



# Pastor's memo

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN—JUNE 2017

## NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT EXECUTIVE CALLED

Article by Tom Zuercher, District Board Chair

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Northern Ohio District Board, it gives me great pleasure to announce to you that Kris Hawk has been called as our new District Executive. Kris was presented as the recommended candidate at the May 20th meeting of the District Board by Sherry Reese Vaught, Vice-Chair of the Search Committee, and the recommendation was adopted by a unanimous vote. Kris will move from interim status to permanent status on June 1, 2017. An Installation Service is being planned as part of the District Conference to be held at the Hartville Church of the Brethren, July 28-29.

This recommendation came from the Search Committee following a diligent seven month search. The initial field of candidates

was narrowed by on-line interviews, followed by personal interviews of the finalists. Kris received no preferential treatment because of her role as Interim DE; she became the recommended candidate because of her strong faith, her clear commitment to the church, and her superior administrative skills. We are blessed to have someone of Kris's caliber to be called by God to serve as our new District Executive.



Kris is a graduate of the University of Akron where she earned her Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing. After a

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distinguished career in the nursing field, Kris felt God's call in her life for Pastoral Ministry and was Licensed in 2003. After completing additional ministry training, Kris was Ordained to the Ministry in 2008. In addition to serving on the pastoral staff at the Akron Springfield Church of the Brethren, Kris served as Moderator of the Northern Ohio District (2010), on the District Board (1999-2006) and as District Board Chair (2002-2006). Kris and her husband, Duane, live in Akron, Ohio and she will continue to commute to the District Office in Ashland.

Kris and Duane have three adult children and six grandchildren.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the members of the Search Committee for their dedication and Christ-centered focus throughout this process: Paul Bartholomew - Chair, Sherry Reese Vaught - Vice-Chair, Fred Keener - Secretary, Kerri Bailey, Fred Brinkman, Billi Janet Burkey, Jim Masten, Ben Polzin, and Mike Zellers. We also want to thank Stan Dueck, representative of the Church of the Brethren Ministry Office, who facilitated the search process.

I hope that all of you will join me at District Conference in Hartsville on Saturday, July 29th, as we celebrate the Installation of Kris Hawk as District Executive of the Northern Ohio District Church of the Brethren.

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*  
**Colossians 3:17**

## General Secretary David Steele Holding Listening Sessions in Northern Ohio June 7th and 8th



General Secretary David Steele cordially invites you to attend one or more

### *Northern Ohio District Listening Session*

June 7, 2017—2pm  
Good Shepherd Home  
Fostoria, Ohio

June 7, 2017—7pm  
Ashland First Church of the Brethren  
Ashland, Ohio

June 8, 2017—7pm  
Akron Springfield Church of the Brethren  
Akron, Ohio

Come for a time of conversation with our new general secretary and fellowship with other supporters of the denomination. All are welcome.

## Annual Conference Delegate Briefing June 11th



Mark your calendar for the upcoming Annual Conference Delegate Briefing and Reception. This important meeting will be held from 3-5:00pm at Ashland Dickey Church of the Brethren on June 11, 2017. Annual Conference Moderator Carol Scheppard will present information regarding business items for this year's conference. This will be a time for sharing general information about being a delegate as well as meeting other delegates from across our district. We encourage delegates and all members of district congregations to attend. Moderator Scheppard will also be preaching at 10:30am at Ashland First Church of the Brethren and you are welcome to attend. If you have any questions before then, please feel free to

contact the District Office (419-281-3058), or one of your Standing Committee Representatives, Ben Polzin (419-770-9347) or Kathy Ballinger (419-606-0859) Until then, "Risk Hope!"

*Risk Hope*  
—HEBREWS 10:23

## Pastoral Placement

**Congregations actively in the search process:**

**Bethel** – Congregational profile completed. Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

**Brook Park** – **Tom Michaels** serving as interim. Search Committee completing profile.

**Eden** – **Wayne Scott** serving as interim. Search Committee completing profile.

**Pleasant View** – **Dr. Byron Hawbecker** serving as interim. Search Committee interviewing.

**Congregations that have chosen not to seek at this time:**

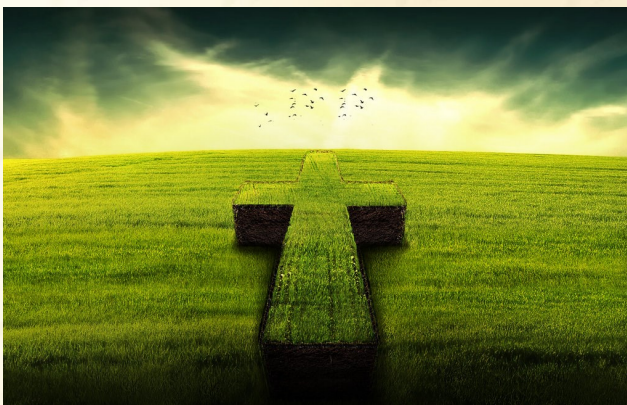
**East Nimishillen** – **Matthew Reed** serving as interim. Congregational profile complete, but not actively seeking at this time.

**Lake Breeze** – **James Washington** serving as interim.

**Lakewood** – **Gene Wyse** serving as interim. Not actively seeking at this time.

**Maple Grove** – **John Ballinger** serving as interim.

**Woodworth** – **John Polanski** serving as interim.



## 2017 District Conference

July 28-29, 2017

Hartville Church of the Brethren

Register for District Conference and Reserve Lodging by Following Links Below:

Online Registration and Printable Forms:

[www.nohcob.org/dcregistration](http://www.nohcob.org/dcregistration)

Lodging, Restaurants, Things to See and Do:

[www.nohcob.org/dclodging](http://www.nohcob.org/dclodging)

## District Prayer Calendar

**May 21—May 27**

*Ashland Dickey CoB (Pastor Tom Zuercher) and Ashland First CoB (Pastor Tina Hunt)*

**May 28—June 3**

*Bethel CoB (Pulpit Supply) and Black River CoB (Pastor Mark Teal and Associate Pastors Dean Foster and Cullen Thompson)*

**June 4—June 10**

*Bristolville CoB (Pastor Fred Keener) and Brook Park CoB (Interim Tom Michaels)*

**June 11—June 17**

*Center CoB (Pastor Mark Kell) and County Line CoB (Pastor Tom Dearth and Associate Pastor Chris Ewing)*

**June 18—June 24**

*Defiance CoB (Pastor Eugene Yenser) and Dupont CoB (Pastor Dan Wust)*

**June 25—July 1**

*East Chippewa CoB (Pastor Brad Kelley) and East Nimishillen CoB (Interim Matthew Reed)*

# YOUTH EVENTS AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

FOR GRADES 6 - 12

## FRIDAY

PIZZA IN THE PARK  
CORN HOLE  
LADDER GOLF  
WORSHIP  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

## SATURDAY

Q/A WITH JOSH MCDOWELL  
SPORTS AND GAMES  
YOUTH SESSION - ADDICTION  
SWIMMING @ YMCA  
FROZEN YOGURT  
WORSHIP

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## Mark Your Calendar

- 6/7-8** Listening Sessions with General Secretary, David Steele:  
6/7 (2pm-3:30pm) Good Shepherd Home, Fostoria, OH  
6/7 (7pm-8:30pm) Ashland First CoB, Ashland, OH  
6/8 (7pm-8:30pm) Akron Springfield, Akron, OH
- 6/11** Carol Scheppard, Annual Conference Moderator, Preaching at Ashland First CoB, Ashland, OH (10:30am)
- 6/11** Delegate Briefing, Ashland Dickey CoB, Ashland, OH (3pm-5pm)
- 6/28-7/2** Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI
- 7/28-29** District Conference, Hartville CoB, Hartville, OH
- 8/5** Buckeye Brethren Institute Orientation, District Office, Ashland, OH