

Mission and Ministry Board

Spring Meeting

March 15-17, 2024

Elgin, Illinois

Agenda



Church of the Brethren

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MISSION AND MINISTRY BOARD

VISION

Jesus in the Neighborhood

Together, as the Church of the Brethren, we will passionately live and share the radical transformation and holistic peace of Jesus Christ through relationship-based neighborhood engagement. To move us forward, we will develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovative, adaptable, and fearless.

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 2023-2024

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Board Committees and Assignments 2023-2024

Executive Committee Members

Chair:	Colin Scott (2025)
Chair-elect:	Kathy Mack (2027)
Member:	Lauren Seganos Cohen (2024)
Member:	Joel Gibbel (2024)
Member:	Roger Schrock (2024)
Ex-Officio:	David Steele, General Secretary
Ex-Officio:	Madalyn Metzger, Moderator

Audit and Investment Committee

John Hoffman, chair
Joel Gibbel
Robert Jackson

Board Development Committee

Kathy Mack (chaired by MMB chair-elect)
Barbara Daté
Josiah Ludwick
Meghan Horne Mauldin

Facilities Stewardship Committee *(New 4/1/2023)*

Joel Gible, chair (2026)
Karen Shively Neff (2025)
Roger Schrock (2024)

Strategic Planning Committee

Lauren Seganos Cohen, chair
Deirdre Moyer
Karen Shively Neff
Roger Schrock
Joanna Wave Willoughby

Sustainability Committee

Rosanna McFadden, chair
Kayla Alphonse
Daniel Butler
Tina Hunt

Governance Monitor – 2-year term

Karen Shively Neff (2024)
Barbara Daté

Brethren Faith in Action Grant Oversight – 3-year term

Joanna Wave Willoughby (2026)

Mission and Ministries Planning Council – 2-year term
Joanna Wave Willoughby (2024)

Personnel Relations Committee – 2-year term
Wendy McFadden (Admin Team representative)
Shamek Cardona (virtue of position)
Josiah Ludwick (2025)

Program Feasibility Committee – Appointee: 4-year term
Ed Woolf (2026)

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Meeting Schedule and Agenda

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Friday, March 15

8:30 a.m.	Executive Committee closed session <i>(Includes General Secretary and Moderator)</i>	Room B
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	Dining Room
2:00 p.m.	Mission and Ministry Board open session	Room A
	Gathering song	Josiah Ludwick
	Welcome and Introductions	Colin Scott
2:15 p.m.	Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve meeting agenda• Approve MMB meeting minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ October 20-22, 2023, meeting○ October 20-21, 2023, closed session meeting• Approve minutes of email actions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nov. 9, 2023, EDF allocation (Turkey-Syria earthquake response)○ Nov. 20, 2023, EDF allocation (DR Congo conflict)○ Feb. 2, 2024, EDF allocation (Nigeria Crisis response)○ Feb. 15, 2024, Capital expenditure (Raisers Edge/Financial Edge upgrade)	Colin Scott
2:20 p.m.	Opening prayer	Barbara Daté
2:20 p.m.	General Secretary's report	David Steele
2:35 p.m.	Financial Update – Q&A 2023 year-end and 2024 year-to-date	Ed Woolf <i>Exhibits 1, 2, & 3</i>

2:50 p.m.	Audit and Investment Committee report	John Hoffman
3:00 p.m.	Financial Policies update	John Hoffman <i>Exhibit 4</i>
3:15	Break	
3:20 p.m.	Mission and Ministry Board closed session <i>(Includes ex officio members)</i>	Room A
	Prayer for meal	Michaela Alphonse
5:00 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Shuttle to Holiday Inn	

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Saturday, March 16

8:00 a.m.	Shuttle to General Offices	
8:30 a.m.	Mission and Ministry Board Open Session	Room A
	Gathering song	Josiah Ludwick
	Welcome and introductions	Colin Scott
8:40 a.m.	Opening Worship	Meghan Mauldin
8:55 a.m.	Executive Committee report	Colin Scott
9:05 a.m.	Board Development Committee report	Kathy Mack
9:15 a.m.	Facilities Stewardship Committee report	Joel Gibbel
9:40 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m.	Prayer	Daniel Butler
10:00 a.m.	Kingian Nonviolence training	Matt Guynn and Sherri Bevel
	Prayer for the meal	Dava Hensley
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Dining Room
	Bethany Seminary students lunch with General Secretary	Room B
1:00 p.m.	Mission and Ministry Board Open Session	Room A
	Gathering song and prayer	Josiah Ludwick

	Foreground Vision Initiative #6 report (Each in Our Own Language)	Michaela Alphonse
1:20 p.m.	Strategic Planning Committee report	Lauren Cohen
1:30 p.m.	Envisioning	Strategic Planning Committee
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:20 p.m.	Prayer	Tina Hunt
	Annual Conference Moderator's report	Madalyn Metzger
3:35 p.m.	Emerging Global Mission Fund repurpose	David Steele <i>Exhibit 5</i>
3:50 p.m.	Sustainability Committee report	Rosanna McFadden
4:00 p.m.	Council of District Executives report	Torin Eikler
4:15 p.m.	Brethren Faith in Action report	Joanna Willoughby <i>Exhibit 6</i>
4:25 p.m.	Brethren Faith in Action recommendations (Action: Approval)	Colin Scott <i>Exhibit 7</i>
4:35 p.m.	Letters from International Leaders	Colin Scott
	Prayer for the meal	Madalyn Metzger
5:00 p.m.	Dinner	Dining Room
6:00 p.m.	Shuttle to Holiday Inn	

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Sunday, March 17

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| 8:30 a.m. | Shuttle to General Offices | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Mission and Ministry Board – Closed Session
<i>(Includes ex officio members)</i> | Room A |
| | Ad Hoc Committee - Response | Rosanna McFadden, Deirdre Moyer,
Meghan Mauldin, and Josiah Ludwick |
| 9:45 a.m. | Worship | Chapel
Bethany Theological Seminary students |
| 10:45 a.m. | Bethany Theological Seminary report | Jeff Carter |
| 11:00 a.m. | Brethren Historical Committee
(Action: Affirmation) | Colin Scott
<i>Exhibit 8</i> |
| 11:05 a.m. | Report from closed sessions | Colin Scott |
| 11:15 a.m. | South Sudan Trip report | Kathy Mack and Roger Schrock |
| 11:35 a.m. | MMB Meeting evaluation – online form | |
| 11:35 a.m. | Governance Monitors' report | Barbara Daté and Karen Shively Neff |
| 11:50 a.m. | Prayer for the meal | David Shumate |
| 11:50 a.m. | <i>Adjournment</i> | |
| 11:50 a.m. | Lunch | Dining Room |