

## Hensley and Keeney top ballot

**T**wo nominees for moderator-elect top the ballot that will be presented to Annual Conference July 4-8 in Cincinnati, Ohio:

**Dava Hensley**, pastor of Roanoke (Va.) First Church of the Brethren, has served on the Mission and Ministry Board and has preached for Annual Conference, National Youth Conference, and National Older Adult Conference.



**Del Keeney** of Mechanicsburg (Pa.) Church of the Brethren is a retired pastor and former executive for Congregational Life Ministries, who has been active with the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership and the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center.



### Additional nominees:

#### *Program and Arrangements*

**Committee:** **Emmanuela Attelus**, Miami (Fla.) Haitian Church of the Brethren, Atlantic Southeast District; **Gail Heisel**, La Verne (Calif.) Church of the Brethren, Pacific Southwest District.

#### *Mission and Ministry Board*

*Area 2:* **John Ballinger**, Mohican Church of the Brethren, West Salem, Ohio, Northern Ohio District; **Tina M.**

**Hunt**, Mansfield (Ohio) Church of the Brethren, Northern Ohio District. *Area 3:* **Linetta Shalom Alley**, Linville Creek Church of the Brethren, Broadway, Va., Shenandoah District; **Deirdre Moyer**, Eden (N.C.) Church of the Brethren, Virlina District.

**Bethany Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, representing clergy:** **Jennifer Hosler**, Washington (D.C.) City Church of the Brethren, Mid-Atlantic District; **Jonathan Prater**, Mt. Zion, Linville (Va.) Church of the Brethren, Shenandoah District. *Representing laity:* **Mark Gingrich**, Open Circle Church of the Brethren, Burnsville, Minn., Northern Plains District; **Julia Wheeler**, La Verne (Calif.) Church of the Brethren, Pacific Southwest District.

**Eder Financial Board:** **Raymond Flagg**, Annville (Pa.) Church of the Brethren, Atlantic Northeast District; **Dennis Kingery**, Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, Littleton, Colo., Western Plains District.

**On Earth Peace Board:** **Carol Young Lindquist**, Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, Fort Wayne, Ind., Northern Indiana District; **Audrey Zunkel-DeCoursey**, Living Stream Church of the Brethren, Pacific Northwest District.

**Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee:** **Lori Hurt**, Boones Mill (Va.) Church of the

Brethren, Virlina District; **Rudolph H. Taylor III**, Cloverdale (Va.) Church of the Brethren, Virlina District.

### The Conference preachers also have been announced:

Moderator **Tim McElwee** will preach on Tuesday evening, July 4.

**Sheila Wise Rowe**, a Christian counselor, spiritual director, educator, and writer, will speak on Wednesday evening, July 5.

**Deanna Brown** of Cultural Connections and Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, Fort Wayne, Ind., will preach on Thursday evening, July 6.

**Jody Romero**, pastor of Restoration Los Angeles (Calif.) Church of the Brethren and lead chaplain for Los Angeles Christian Health Center, preaches Friday evening, July 7.

**Audri Svay**, pastor of Eel River Community Church of the Brethren, Silver Lake, Ind., and an English professor and pre-school teacher, will speak Saturday morning, July 8.

The worship planning team includes Don Mitchell, Laura Stone, David R. Miller, and Beth Jarrett from the Program and Arrangements Committee. Kyle Remnant will serve as music coordinator, Becca Miller as pianist, Marty Keeney as choir director, and Pam Hoppe as children's choir director.

For more information and registration go to [www.brethren.org/ac2023](http://www.brethren.org/ac2023).

## Personnel

**Lindsay Cart-Turner** began Feb. 27 as operations manager for Organizational Investing and Deferred Gifts at Eder Financial. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from Liberty University and a master's degree in Public Affairs from O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Her work experience includes recent roles as a research assistant and analyst. She attends Northview Church of the Brethren in Indianapolis.

**Lisa Crouch** resigned March 31 as associate director of Children's Disaster Services. She had worked with CDS since

Aug. 27, 2018. During her tenure, she led CDS in responding to numerous disasters, helped adapt to pandemic conditions with development of an Individual Kit of Comfort, interacted with partner organizations, and gave oversight to training workshops and the Critical Response Childcare team that deployed several times under her leadership including to Texas after the Uvalde school shooting.

**Tabitha Hartman Rudy** began Jan. 30 with the Part-time Pastor; Full-time Church program as an independent contractor assisting with administrative needs. She is a graduate of Bethany Seminary, a former pastor, and former interim associate district executive for Virlina District.



## Grants directed to Turkey, Syria

**B**rethren Disaster Ministries asked for prayers for survivors of the massive February earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Their needs will continue to be great for a long time to come, said BDM.

Brethren Disaster Ministries focused on supporting partner organizations working directly with survivors. Two Emergency Disaster Fund grants were given:

- \$25,000 for Lutheran World Relief shipments of supplies to Turkey.
- \$25,000 for the Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development response in Syria.

### Other recent grants:

#### **Emergency Disaster Fund**

\$64,625 for the first six months of a new Brethren Disaster Ministries rebuilding site in Dawson Springs, Ky., following an outbreak of tornadoes in December 2021.

- \$41,000 for Eglise des Freres au Congo (Church of the Brethren in the Democratic Republic of Congo) to aid 800 households displaced by violence.
- \$39,000 for multiple crises in Haiti including emergency food distributions at congregations and preaching points of l'Eglise des Freres d'Haiti (Church of the Brethren in Haiti).

- \$20,000 for winter weather aid projects of the Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development, for displaced Syrians and vulnerable Lebanese families.

- \$5,000 for Congolese refugees in Rwanda, through Rwanda Church of the Brethren.

- \$5,000 to aid asylum seekers bused to Washington, D.C., from the nation's southern border, through a partnership with local congregations and Children's Disaster Services.

- \$240,000 to continue the Nigeria Crisis Response through 2023, in collaboration with Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria).

- \$40,000 for the mission in South Sudan to aid refugees returning from Uganda and others affected by violence and flooding.

#### **Global Food Initiative**

\$11,000 for a multi-crop thresher fabrication workshop in Nigeria, in partnership with EYN.

- \$14,110 to l'Eglise des Freres d'Haiti for an agriculture supply store in a building that also houses new offices for the denomination and the Haiti Medical Project.

- \$5,000 for attendance by three church representatives from African countries at the ECHO East Africa Biennial Symposium on Sustainable Agriculture and Appropriate Technologies.

- \$3,000 for repair of a vehicle used by the EYN agriculture department.

- \$4,200 for Capstone 118's agricultural work in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans.

#### **Brethren Faith in Action Fund**

\$5,000 to Manchester Church of the Brethren, North Manchester, Ind., to help support asylum seekers from Colombia.

- \$5,000 to West Charleston (Ohio) Church of the Brethren for the church's support for immigrants and refugees.

- \$5,000 to Oakland Church of the Brethren in Bradford, Ohio, to update and improve audiovisual equipment.

- \$3,000 to Miami (Fla.) First Church of the Brethren in Bradford, Ohio, for a recovery house.

- \$2,113 to Topeka (Kan.) Church of the Brethren for a live nativity that was part of the congregation's Jesus in the Neighborhood initiative for 2022.



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