



## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Covid and all its variants changed the way we did church together. And so I learned to text prayers as a way to stay connected with my congregation's needs. Although that was effective, it wasn't enough. It has been difficult to restore the missing fellowship that was such a part of who we were. In our own congregation, we are reviving fellowship, learning more about each other, and learning to love each other all over again.

It was good to be together at District Conference. It was good to see familiar faces, and reconnect with everyone from all of the other churches. All that great fellowship reminded me how much we need each other.

We need each other in our own congregation, and we need other church relationships in our denomination. Like in our congregations, we may need to let go of what worked in the past and seek new ways to connect with other churches to restore fellowship.

Jesus sent out the 72 in pairs to minister in their world. Why in pairs of two? I think we are not to be the Lone Ranger. In ministry, as in life, we need each other. We are created to be relational. Now how do we kindle or rekindle relationships?

Being part of a Ministry Team allows me to do a good bit of pulpit fill in other churches. I do understand the need for time off, and that gives me an opportunity to fill that need. But most importantly, it gives me a time to visit and build relationships in other churches.

Our denomination has faced tough times, and will face obstacles in the future. How do we move forward? We move forward together. We move forward in the Agape love of Jesus Christ!



*Ice Cream Freeze-Off at Lower Deer Creek CoB.*

If you feel that there is something missing in your congregation, try nurturing fellowship. For some that term is a bit old fashioned; try seeking to love those in your group. Try seeking to go beyond your congregation, to other Church of the Brethren congregations.

Love and understanding will go far in building up the Kingdom in the South / Central Indiana District.

Agape from your Moderator,

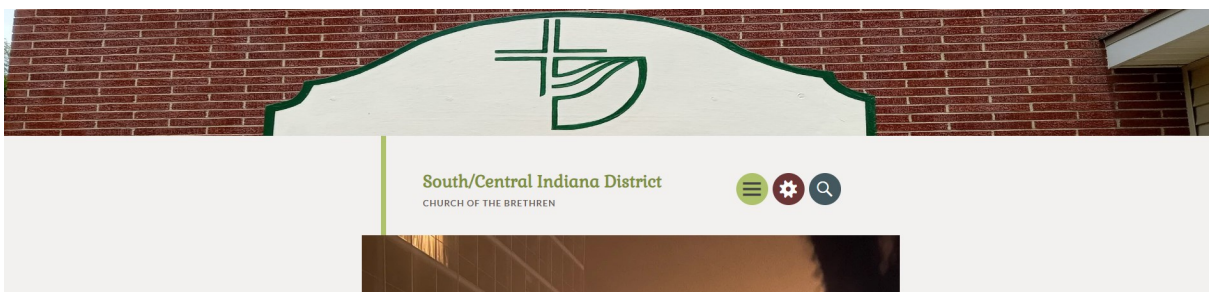
Bruce Dunk  
Lower Deer Creek COB



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Look for updates from Laura and other folks in the S/C IN District on our District blog at:

<https://southcentralindianacob.com/blog/>



# DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECAP

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Total Attendance: 99

Delegates: 68

Churches Represented: 24

Offering for MEP: \$960

Pie Auction Proceeds for BLI: \$1,500

What a great day!

It was wonderful to gather with everyone, join in worship, and witness and enjoy the fellowship occurring that day.

*If you weren't able to join us this year, we hope you can next year!!*

### SEPTEMBER 2023 - DISTRICT CALENDAR DATES

September 4-8 National Older Adult Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC

September 15-18 - Bethany Seminary Board Meeting, Richmond, IN

September 16 & 30 - BLI New Testament Survey Class - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Marion CoB

September 20 - District Board Meeting - 7:30 pm - via Zoom

September 21 - Ministry Credentialing Committee - 7:00 pm - District Office

September 24 - Gwen Gustafson-Zook Installation - Manchester CoB

September 27 - BLI Task Team Meeting—11:00 am - District Office

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*sympathy*

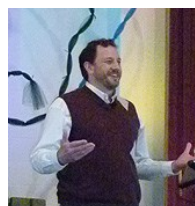
We extend our sympathy to the family of **Phyllis Carter** who passed away on August 10. Phyllis was ordained in the Church of the Brethren in 1969 and served as pastor in both South Central and Northern Indiana as well as the Illinois/Wisconsin Districts. She served as the District Executive Minister for Florida/Puerto District in the early 1980s. She retired from ministry in 1992, the year she served as the Annual Conference Moderator. After retirement, she was instrumental in the establishment of A Quiet Place at Camp Mack. Phyllis is mother of Jay Carter, pastor at Pleasant Dale CoB.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Barb Ober** who passed away on August 8. Barb was a retired ordained CoB minister most recently in California, an active Timbercrest resident, volunteer with many CoB related groups, and mother of Brethren Academy Director, Janet Ober-Lambert.

## UPCOMING BRETHREN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE COURSE

### New Testament Survey

**Instructor:** Rob Miller,  
Pastor at Northview CoB



**Class Dates:**  
September 16 & 30, October 14, 2023  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Location:**  
**Marion Church of the Brethren**  
2302 S Geneva Ave, Marion, IN 46953-2808

Class Flyer available at: [https://www.scindcob.org/2023\\_New\\_Testament\\_Survey.pdf](https://www.scindcob.org/2023_New_Testament_Survey.pdf)

You may be exploring ministry, answering a call to ministry, and/or seeking further education. We will prayerfully support you on this journey. There are no prerequisites to these courses. Anyone may enroll, one course at a time.

To register or for more information: [brethrenleadershipinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:brethrenleadershipinstitute@gmail.com), 260-274-0396.

#### **DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT as of July 31, 2023**

	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Congregations' Self-Allocation	\$8,094.23	\$53,381.32
Restricted Income	\$3,952.00	\$5,025.00
Other Income	\$35,511.08	\$149,455.83
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$47,557.31</b>	<b>\$207,862.15</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
District Expenses	\$13,693.29	\$85,566.75
Restricted Expenses	\$270.73	\$6,915.56
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,964.02</b>	<b>\$92,482.31</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$33,593.29</b>	<b>\$115,379.84</b>
<b>District Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$1,088,720.87</b>

#### **SEPTEMBER DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR**

- September 3** - Join us as we lift up Portland CoB and the Illinois and Wisconsin District.
- September 10** - Join us as we lift up Pymont CoB and the Northern Indiana District.
- September 17** - Join us as we lift up On Earth Peace.
- September 24** - Join us as we lift up Richmond CoB and the Michigan District.

#### **DISTRICT CHURCH UPDATES**

- **Anderson** - Is currently in the search process to fill a new part-time ministry position.
- **Bethel Center** - Spencer Roller has been called as preacher.
- **Eel River Community**—Is seeking to fill a part-time position on their ministry team.
- **Mexico CoB** - Matt Myers has resigned effective August 27. The congregation is beginning the search process.
- **Peru CoB** - Phillip Troxell is on medical leave. Matt Myers is assisting during this leave.

OCT 7TH



10 AM - 2PM

## CAMP MACK FESTIVAL

Wagon Rides  
Food  
Music  
Activities  
Online Auction



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2PM



For more info: <https://www.campmack.org/retreats-and-events/#family>

### NOMINATIONS FOR DENOMINATIONAL OFFICES NOW OPEN

The Nominating Committee of Standing Committee is requesting your help in nominating persons for denominational offices to be elected next summer in Grand Rapids. Every member of the Church of the Brethren is encouraged to nominate Brethren for the 2024 election at Annual Conference.

#### Offices Open for Nomination for the 2024 Ballot

- **Moderator-elect** (one person, 3-year term) Ineligible (past four moderators): Donita Keister, Paul Munday, David Sollenberger, Tim McElwee
- **Annual Conference Program & Arrangements Committee** (one person, 3-year term) Ineligible (member completing a term in 2024): Nathan Hollenberg Church of the Brethren
- **Mission and Ministry Board** (one person, 5-year term) **from Area 4:** Missouri-Arkansas, Northern Plains, Southern Plains\*, Western Plains Districts not represented on MMB the past 5 years are shown in italics. \*no representation for the past 10 years Church of the Brethren
- **Mission and Ministry Board** (one person, 5-year term) **from Area 5:** Idaho, Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest. Districts not represented on MMB the past 5 years are shown in italics. \*no representation for the past 10 years
- **Bethany Theological Seminary Board of Trustees – Representing the Brethren Colleges** (one person, 5-year term) The board requests nominees who are aware of the dramatic changes taking place in higher education, especially seminary education; or those who are aware of the issues of division in the denomination and changes in the larger church; or persons of color who can help the seminary have conversations about diversity; or persons who have corporate or executive leadership experience.
- **On Earth Peace Board** (one person, 5-year term) The board requests nominees who can help OEP “develop and walk with leaders and communities who work for justice and peace.” To participate in the board’s “values-based consensus” decision making process, each board member must complete a specialized 2.5-day training program in anti-racism, for which OEP covers costs.

For more information about the nomination and election process or to fill out a nomination or nominee form, go to: <https://www.brethren.org/ac/nominations/>

For a bulletin insert to share with your congregations about nominations, go to: [https://www.scindcob.org/2024 Nomination bulletin .pdf](https://www.scindcob.org/2024%20Nomination%20bulletin.pdf)

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# KINGIAN NONVIOLENCE TRAINING



- ATTACK EVIL NOT PERSONS
- SUFFERING WITHOUT RETALIATION
- COURAGEOUS WAY OF LIFE

## PEACEMAKING

- BELOVED COMMUNITY
- REJECT INTERNAL & EXTERNAL VIOLENCE
- UNIVERSE ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE

**NOV | 10-12 | 2023**

**ORGANIZED BY MEMBERS OF  
SOUTH CENTRAL INDIANA DISTRICT**

**For more information, email:**  
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**Children's Disaster Services  
Volunteer Workshop**

**OCTOBER 27-28, 2023**

**Are you looking for a meaningful way to help children and families after disasters?**

**Do you have a warm heart, patience, team spirit, a sense of adventure and time to give?**

**Friday 4:30pm-Saturday 5:30pm**  
**Skyridge Church of the Brethren**  
394 S Drake Rd.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

**\$55 registration fee covers materials and trainer costs. Meals and overnight stay provided by the host organization.**

**Go to**  
**[www.childrensdisasterservices.org](http://www.childrensdisasterservices.org)**  
**for registration information**

**Does your congregation have a ministry or event you'd like to share about with the rest of the District?**

**Call or e-mail the District Office and we'll get it in the next newsletter!**

**Union Grove Church of the Brethren**

1501 W. C.R. 900 N Muncie, IN 47303

 *Hearts That Serve*

*Community*

*Paper Pantry*

Open 2nd Tuesday  
of the month 5-7 PM

## **Paper Pantry List**

Hand Soap	Toothpaste (Kids)	Napkins
Bar Soap	Toothbrushes (Kids)	Paper Towels
Body Wash	Denture Brushes	Dish Soap
Conditioner	Poligrip	Zip Lock Bags - Gallon
Shampoo	Polident	Zip Lock Bag - Quart
Baby Shampoo	Toilet Paper	Foil
Deodorant (Men)	Lotion	Garbage Bags
Deodorant (Women)	Kleenex	Cleaning Wipes
Toothpaste (Adult)	Laundry Soap	All Purpose Cleaner
Toothbrushes (Adult)	Paper Plates	Toilet Bowl Cleaner

**Donations are greatly appreciated, whether it's items from the list or monetary donations.**

**We are here to serve our community!**

**Questions Call 765-744-3311**



# ***Peacefully, Simply, Together.***

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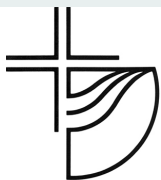
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Denominational website: [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org)



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