

Mission and Ministry Board

Fall Meeting

October 16-18, 2020

Zoom Videoconference

Agenda



Church of the Brethren

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MISSION AND MINISTRY BOARD

VISION

The Mission and Ministry Board envisions the Church of the Brethren wholly engaged in the reconciliation of all people to God and to each other.

MISSION

The Mission and Ministry Board is called by the Church of the Brethren to extend the church's witness around the world. It leads out in God's mission, serving as a bridge between the local and the global and creating opportunities for service and partnership.

The Mission and Ministry Board supports congregations in their task to create joyful communities of faith that proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, cultivate discipleship, respond to human need, and make peace.

The Mission and Ministry Board cares for the whole fabric of the community, building up the Church of the Brethren as a distinctive part of the body of Christ, cherishing its unique heritage, and strengthening its witness.

CORE VALUES

Christ-likeness: Reflecting the love and heart of Jesus.

Servant leadership: Serving the church with both humility and boldness.

Discernment: Seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit through prayer, scripture, and the gathered community.

Community: Cultivating relationships and building up the body of Christ.

Stewardship: Caring for all God's gifts and the resources of the Church of the Brethren.

Simplicity: Living simply so that we have room in our lives for God and for others.

Hospitality: Following Jesus' example of respecting all people and inviting them into his fellowship.

Peacemaking: Acting as instruments of reconciliation and justice.

Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board 2020-2021

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Board Committees and Assignments 2020-2021

Executive Committee Members

Chair:	Patrick Starkey (2021)
Chair-elect:	Carl Fike (2023)
Member:	Thomas Dowdy (2021)
Member:	Lois Grove (2021)
Member:	Colin Scott (2021)
Ex-Officio:	David Steele, General Secretary
Ex-Officio:	Paul Munday, Moderator

Audit and Investment Committee

Diane Mason, chair
John Hoffman
Marty Barlow

Board Development Committee

Carl Fike (chaired by MMB chair-elect)
Paul Liepelt
Christina Singh
Carol Yeazell

Strategic Planning Committee

Paul Schrock, chair
Lauren Seganos Cohen
Thomas Dowdy
Lois Grove
Heather Gentry Hartwell
Roger Schrock

Sustainability Committee

Colin Scott, chair
Dava Hensley
Joel Peña

Governance Monitor – 2-year term

Dava Hensley (2022)
Colin Scott (2021)

Brethren Faith in Action Grant Oversight – 3-year term

Heather Gentry Hartwell (2023)

Mission and Ministries Planning Council – 2-year term

Christina Singh (2022)

Personnel Relations Committee – 2-year term

Wendy McFadden (Guiding Team representative)
Shamek Cardona (virtue of position)
Thomas Dowdy (2021)

Program Feasibility Committee – Appointee: 4-year term

Ed Woolf (2022)

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**Meeting Schedule
and
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Friday, October 16

10:00 a.m. **Executive Committee closed session**
– 12:30 p.m. *(Includes General Secretary and Moderator)*

2:00 p.m. **Board committee meetings (staff listed are Zoom meeting hosts)**

Audit and Investment Committee	Diane Mason / Ed Woolf
Board Development Committee	Carl Fike / Nancy Miner
Strategic Planning Committee	Paul Schrock / David Steele
Sustainability Committee	Colin Scott / Traci Rabenstein

6:00 **Mission and Ministry Board – Closed Session**
– 8:00 p.m. *(Voting members only with General Secretary)*

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Saturday, October 17

10:00 a.m. Mission and Ministry Board Open Session

Welcome and Introductions

Patrick Starkey

10:15 a.m. Consent Agenda

Patrick Starkey

- Approve meeting agenda
- Approve MMB minutes
 - July 1, 2020 meeting
 - July 14, 2020 reorganization email action
 - Sept. 24, 2020 GFI allocation - Burundi

10:20 a.m. Opening Worship

Carol Yeazell

10:35 a.m. General Secretary's report – Q&A

David Steele

10:40 a.m. Executive Committee report

Patrick Starkey

10:50 a.m. 2020 Financial Update – Q&A

Ed Woolf
Exhibits 1&2

11:00 a.m. Board Committee reports
Audit and Investment Committee

Diane Mason

11:10 a.m. Sustainability Committee

Colin Scott

11:20 a.m. Strategic Planning Committee

Paul Schrock

11:30 a.m. Board Development Committee

Carl Fike

11:40 a.m. Brainstorm possible uses of east-end Dundee acres proceeds

Patrick Starkey

12:00p.m. Prayer for meal

Dava Hensley

Lunch break

- 1:30 p.m. **Mission and Ministry Board Open Session**
- Prayer Christina Singh
- Board Development Training: *Healing Racism and Race Relations*
LaDonna Sanders Nkosi
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. Annual Conference Moderator’s report – Q&A Paul Munday
- 3:20 p.m. Council of District Executive report – Q&A Cindy Sanders
- 3:25 p.m. Brethren Faith in Action report Heather Gentry Hartwell
- 3:30 p.m. Living Together as Christ Calls Thomas Dowdy
- 3:35 p.m. Approve 2025 MMB meeting dates Patrick Starkey
 March 7/8-10 (Offsite – location TBD)
 July TBD – (Annual Conference dates/location not yet set)
 October 17/18-20 (Elgin, Ill.)
 (Action: Approval)
- 4:00 p.m. ***Adjourn for the day***

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Sunday, October 18

1:30 p.m.	Mission and Ministry Board – Closed Session <i>(Voting members only with General Secretary)</i>	
2:00 p.m.	Mission and Ministry Board Open Session	
	Prayer	John Hoffman
	Closed session reporting	Patrick Starkey
2:05 p.m.	Strategic Plan Foreground Vision Task Teams <i>(Reports and Recommendations)</i>	Patrick Starkey
	Inviting Laborers to the Vineyard: <i>Fostering Collaboration</i>	Paul Schrock <i>Exhibit 4</i>
	Proclaiming the Year of the Lord’s Favor: <i>Prioritizing Communication</i>	Lauren Seganos Cohen <i>Exhibit 5</i>
	Casting Away Stones: <i>Evaluating Systems and Processes</i>	Roger Schrock <i>Exhibit 6</i>
	Looking for Lamps Full of Oil: <i>Organizing Structure</i>	Patrick Starkey
3:05 p.m.	Agency Q&A On Earth Peace	Patrick Starkey Bill Scheurer
3:10 p.m.	Brethren Benefit Trust	Nevin Dulabaum
3:15 p.m.	Bethany Theological Seminary	Jeff Carter
3:20 p.m.	World Council of Churches Q&A	Jeff Carter
3:25 p.m.	Break	
3:35 p.m.	Celebrating staff work (Q &A re: prerecorded reports)	Patrick Starkey
3:55 p.m.	Brethren Press update	David Steele
4:10 p.m.	2021 Budget proposal Questions/Answers (Action: Adoption of budget)	<i>Exhibit 3</i> Ed Woolf Patrick Starkey

4:30 p.m. MMB Meeting evaluation – online form

Governance Monitors' report

Closing devotion

Dava Hensley and
Colin Scott
Carl Fike

5:00 p.m. ***Adjournment***