



The Herald

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August 12-13*

*Poplar Ridge Church of the
Brethren, Defiance, OH*

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN | JUNE 2022

Message from the Moderator

Brian Layman, Pastor Ashland First CoB

Hebrews 10:24 offers a challenge to the church: "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." It's a challenge that we the Church are meant to meet mutually - together. The word Allelon (Al-lay-lone) is the Greek word that is translated as "one another". Literally, it is another plural word for "YOU", but adds direction and action to its meaning. It says "All of you are supposed to [this] mutually towards each other". The New Testament is full of Allelon instructions. There are a hundred of them spread throughout the New Testament telling us what it takes to be the Church to one another, mutually, together. This upcoming conference will embrace these themes. We will look at times that we have successfully worked mutually and stirred up one another to love and good works and how we can rise up to that challenge in this time when not just our churches but the world has gone through a time of upheaval.

Conference Offerings

Fern Dews, Central Committee Member and Publicity Coordinator

During our 2021 District Conference at Springfield Church last summer, we had so many positive comments about the offering boxes that we decided to repeat that this year. It allows people to contribute whatever they most want to support without any feeling of pressure and is Covid-safe. There will be boxes for Conference expenses, and for Brethren Disaster Ministries. We will also be collecting Hygiene Kits for Church World Service for the most-needed location at the time. (See page 4 for a list of items needed.) You can make this a local challenge to see who can put together the most kits. Different Sunday School classes or fellowship groups could compete to see who can show more love to Jesus by helping more people who are needy. Thank you!

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District Conference Schedule of Events

Friday Schedule

11:00 a.m.	Exhibit & Peace Auction Set-up Begins
12:00 p.m.	Registration Begins
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshop, "Jesus' Call for Unity - We the Church"
5:00 p.m.	Dinner (in Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m.	Opening Worship (in Sanctuary), Guest Speaker: Brian Layman, Moderator
8:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social (in Fellowship Hall)

Saturday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (in Sanctuary)
8:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Business Session (in Fellowship Hall)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (in Fellowship Hall)
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Insight Sessions (1) Dave Sollenberger, "Annual Conference: Where Do We Go from Here?" (2) Basic Financial Procedures for Churches, Stewardship & Finance Commission (3) Inspiration Hills Camp, "What's Happening at Camp"
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Business Session (in Fellowship Hall)
4:00 -5:00 p.m.	Insight Sessions (1) Dave Sollenberger, "Annual Conference: Where Do We Go from Here?" (2) Websites and Social Networking for Churches, Connections Commission (3) Calling the Called, Ministerial Commission
5:15 p.m.	Worship Service and Installation of Moderator (in Sanctuary), Guest Speaker: Dave Sollenberger
6:30 p.m.	Dinner (in Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m.	Reorganization of the Board (Elected board members are to attend)

Youth and Children Activities

Childcare (toddlers and preschoolers) is available during the Pre-Conference, Worship Services, Business Sessions and Insight Sessions.

Children's Activities (K-5th grade) are provided by Poplar Ridge CoB staff during Insight and Business Sessions.

Jr. & Sr. High Activities are provided by Cody Etter, District Conference Youth Event Coordinator. More information to follow!

Online registration is now available at www.nohcob.org/register



Conference Speakers

Friday Evening, August 12th

Brian Layman
District Conference Moderator
and Pastor of Ashland First CoB



Brian Layman is the Pastor of the Ashland First Church of the Brethren in the city. Serving part time as

Pastor, he runs his own Website Consultation business since 2009. Brian attended the Buckeye Brethren Institute and has been active in local and District Church of the Brethren boards for many years. He and his wife Denise have been married for 29 years. They have four kids, Jaxom, Azia, Julian and Caleb. Each attend a different local college or university, essentially making their home a college dorm.

Ice Cream Social following Friday Evening Worship

Come and enjoy ice cream and fellowship while listening to live band music. The event is free to all and will follow our evening worship on Friday. We hope to see you there!



Ice Cream Social

Saturday Evening, August 13th

Dave Sollenberger
Annual Conference Moderator



David has been a speaker at National Young Adult Conference and National Youth Conference and looks forward to more opportunities to share his thoughts as Moderator. He is eager to advocate for the many ministries which

he's interpreted – both service-oriented ones (e.g., Office of Peacebuilding and Policy, BVS, Brethren Disaster Ministries) and more evangelical ones (e.g., Passing on the Promise, New Life Ministries, Church Planting and Revitalization) and has rarely met a Brethren-related cause which he doesn't appreciate. Ministry interpretation has allowed him to visit Brethren in places such as Nigeria, South Sudan, Brazil, Dominican Republic, India, and Mexico.

David maintains membership at the small, informal Mt. Wilson congregation in Pennsylvania, but has taught the Jr. High Sunday School class since 2009 at the Manchester congregation in North Manchester, Indiana, where he and Mary live part time, so Mary can work as a CNA at the Timbercrest Retirement Community, where her mother resides.

David and Mary thoroughly enjoy hanging out with first grandchild Finnegan, child of son Joshua and his wife, Shannon; visiting their daughter, Christina, and her husband, Davis' son, George; and look forward to the arrival of son Micah and his wife, Samantha's child in December.

Insight Sessions

"Annual Conference: Where Do We Go from Here?" Dave Sollenberger, Annual Conference Moderator

This session will explore the developments, decisions, and activities at the recently concluded Annual Conference in Omaha and the impact those may have on the Church of the Brethren, through the eyes of the Immediate Past Moderator. We will review some of the highs and the lows of the Big Meeting.

Inspiration Hills Camp, Inspiration Hills Camp Staff

Find out "What's Happening at Camp" with the Inspiration Hills Staff.

Basic Financial Procedures for Churches, Stewardship & Finance Commission

In this session, we plan on describing some basic financial policies and procedures that churches of all sizes should be implementing.

Websites and Social Networking for Churches, Connections Commission

Sharing ideas and resources of how and why churches can use technology for members and visitors.

Calling the Called, Ministerial Commission

Pastors and clergy will tell their story of being called into ministry.

Pre-Conference Workshop

Friday, August 12 from 1 pm - 4 pm "Jesus' Call for Unity" presented by David Sollenberger.

We will explore the Biblical mandate to be unified as much as possible in order to be the church. However, unity is a difficult thing to accomplish in 2022 America, and we will explore the impediments to unity with which we as a church are struggling. 0.3 CEUs for clergy

Internal Revenue Service Increases Mileage Rate for Remainder of 2022

Beginning on July 1, 2022, the standard mileage rates for the business use of a vehicle will be 62 cents per mile driven. This is up 3.5 cents from the earlier IRS 2022 rate.

Hygiene Kits for District Conference Service Project

You can make a world of difference by making Hygiene Kits for people in need through Church World Service. When disasters happen anywhere in the world, Health Kits can help people stay clean and healthy and that can save lives. The ability to wash, brush teeth, or cover a cut can make the difference between getting sick and staying well when you are living in the aftermath of a hurricane, tornado, flood or other disaster.

To complete a Kit:

Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

Send \$2.00 with each kit to cover processing and shipping. (Do Not put the money in the kit.)

If you prefer:

a donation of \$15.00 will allow Church World Service to provide a Health Kit.

In each Hygiene Kit please Include:

- 1 hand towel (approx. 15 x 28 to 16 x 32 inches)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide-tooth comb (at least 6" of teeth)
- 1 finger nail or toe nail clipper (out of packaging)
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper) 1 toothbrush (in original package) 10 standard size Band-aids

We are not to include toothpaste in kits. It will be added to kits at New Windsor when kits are sent out so the toothpaste is fresh.

Please bring Hygiene Kits to District Conference and/or make checks payable to Northern Ohio District.

Coming at District Conference!

The Silent Auction For The Peace Endowment Fund

Support District Peace Education Efforts!



After 2 years without an in-person Peace Auction (we had an on-line auction last year), the Peace Auction is back along with a full District Conference! The Peace Task Team organizes an annual auction to raise money for the District Peace Endowment Fund. This fund supports District peace education efforts.

As one of the Historic Peace Churches, we are committed to teaching Christ's message of peace – peace within ourselves as we make our peace with Jesus; peace within our families, our congregations, and with our friends; peace in our communities; and peace in the world with our friends and those we may call enemy. The Peace Endowment Fund was established in 1982 to support efforts in the District to teach the things that make for peace!



We Need YOU!

- to bring handmade items and goodies (handcrafted items, artist's work, homemade food) for the auction!
- to come prepared to bid on the donated items in the auction!

Donate by:

- Bringing your donated items to the Exhibit Area Friday, August 12 by 5 p.m.
- Giving us an estimate of their value
- Noting what a minimum starting bid should be

How to Bid:

- The Silent Auction runs from 5 p.m. Friday to 5:15 p.m. Saturday.
- The person with the highest bid on an item at 5:15 p.m. Saturday takes the item home in return for their contribution to the Peace Endowment Fund!
- All items should be picked up after worship on Saturday evening.

Please Note: The conference schedule is different this year! Saturday dinner will follow the worship service, so make sure to bid on items every chance you get during the weekend!

We appreciate all those who support peace education efforts by donating items or by bidding in the auction!

Lodging for District Conference 2022

A block of rooms has been reserved at:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

1148 Hotel Drive
Defiance, OH 43512

Distance from Poplar Ridge: 4 miles
Drive Time: 7 minutes

Phone: (419) 784-0782



Rate is \$119.00 +tax for a King or Double Queen Room – **Must reserve by 7/18 for this rate.** Let them know you are from the Church of the Brethren

Camping for Youth

Fresh Encounter Woods
20700 Road 48
Grover Hill, OH 45849

Distance from Poplar Ridge: 29.1 miles
Drive Time: 35 minutes
Phone: (419) 596-4314
Please bring your own towels/bedding



Other Lodging Options

Super 8 Motel

1053 Hotel Drive
Defiance, OH 43512

Distance from Poplar Ridge: 4.2 miles
Drive Time: 8 minutes
Phone: (419) 956-0841



Hampton Inn Defiance

1037 Hotel Drive
Defiance, OH 43512

Distance from Poplar Ridge: 4.2 miles
Drive Time: 8 minutes
Phone: (419) 784-1515



Quality Inn

1068 Hotel Drive
Defiance, OH 43512

Distance from Poplar Ridge: 4.2 miles
Drive Time: 8 minutes
Phone: (419) 784-4900



Northern Ohio District Church of the Brethren
2022 DISTRICT CONFERENCE DELEGATE AUTHORIZATION FORM

Mail the form to: Northern Ohio District, 1107 East Main Street, Ashland, Ohio 44805

Please do not include any payments with this form. All payments should be sent with the Registration Form along with any choices for meals.

CONGREGATION NAME: _____

Delegate 1	

Name	

Complete Mailing Address	

Phone Number:	E-mail Address:

Delegate 2	

Name	

Complete Mailing Address	

Phone Number:	E-mail Address:

Delegate 3	

Name	

Complete Mailing Address	

Phone Number:	E-mail Address:

Delegates Authorized by: (Pastor, Clerk, or Moderator) Sign below, name and title

Number of Delegates: District Polity says: "There shall be two (2) for each member church or fellowship with 200 or fewer members. Larger churches shall have one (1) delegate for each additional 100 members or fraction thereof. One delegate should be a church board member. No elected delegate shall serve more than two years in succession, except in those congregations where the average weekly worship attendance is (35) or less.

Adult Registration Form

August 12-13, 2022 Northern Ohio District Conference

YOU MUST REGISTER BY **JULY 29** IF YOU WANT TO ORDER MEALS

Send Registration Forms and checks to:
Northern Ohio District, 1107 E. Main Street, Ashland, OH 44805

All delegates must also complete this form. Each congregation must provide a delegate authorization form signed by the church's pastor, moderator, board chair, or clerk. This is verification that the delegate has been chosen by the congregation to represent them at conference.

You may now also register on-line & print conference materials from the District Website: www.nohcob.org.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Are you a Delegate? Yes No

Congregation Name _____

Your Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail _____

Is this your first conference? Yes No Do you want a Conference Book? Yes No

Registration Fee: \$25.00 (\$35.00 on site) → \$ 25.00

Choose your meal options:

Friday Dinner
 \$[11.00]

Saturday Breakfast
 \$[5.00]

Saturday Lunch
 \$[8.00]

Saturday Dinner
 \$[11.00]

Special dietary needs? _____ Total Meals: \$ _____

Are you attending the Pre-conference event? Yes No

Do you wish to receive CEU's? Yes No

Are you attending the Ice Cream Social Friday after worship?
(The cost is included in registration fees.) Yes No

Please add together your Registration Fee & Meal Costs
(Make checks to "Northern Ohio District") Total Cost: \$ _____

Youth Advisor District Conference Registration Form

August 12-13, 2022 Northern Ohio District Conference

Send Registration Forms and checks to:
Northern Ohio District, 1107 E. Main Street, Ashland, OH 44805

You may also register on-line & print conference materials from the District Website: www.nohcob.org.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Congregation Name _____

Your Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail _____

Is this your first conference? Yes No Do you want a conference book? Yes No

Registration Fee: \$25.00 pre-registration (\$35.00 on site) **\$25.00**

Meals: Meals will be provided for youth and advisors at no charge.

Special dietary needs? _____ Total Meals: **\$00.00**

*Lodging: Youth Advisors will lodge at Fresh Encounter Woods at no charge.

((bring your own bedding and towels)

Total lodging: **\$00.00**

Total Cost: \$.00

Are you attending the Pre-conference event? Yes No

Do you wish to receive CEU's? Yes No

Total Registration Fee, Meal, & Lodging Costs
(Make checks to "Northern Ohio District")

Total Cost: **\$25.00**

*Youth Advisors are expected to stay overnight at Fresh Encounter Woods on Friday and participate in all youth activities.

In addition to this Conference Registration form, you will receive a link to complete a background check if you have not done so in the past year.

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth District Conference Registration Form

August 12-13, 2022 Northern Ohio District Conference

Send Registration Forms and checks to:
Northern Ohio District, 1107 E. Main Street, Ashland, OH 44805

You may also register on-line & print conference materials from the District Website: www.nohcob.org.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Are you: Sr. High (9th – 12th grade) or Jr. High (6th – 8th grade)

Congregation Name _____

Your Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail _____

Is this your first conference? Yes No Are you a Delegate? Yes No

Registration Fee: No charge for youth \$00.00

Meals: Meals will be provided for youth at no charge.

Special dietary needs? _____ Total Meals: \$00.00

*Lodging: Youth will lodge at Fresh Encounter Woods at no charge.

(bring your own bedding and towels)

Total lodging: \$00.00

Total Cost: \$00.00

How will you be coming to District Conference?

With Family With Your Youth Leader Drive Yourself

If you need help with transportation call Cody Etter 419-969-0682

*Youth are expected to stay overnight at Fresh Encounter Woods on Friday and participate in all youth activities.

In addition to this Conference Registration form, you must complete the Youth Permission Form at www.nohcob.org/youth.

Child Under 12 Under Registration Form

August 12-13, 2022 Northern Ohio District Conference
YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY JULY 29 IF YOU WANT TO ORDER MEALS.
IF YOU ARE REGISTERING ADULTS, SEE THE ADULT FORM

Send Registration Forms to:
Northern Ohio District, 1107 E. Main Street, Ashland, OH 44805

Child 1

Congregation Name: _____

Child's Name M/F Age/Grade

Address (Street, City, State) _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Phone Number _____
Is this your child's first conference? Yes

Parent's contact information at conference _____

Who will pick up children from their activities? _____

Children do not pay registration fees.

Meals:

There is NO CHARGE for Children's Meals.

Please indicate what meals your child will eat so we have a count.

Fri. Dinner Sat. Breakfast
Sat. Lunch Sat. Dinner

There is an *Ice Cream Social* Saturday after worship. There is no cost.

Does your child have any special needs, food allergies, etc? Yes No Explain: _____

Will your child attend? Yes No

SEE ADULT FORM FOR HOUSING INFORMATION

Activities & Care For Children

Preschool Children: Child care is provided during conference events.

Will your child be in Child Care? Yes No

Check When:

Pre-Conference Workshop..... Friday Worship.....
Saturday Business Insight Sessions...
Saturday Worship.....

Grade School Children: Children's activities are provided for children in grades 1 through 5 during the Saturday business sessions.

Will your child attend Children's Activities on Saturday? Yes No

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Child 2

Congregation Name: _____

Child's Name M/F Age/Grade

Address (Street, City, State) _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Phone Number _____
Is this your child's first conference? Yes

Parent's contact information at conference _____

Who will pick up children from their activities? _____

Children do not pay registration fees.

Meals:

There is NO CHARGE for Children's Meals.

Please indicate what meals your child will eat so we have a count.

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There is an *Ice Cream Social* Saturday after worship. There is no cost.

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Will your child attend Children's Activities on Saturday? Yes No

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Pastoral Placement

Congregations actively in the search process:

Akron Eastwood – Congregational evaluation process. **Cindy Peel** serving as interim pastor.

Bristolville (full-time) – Profile completed, Search Committee interviewing. Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

Mansfield First – Search Committee formed. **Delbert Kettering** beginning as interim pastor 6/1/22.

Painesville (part-time) – Call vote scheduled for 6/26. **John Ballinger** serving as transitional pastor since 2/20/20.

Woodworth – Search Committee formed, completing profile. Congregation arranging pulpit supply.

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

Brook Park – Leadership providing pulpit supply.

Dupont – **Jeff Rhees** serving as interim pastor.

Sugarcreek East – **Nelson Brown** serving an interim pastor.

Silver Creek – **Ric Beals** serving as interim pastor.

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Mark Your Calendar

- 7.4 Office Closed - July 4th Holiday
- 7.10-14 Annual Conference @ Omaha, Nebraska
- 8.12-13 District Conference @ Poplar Ridge CoB
- 8.13 District Board Reorganization @ Poplar Ridge CoB
- 8.27 BBI Class - New Testament Survey @ District Office
- 9.10 BBI Class - New Testament Survey @ District Office
- 9.16-17 District Board Orientation @ Inspiration Hills
- 9.24 Inspiration Hills Camp - Fall Festival & Chicken BBQ
- 10.1 BBI Class - New Testament Survey @ District Office
- 10.5 Office Closed - Labor Day Holiday
- 10.11 Executive Committee Meeting @ District Office
- 10.15 BBI Class - New Testament Survey @ District Office
- 10.21-22 SISTERS Women's Fall Retreat @ Inspiration Hills

District Prayer Calendar

June

Churches/Pastors

East Nimishillen, James Lee

Eden, Wayne Scott

Elm Street, James Washington

Faith in Action, Jim Gorrell

District Leadership

Connections Commission, Billi Janet Burkey, Chair

Other Districts

Idaho, Northern Plains

National Leadership

Nevin Dulabaum, BBT

July

Churches/Pastors

Freeburg, Pulpit Supply

Hartville, Anthony DiMarco

Jonah's People, Bob Simonsick

Lake Breeze, Stephen McLaughlin

District Leadership

Congregational Commission, Mark Pollock, Chair

Other Districts

Southern Plains, Western Plains

National Leadership

Annual Conference July 10-14, Church of the Brethren in Venezuela

Visit www.nohcob.org/prayer for a complete copy of our District Prayer Calendar.

Welcome New Pastor

Moses Siakula Installed as Associate Pastor at Hartville Church of the Brethren

It was a joyful time as (Emmanuel) Moses Siakula was installed as the Associate Pastor at the Hartville Church of the Brethren on May 1, 2022. Moses grew up in Zambia and has a rich story of God's leading him to faith. He served for 7 years as an Associate Pastor in Zambia and completed an undergraduate degree in Pastoral Ministries in 2013. Moses graduated with a Master of Arts from Shasta Bible College in 2020. He will be taking some classes through BBI to complete the CoB educational requirements. Moses married Jocelyn Snyder from the Hartville Church of the Brethren in 2018 and they returned to the Hartville area. The congregation recognized his gifts for ministry and affirmed him for licensing and now has called him as their Associate Pastor. Moses and Jocelyn have a daughter, Apphia.



Associate Pastor and Licensed Minister, Moses Siakula, his wife, Jocelyn and their daughter, Apphia.

East Nimishillen Church of the Brethren Celebrates Palm Sunday with New Members and Baptism Service

East Nimishillen Church of the Brethren was excited to have a day of celebrating on Palm Sunday. Pastor Jim Lee baptized four and welcomed seven new members into our fellowship. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness.



Upcoming Memorials at East Nimishillen Church of the Brethren

Glenn Lautzenhiser, June 18 at 10am

Jim Houmard, July 16th at 10am

Condolences

Mike Zellers (Ordained Pastor of the Freeburg Church of the Brethren) passed away on May 28th. Mike was a member of the Freeburg Church since he was 7 years old. He was installed as Freeburg's pastor in June, 1995. Mike also served the District in many ways of the District including Moderator, District Board Chair, Shalom Team and Nominating Committee. Mike was truly a servant leader and will be greatly missed.



County Line Church of the Brethren

Article By Liz Gordon-Hancock, County Line CoB

After two summers off of doing a week-long Vacation Bible School (VBS), County Line Church decided to change things up. Instead of doing a week-long VBS in the summer, we hosted Winter Bible School, which ran from Jan-February, once a week on Wednesday evenings.

Although VBS was considered one of our church's biggest outreaches, it was really not ministering to non-church people. Having two years off of VBS (due to the pandemic), we had the perfect platform for introducing a change. Plus, winter is comparatively less busy than the rest of the calendar year, often with families looking for activities to do with their kids. And as an added bonus, moving from one fun-filled week to only once a week, put a lot less pressure on our volunteers.

We held WBS on Wednesday nights from 6-8 pm through January and February, open to kids age 3 through 5th graders inclusively. The program we chose studied the Armor of God from Ephesians, with our key bible verse being Ephesians 6:10 "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power." Our program included multiple stations which groups of kids rotated through, including music, crafts, bible story, and reflection time (which were tailored to each age groups' ability), as well as an all-age opening and closing in our sanctuary. We averaged 35 kids per night, with almost 50% of these kids being completely new to our church.



We really wanted the focus to be ministering to the whole family, so we offered an adult bible study class, so parents could stay on-site and learn, while their kids took part in WBS. Teenagers were encouraged to help out or join the adults in bible study. We also offered a family

meal beforehand, to encourage the whole family to come

out and join us. These family feasts were a real success, and a big draw for families with younger children.

The kids and volunteers loved every minute of it! This new WBS program, as a whole, was successful and we're already planning to do it again next winter.

For more information on how we re-vamped VBS, see upcoming Resource Gems article from the District office.



What's Happening at Camp Inspiration Hills

Article by Shannon Kahler, Executive Director

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots to the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:8

I am always amazed at the beauty that springs up from the frozen ground this time of year. In a few short weeks we have gone from snow drifts and icy roads to blossoming trees, beautiful spring flowers, and many acres of green grass that needs to be mowed.

As I look around the camp today, it is apparent that the Lord has planted this camp by a stream of living water and continues to nourish the ministry through the hard winters, droughts, and even a pandemic.

New life is springing up all around us, not because of our efforts, but Gods faithfulness.

Several new organizations and ministries have contacted us this spring to see if we can host their spiritual retreats and events. One of these groups will need all of our available sleeping spaces this fall which means that we have to finish the work that was begun in 2019 to rehab the summer cabins.

We want you to share in this important work and invite you to be a part of "Wednesday Workdays" or any other day that a group from your congregation or family can come to camp and work with us to complete this project and a few others.

YOU are the most vital part of this ministry and we want to share the joy of serving Christ with you. Celebrate the new doors that are opening and help us develop some new roots that will bear much fruit in the years to come.

In Christ,
Shannon M. Kahler, Executive Director

Annual Fall Festival and Chicken BBQ

The fall festival will be on September 24th this year. Please make sure you join us for a day of family fun, great food, and Christian fellowship!

2022 Summer Camp Schedule

Senior High Camp	June 12-17	Grades 8-12
Junior High Camp	June 19-24	Grades 6-8
Grand Camp	June 21-24	Grandparents and campers ages 3-12
Senior High Bash	July 1-2	Grades 8-12
Beginners Camp	July 5-7	Grades 1-3
Junior Camp	July 10-15	Grades 3-5
Junior Camp (Light)	July 17-21	Grades 3-5
Beginners Camp 2.0	July 17-21	Grades 1-3

Visit www.inspirationhillscamp.org for more information and registration forms.

Staffing Update

Dear brothers and sisters of the Northern Ohio District,

It is with deep sadness that we share that Julie Watson, District Administrative Secretary, has resigned her position effective June 17th. In her letter of resignation, Julie stated that health concerns have led her to this difficult decision supported by her family and doctor.

If you have words of affirmation that you would like to share with Julie, please contact her by email at juliewatson@zoominternet.net or by mail at the address below (no phone calls please).

Julie Watson
1389 Township Road 523
Ashland, OH 44805

Julie has been serving our district for over 8 years and has been such a blessing to so many. We are so grateful for Julie's ministry and pray for God's blessings of healing and strength for her.

In Christ,

Patrick Bailey, District Board Chair
Kris Hawk, District Executive Minister

Office Hours Update

With Julie's resignation, we have needed to revise our District Office hours. Beginning the week of June 19th, the District Office will be closed on Mondays (my usual day off). I will try to be in the office as much as possible on Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 am - 3 pm. Because I am often out of the office for meetings and other district commitments, please call me on my cell phone at 330-612-2086 to ensure that I will be at the office when you arrive.

The District Office will be closed July 7th through the 15th while I am in Omaha, Nebraska for District Executive meetings followed by Annual Conference. Please feel free to email or call my cell phone if you need anything during those days.

Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause. As soon as we have an interim plan in place for the District Administrative Secretary position, I will let you know.

Blessings,

Kris Hawk

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Annual Conference, July 10-14—Omaha, Nebraska

Embracing One Another, as Christ Embraces Us (Romans 15:7) is the theme for this year's Annual Conference. With Moderator David Sollenberger. Although online registration ends June 10, you may register onsite at the CHI Convention Center in Omaha. The Annual Conference office sent an email updating the COVID-19 protocols for gathering at the Annual Conference. These guidelines were developed with input from medical doctors. Read the complete information [here](#) or visit www.brethren.org/ac2022 and click on the COVID Response button.

