

## *News Bits 11.6.17*

\*Many of you have asked how you can respond to the recent hurricanes. Monetary gifts can be sent to Brethren Disaster Ministries, PO Box 188, New Windsor MD 21776. You can read more about what has already been done and what needs are anticipated at <http://www.brethren.org/bdm/hurricane-response.html?referrer=http://www.brethren.org/bdm/>.

Our district board is going to initiate a clean-up bucket challenge in the coming year; watch for more information about that!

\*The Program and Arrangements Committee has set the 2018 District Conference date for Saturday, September 15, to be held at the Grandview Church of the Brethren. Please mark your calendars!

*\*Opportunity for this Saturday:*

### **November Ventures Course to Focus on Welcoming Transformation**

The next course offering from the “Ventures in Christian Discipleship” program at McPherson (Kan.) College will be “**Welcome to Transformation.**” Immigrants, refugees, and people of color all have a role in revitalizing communities of faith. This course will explore how setting aside various forms of privilege and power makes room for life-giving transformation and growth in the faith community. **The class will be held online Saturday, November 11 at 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CST** and taught by Beth Gunzel, Community Engagement Coordinator in Chicago for Heifer International, and Irvin Heishman, co-pastor of the West Charleston Church of the Brethren, Tipp City, Ohio.

All classes are donation-based and continuing education credit is available for \$10 per course. To learn more about Ventures in Christian Discipleship and to register for courses, visit [www.mcpherson.edu/ventures](http://www.mcpherson.edu/ventures).