

Pre-Conference Workshop

Friday, August 11 From 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Open to all

0.3 CEUs for Clergy

Back To the Future: Achieving the Vision of “Separate No More”

Rev. Belita Mitchell

In this Session, we will explore what is necessary to become an intercultural congregation and what personal intercultural competencies are needed by pastors in ministering to those from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. All participants are encouraged to bring their bibles and an open heart to experience a challenging and enlivened learning opportunity.



Insight Sessions

Saturday Early Afternoon 1:10 p.m.—2:10 p.m.

Reflecting the Kingdom of God in our Worship Experience / Presented by Rev. Belita Mitchell

In 1960 on a “Meet the Press” televised interview, Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is quoted as saying “It is one of the tragedies of our nation, one of the shameful tragedies of our nation, that 11 o’clock on Sunday morning is one of the most segregated hours if not the most segregated hour in Christian America.” He went on to say, “Any church that has a segregated body stands against the Spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ and fails to be a true witness.”

This Insight session will explore some ways we can more accurately reflect the kingdom of God in our Worship experience and become an intercultural community of faith.

Service: The Bridge between Me and We / Presented by Brethren Disaster Ministries Staff

Sponsored by the Connections Commission

Our world today is full of lots of people doing their own thing, focused on themselves. Service can bring people together as they step out of their comfort zone. Come learn about ways you can be involved with the greater Church of the Brethren to serve others through Brethren Disaster Ministries, Children’s Disaster Ministries, and the Global Missions as a whole. A chance to serve a week or two alongside other Brethren with the common goal of serving those in need. To be the Hands and Feet of Jesus to our neighbor.

Inspiration Hills Update: What’s been happening at camp?

Presented by Shannon Kahler, Staff, and Camp Administration Committee Members

Come and find out what’s been happening at the Northern Ohio District’s Camp, Inspiration Hills.

Saturday Afternoon 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

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What is the Future of Inspiration Hills? / Presented by Dave Bassett and Russ Matz

Sponsored by the Camp Strategic Planning Committee

Covid and inflation have presented the Camp with some unique challenges. How do we get past them and where do we go from here.

To Hear, Share, Learn, and Serve

Presented by Chris Kaake, Brethren Volunteer Service Alumni, sponsored by the Connections Commission

Sharing your stories of Service. Come hear about a journey through Brethren Volunteer Service. Come learn about long term service opportunities in the Church of the Brethren. Service connects us all by hearing the stories of people we share a meal with and learn how to grow in our faith through it all.