



Pastor's Memo

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN | OCTOBER 2020

Moderator's Town Hall Thursday, October 15th

We are excited to announce the next Moderator's Town Hall on October 15th, 2020, at 7:00 PM EDT. The featured speaker will be Phillip C. Stone, President emeritus of Bridgewater College.

The focus of the Town Hall will be: "Leading in a Time of Crisis." Whether pastor, lay leader, Sunday School teacher or parent, we are all called to give guidance during challenging times, especially during our current season of polarization and pandemic. To that end, leadership principles will be shared that are applicable to both clergy and laity alike.

A native of Virginia and a graduate of Bridgewater College, Phil Stone attended the University of Chicago Graduate School of Economics and received a law degree from the University of Virginia. After 24 years in private law practice in Virginia, he became President of Bridgewater College in 1994. Mr. Stone retired from that position on June 30, 2010, and was named President emeritus. To register for the town hall, please visit: tinyurl.com/modtownhalloct2020

You are encouraged to sign up early, as the event is limited to the first 500 registrants.

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Pastor's Appreciation Month

As we plan for our Fall Area Clergy Meetings, we realize that there are still a number of unknowns and a wide variety of thought regarding gathering in person during these COVID-19 times. Since these meetings are smaller gatherings offered across the district, we believe that we can have a rich time together while maintaining social distancing and safety guidelines. There will also be one Clergy Meeting scheduled via Zoom open to those from any area.

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You can register on-line at www.nohcob.org/acm or call the District Office. Pre-registration is preferred for those attending in person, but required for those attending the Zoom meeting (so you can receive the Zoom link for the meeting).

A recording of the Moderator's Town Hall with Andrew Young, veteran Civil Rights leader and former UN ambassador, is now available at <https://vimeo.com/462037655>. "We are excited to share this resource with you, praying it will continue to bear much fruit for Christ and the Church," said an announcement from Annual Conference moderator Paul Munday. "The Andrew J. Young Foundation has granted us permission to distribute this recording as needed, so feel free to share it with others." For questions or more information, contact cobmoderatorstownhall@gmail.com.

As pastors, you have put much on hold to help your congregation through these unusual times. But the ongoing pandemic requires being intentional about self-care in order to care for others in a healthy way. Kyle Kershner LPCC-S NCC LICDC-CS will provide insight and practical application on November 17th. You are invited to join workshop from 9am – 11 am or 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Kyle will be presenting live at each session by Zoom. (You may remember Kyle Kerschner from the Pre-conference workshop he provided at District Conference at Hartville CoB on Addictions). 0.2 CEU's will be provided.

District Prayer Calendar

October

Churches/Pastors

North Bend, Patrick Bailey
Owl Creek, Charles Barnhill
Painesville, John Ballinger
Paradise, Terry Vaught

District Leadership

Shalom Team

Other Districts

Southern Ohio/Kentucky

The Larger Church

EYN—The Church of the Brethren in Nigeria

November

Churches/Pastors

Pleasant View , James Washington
Poplar Ridge, Ben Polzin
Reading, Brian Layman
Richland, Jim Frado

District Leadership

District Office Staff

Other Districts

Middle PA, Southern PA

National Leadership

Stan Dueck/Josh Brockway, Discipleship Ministries

Mark Your Calendar

- 10.12 District Youth Games and Devotions (Via Zoom)
- 10.19 District Youth Games and Devotions (Via Zoom)
- 10.20 Executive Committee Meeting (Via Zoom)
- 10.24 BBI History, Beliefs & Practices of the Church of the Brethren (Via Zoom)
- 10.26 District Youth Games and Devotions (Via Zoom)
- 10.27 Area Clergy Meeting, Central AM, Black River CoB
- 10.27 Area Clergy Meeting, Central PM, District Office
- 10.28 Area Clergy Meeting, Eastern AM, Freeburg CoB
- 10.28 Area Clergy Meeting, Eastern PM, Mt. Pleasant CoB
- 10.29 Area Clergy Meeting, Western AM, County Line CoB
- 10.29 Area Clergy Meeting, Western PM, Lick Creek CoB
- 11.7 BBI History, Beliefs & Practices of the Church of the Brethren (Via Zoom)
- 11.14 District Board Meeting (Via Zoom)
- 11.17 Pastor's Workshop (Via Zoom)

Pastoral Placement

Congregations actively in the search process:

Ashland First – Search Committee working on profile. *Tina Hunt* bringing a message weekly via Facebook Live.

Reading – Search Committee has completed congregational profile. *Brian Layman* serving as interim.

Congregations that have completed the search process:

Zion Hill – *Scott McPeck* licensed to ministry and installed as pastor on August 23rd.

Congregations that have not yet begun the Search Process or have chosen not to seek at this time:

Jonah's People – *Jerry Copeland* serving as interim pastor.

Lake Breeze – *Stephen McLaughlin* serving as interim and beginning the credentialing process.

Lakewood – *Gene Wyse* serving as interim and beginning the credentialing process.

Mansfield First – *Tom Michaels* serving as transitional pastor.

New Philadelphia – *David Hobbs* serving as interim.

Painesville – *John Ballinger* serving as transitional pastor.

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Jim Frado Ordained at Richland Church of the Brethren



September 20 was a special day as Jim Frado was ordained in the Church of the Brethren at Richland, where he has been serving as pastor for 6 years. He is an Ashland Theological Seminary graduate and also an ordained minister in the

Brethren Church. Jim and his wife Karen live in Ashland and are parents of three grown children and have six grandchildren.

Funds Available

- Hottle Operating Grants up to \$5000 available to help with operating expenses through the end of this year.
- Hottle Grants for 1) Project grants within the church to expand the ministry of the church. 2) Outreach Ministry grants that impact not only the church but the community at large and may include changes to the physical plant. 3) Program Development grants within the church to stimulate growth or spiritual health and may include changes to the physical plant.

Applications for these loans due to the District Office by October 24, 2020

- Church Improvement Loan Fund – 0% interest loans available to churches for building improvements and repairs to the main ministry property. Examples of projects would include building additions, structural repairs, adding handicap accessibility, parking lot improvements, new restroom facilities, replacing an old furnace, adding air conditioning, new lighting, roof replacement, window replacement, painting, signage, etc..

2021 Clergy-Spouse Retreat

February 14th - 16th,
Sunday Evening through Tuesday Afternoon
at Days Inn & Suites, Richfield, Ohio

It is the hope of our Ministerial Commission that we will be able to meet in person for a retreat in February of 2021. Please plan to join us for the upcoming Clergy-Spouse Retreat February 14-16 at the Days Inn & Suites, Richfield, Ohio. All ordained, commissioned, licensed clergy, interims, and spouses are invited. This is a time to laugh, time to learn, time for worship, quiet time, social time, and free time. One day registration is available and 0.5 CEU's will be issued for clergy.

We will be sending out updated information about the speaker, tentative scheduled and registration as it becomes available.



And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (MSG)

Thank You!

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH