office of Global Mission
$150 for Discipleship Ministries
$100 for the Global Food Initiative
$55 for the Haiti Medical Project
$200 to be divided among daily offerings

Virtual blood drive: 42 pints including 2 double reds, and 6 donations of platelets. Some 22 others have pledged to donate. The drive continues through July.

Minimum Cash Salary Table for pastors:
2 percent cost-of-living increase for 2022

Annual Conference affirms compelling vision statement

The 2021 delegate body affirmed the compelling vision statement for the Church of the Brethren, shown above. This was the only substantive business item coming to the delegate body beyond elections and reports.

The 2021 Annual Conference was the first fully online annual meeting of the Church of the Brethren. Presiding were moderator Paul Mundey assisted by moderator-elect David Sollenberger and Conference secretary James Beckwith.

The affirmation of the compelling vision ended a years-long process of conversation and data gathering that involved some 3,000 Church of the Brethren members in numerous gatherings and venues across the denomination, including conversations around the tables at previous Conferences.

Conversation about the compelling vision continued at this Conference in small online groups who met in virtual break-out rooms or “tables.” Both delegates and nondelegates who registered for the full Conference were invited to participate in the small-group conversations.

The “tables” discussed and submitted responses to a number of questions posed by Rhonda Pittman Gingrich, co-chair of the Compelling Vision Team along with Church of the Brethren general secretary David A. Steele. Also on the team were Michaella Alphonse, Kevin Daggett, John N. Jantzi, Brian Messler, Colleen Michael, Alan Stuckey, Kay Weaver, former moderators Samuel Sarpipi and Donita Keister, 2021 moderator Paul Mundey, and Conference director Chris Douglas.

A question for small-group conversation at the start of the Saturday morning business session—“How might we be known, (continued on page 2)
Elections and appointments

Two ballots were elected, the 2021 ballot and a 2020 ballot deferred from the Conference canceled last year because of the pandemic. Those elected from the 2020 ballot, except for the moderator-elect, serve one year less than the usual term. Also below are additional directors, trustees, and other appointments affirmed by or reported to the Conference. An asterisk (*) indicates those nominated to fill unexpired terms, whose terms already have concluded.

Annual Conference moderator-elect
Tim McElwee of Wolcottville, Ind.

Church of the Brethren Leadership Team
Torin Eikler, Northern Indiana District executive, appointed by the Council of District Executives (CODE)

Mission and Ministry Board
* Martha Stover Barlow, Harrisonburg, Va., representing Area 3
Lauren Seganos Cohen, San Gabriel, Calif., Area 5
Barbara Daté, Eugene, Ore., Area 5
John Michael Hoffman, McPherson, Kan., at-large
Josiah Ludwick of Harrisburg, Pa., Area 1
Kathy A. Mack of Rochester, Minn., Area 4
Meghan Horne Mauldin, Columbus, N.C., Area 3
* John Mueller, Fleming Island, Fla., Area 3
Joanna Wave Willoughby, Wyoming, Mich., at-large
Rebecca Miller Zeek, Duncansville, Pa., Area 1

Brethren Benefit Trust
Sara Davis, La Canada Flintridge, Calif.; Janis Fahs, North Manchester, Ind.
Donna March, Carpentersville, Ill.
Gerald (Jerry) Patterson, Fairfax, Va.
Wayne T. Scott, Harrisburg, Pa., elected by Pension Plan participants
(Fellowship of Brethren Homes)
David L. Shissler, Hummelstown, Pa.
Kathryn Whitacre, McPherson, Kan., elected by Pension Plan participants
(Brethren Ministers Asso. and CODE)

Program and Arrangements Committee
Nathan Hollenberg, Broadway, Va.
Beth Jarrett, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee
Arthur Fourman, Dayton, Ohio
Gene Hagenberger, Mid-Atlantic District executive, appointed by CODE

Bethany Theological Seminary
Chris Bowman, Manassas, Va., representing clergy
Mark A. Clapper, Elizabethtown, Pa., at-large
Karen O. Crim, Dayton, Ohio, at-large
John Flora, Bridgewater, Va., at-large
Drew Hart, Harrisburg, Pa., representing laity
Jacki Hartley of Elgin, Ill., representing laity
Steve Longenecker, Harrisonburg, Va., representing the colleges
Richard Rose, Claremont, Calif., at-large

On Earth Peace
Rudy Amaya, Pasadena, Calif.
Ruth Aukerman, Union Bridge, Md.
Irvin R. Heishman, Tipp City, Ohio
Alyssa Parker, Harrisburg, Pa.

Out of 519 registered delegates, 450 participated in this discernment process.
Out of the 450 participating delegates,
162 wholeheartedly affirm (option a)
107 affirm (option b)
100 set aside reservations to affirm for the good of the body (option c)
81 cannot affirm (option d)

Total who affirm (a+b+c) 369
Total who cannot affirm 81

Total number delegates participating: 450
Percentage of total participating who affirm the vision: 82.0%