

Northern Ohio District Church of the Brethren



District Resources

Our mission is to resource congregations, ministers, and individuals, in all aspects of Christian life so that we might continue the work of Jesus Christ in our world today - peacefully, simply, together.

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46 Congregations

1 Fellowship*

Adrian	Lakewood
Akron Eastwood	Lick Creek
Akron First	Mansfield First
Akron Springfield	Maple Grove
Ashland First	Marion First
Ashland Dickey	Mohican
Bethel	Mount Pleasant
Black River	New Philadelphia
Bristolville	North Bend
Brook Park	Danville Location
Center	Clear Fork Location
Chippewa	Owl Creek
County Line	Painesville
Defiance	Paradise
Dupont	Pleasant View
East Chippewa	Poplar Ridge
East Nimishillen	Reading
Eden	Richland
Elm Street	Ross
Faith In Action	Silver Creek
Freeburg	Sugarcreek East
Hartville	Sugar Creek West
Jonah's People*	Swan Creek
Lake Breeze	Woodworth
	Zion Hill

District Publications

Pastor's Memo—Published each month and emailed to ordained, licensed, interim, retired pastors, lay speakers, lay leaders, friends of the Northern Ohio District.

The Herald—Published quarterly, with a quantity mailed to each congregation, to be distributed to those who do not have online access.

Peace Advocate News—Published quarterly.

Creation Care Newsletter—Published periodically.

These are all available on the District Website.

Please contact the District Office if you would like a copy mailed to your home.

Grants Available

Grants up to \$5000 are available to congregations that wish to establish new projects and ministries in their communities. Contact the District Office for an application and more information.

District Conference

Sometime we think of the “District” as being something totally separate from our congregations and Christian life. But each of us ARE the District. The District Board is made up of church members that have been called to serve in a broader role in the District.

They are elected by the delegates at **District Conference** where financial, policy, and program decisions are made by those gathered from each congregation. Each congregation can send 2 delegates (3 for congregations with more than 200 members).

District Conference is a time for **fellowship and worship** (and food, of course), in addition to providing a time for decisions to be made by the delegates. This is a time rich in being together as God’s people: learning of the work that has been done, seeking the mind of Christ, and receiving new life and hope as we gather in Jesus’ name.

The District Board is organized with four **Commissions that have the following responsibilities:**

Congregational Commission:

(“believing on” Jesus, Acts 16:31)

- Encouraging and assisting new church plants and training leaders
- Encouraging and assisting church vitality/revitalization
- Providing guidance in congregational mergers
- Assisting with disorganization of churches when necessary
- Overseeing financial resources to assist church revitalization and church plants
- Educating for peace and other justice concerns

Connections Commission:

(“koinonia” joint participation and sharing in community with Christ and each other, Luke 2:42-47)

- Promotion of age-specific programs for all ages
- Providing resources for family ministries
- Education for retirement
- Lay leadership development
- Training Sunday School teachers and church workers

Ministerial Commission:

(“kerygma” proclamation, announcement or preaching of the Good News, Luke 4:16-21)

- Instructing churches in identifying, calling, and caring for those in ministerial leadership
- Licensing and ordaining ministers
- Leadership training/continuing education for ministers
- Conducting annual licensing renewal and five-year ordination renewal

Stewardship & Finance Commission:

(“following after” Jesus, Matthew 4:18-22)

- Stewardship education and enlistment of churches
- Supervising the financial interests of the district
- Organizing appropriate response to disasters
- Maintenance of district property

Available for Pastors

- Clergy-Spouse Retreat
- Pastor's Workshops
- Area Clergy Meetings
- Annual Clergy Visits
- Training in Ministry (TRIM)
- Education for Shared Ministry (EFSM)
- Financial Assistance for Education through the Student Minister's Fund
- Ministerial Training for licensed pastors and those exploring ministry (see right)

Finding a Pastor

The District Executive works closely with the Pastoral Search Committee in a congregation in transition, providing pastoral profiles from across the denomination, setting up interviews, and resourcing the Committee as they discern God's calling for their church. The District Executive can also provide possible

candidates to serve as Interim Pastors, and an extensive list of those available to fill the pulpit on any given Sunday. Please contact Kris Hawk, District Executive for more information.

Ministerial Training Program now available within our District

Buckeye Brethren Institute (BBI) has been developed in our district. This provides an education option for ordination for licensed ministers and/or those considering a call to ministry. BBI is designed to be a three year program that consists of 12 classes and additional training activities. Instructors are Master's prepared pastors from within our district. BBI was developed for those students whose life circumstances prevent them from participating in seminary or other traditional ministry training sessions. For more information, please contact Paul Bozman, coordinator at pbozman@neo.rr.com.

Inspiration Hills—Events

4819 West Easton Road— Burbank, Ohio 44214
888.462.2267 www.inspirationhillscamp.org

2019 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Staff Training	May 23-31	All summer staff
Mom & Me Camp	June 3-4	Parent (s) and campers ages 3-7
Grand Camp #1	June 4-6	Grandparents & grandchildren ages 3-8
Senior High Bash	June 8-9	Going into grades 9-12 (minimum age, 14)
Senior High Camp	June 9-14	Going into grades 9-12 (minimum age, 14)
Sr. High Worship Arts	June 9-14	Going into grades 9-12 (minimum age, 14)
Junior High Camp	June 16-21	Going into grades 6-8 (minimum age, 11)

See Inspiration Hills website for a complete schedule.

Becoming a Pastor

The District Ministry Commission work closely with the District Executive in the credentialing of ministers. They provide testing, background checks, and education on Church of the Brethren beliefs/practice (for those coming from outside our denomination). The Commission members interview each candidate making recommendations to District Board for licensing, commissioning, and ordination. They work to provide each new clergy with a mentor as they move through the process. If you sense a calling to ministry and that call is affirmed by others, please contact the District Office to talk about next steps.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOME

725 Columbus Avenue, Fostoria, OH 44830
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Discover the joys of living in a welcoming community where neighbors can share good food, good conversation, hearty laughter and Christian fellowship. Rooted in a faith-based tradition of service yet open to people of all beliefs, Good Shepherd Home is a continuing care retirement community with a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere. Within this close-knit community, people greet you by name and offer friendship freely.

WEST VIEW HEALTHY LIVING

1715 Mechanicsburg Road, Wooster, OH 44691
Phone: 330.264.8640
www.westviewhealthyliving.org

West View Healthy Living is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community offering lifestyles and care designed to make life easier for seniors. From independent and assisted living, to memory care, transitional care and rehabilitation, and long-term care, we provide everything our residents need to live well, engage, learn, contribute and play. Here, our philosophy centers around wellness and what we call the Essential Elements of Well-Being.

SISTERS Spring 2019 Retreat

April 26-27, 2019

Inspiration Hills Camp Burbank, OH

“Clothe Yourselves in Christ”

Romans 13:14

“SISTERS” is the Women’s Ministry
of the Northern Ohio District
Church of the Brethren

Sisters In Service

To Enrich, Refresh and Support
Ministry to Women and for Women

Email: sistersnorthernohio@gmail.com

Webpage: nohcob.org/sisters



Peace Advocate

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will
be called children of God. Matthew 5:9*

**Peace begins when you make your peace with Jesus,
accept Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord.**

The Peace and Conciliation Advocate works with the Peace Task Team to plan peace education programming in the district. The Peace Advocate works with pastors, congregations, and the District youth to help support the peace of Jesus. That is, helping people of all ages live out Jesus' calling to treat all people as God's children. Jesus has given us his example through His life of shalom to help us respond with love and forbearance to both friends and foes alike. Teaching Biblical peace principles, listening skills, conflict resolution skills, and offers support to those who are oppressed by the many forms of violence that are common in our society is part of the peacemaking task.

Preaching, leading workshops, creating peace education materials for all ages, and publishing the quarterly Peace Advocate News are part of carrying out that task.



BRETHREN Disaster Ministries

recovering from disaster.

Brethren Disaster Ministries engages a network of volunteers to repair or rebuild damaged homes for disaster survivors who lack sufficient resources to hire a contractor or other paid labor. BDM's goal is to ease the trauma and foster recovery in disaster-stricken communities across the United States.

Children's Disaster Services meets the needs of children impacted by disaster by setting up temporary child care centers and using therapeutic activities and toys that stimulate imaginative play. Specially trained and certified volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence for children, as well as individualized consultation for parents about their child's unique emotional needs. Visit <http://www.brethren.org/bdm/>

Inspired by Jesus, Brethren Disaster Ministries focuses on rebuilding homes, caring for children, and providing international relief by engaging our volunteers, supporters, and partners to serve communities

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Jr. & Sr. High Rallies Rallies are held throughout the year.

Jr. & Sr. High Camp Inspiration Hills offers Jr. & Sr. High camping experiences each summer.

Youth Leadership Training Provides overnight leadership retreats where youth will learn about styles of leadership, how to deal with conflict and confrontation, cultural importance, leading with integrity,

District Workcamp Provides opportunities for service with youth from across our District.

Advisor Training Provides Youth Advisors with ideas, inspiration, and support from others serving in this ministry.

Powerhouse Regional Youth Conference An annual conference is sponsored by Manchester University for Church of the Brethren Midwest youth.

National Youth Conference Happening every four years, NYC is a week long faith formation conference for Sr. High youth (completed 9th grade through 1 year of college) and their advisors.

We have a Scholarship Fund to help assist youth with the cost of events. No youth should miss out because of the cost. For more information, contact the District Office.

