

FEBRUARY 2023 – SOUTH/CENTRAL INDIANA DISTRICT NEWS NOTE

February 2023 – District Office Calendar Dates

February 1 - New DEM Start Date!!

February 11 - District Board Meeting - 9:00 AM via Zoom

February 22 - BLI Task Team Meeting - 11:00 AM—District Office

February District Prayer Calendar

Feb. 5 - Join us as we lift up our new DEM, Laura Stone and this time of transition for district.

Feb. 12 - Join us as we lift up Buffalo CoB and the Northern Indiana District.

Feb. 19 - Join us as we lift up Burnettsville CoB and the Michigan District.

Feb. 26- Join us as we lift up Christ Our Shepherd CoB and the Mid-Atlantic District.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT <i>as of December 31, 2022</i>		
	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Congregations' Self-Allocation	\$12,222.17	\$80,082.22
Restricted Income	\$600.00	\$6,481.40
Other Income	-\$33,322.70	\$1,157,704.62
Total Income	-\$20,500.53	\$1,244,268.24
<u>Expenses</u>		
District Expenses	\$4,544.27	\$239,833.13
Restricted Expenses	\$153.43	\$2,239.40
Total Expenses	\$4,697.70	\$242,072.53
Net	-\$25,198.23	\$1,002,195.71
District Fund Balance		\$1,171,509.79

2023 District Directory Updates

It's that time of year again!! 2023 District Directory Update Forms were sent out a few weeks ago. If you haven't already, please take a few moments to review your church's form and make any changes; then send it back to the district office ASAP by e-mail or USPS mail. If there are no changes, a quick e-mail or phone call to let us know that would be greatly appreciated! Also, if you need a new form let us know and we'll get you one. We hope to have the new directory put together and distributed in the next few weeks, so a quick response is needed if you haven't already! Thank you!!

Annual Conference office sends letter to congregations about 2023 annual meeting

Church of the Brethren Newslines – January 30, 2023

“In January, the Annual Conference office sent a letter to the pastor, moderator, or church representative of the Church of the Brethren congregations, giving detailed information about the 2023 Conference.

This year’s Annual Conference is planned for July 4-8 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Registration for both delegates and non-delegates will open online at 12 noon (central time) on March 1. For detailed information go to www.brethren.org/ac2023.”

Camp Mack News

Registration is now open for summer youth camps! <https://www.campmack.org/summer-camp/>

Camp Mack also offers a variety of retreats and get-a-way days, check them out at: <https://www.campmack.org/retreats-and-events/>

2023 FaithX Opportunities

FaithX Summer 2023 registration is open! A total of 12 service trips are planned for junior high, senior high, adult, and we are able participants. Join a FaithX trip to put your faith into action, examine your beliefs, build friendships, and explore a new place! View the full schedule and complete your registration at www.brethren.org/faithx.

Lands of the Bible Study Tour in July 2023

In July of 2023, Bridgewater College chaplain Dr. Robbie Miller will again lead a study tour of Israel, Palestine and Jordan. The tour, conducted by the University of the Holy Land in Jerusalem <https://uhl.ac/>, will visit sites of biblical and religious importance including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, Capernaum, Caesarea, Masada, Qumran, Petra and many more. The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership will provide 4.0 CEUs for the study tour. For an itinerary and more information, contact Dr. Miller at rmiller@bridgewater.edu or at 540-421-2720.

Upcoming Brethren Academy Course

What Brethren Believe

Dates: April 19 - June 13, 2023.

Instructor: Denise Kettering-Lane, assistant professor of Brethren Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary

This course will explore Brethren beliefs related to a variety of issues, including Scripture, the person of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the nature of the church, original sin, and the end times. It will also examine how these beliefs and practices have changed over time and consider the diversity of beliefs found among Brethren today.

TRIM students will receive one credit in Bible/Theology upon completion, and the BTS experience after writing the required report. EFSM students may create a Learning Unit for the course.

The deadline to register for this course is **March 15, 2023**

- Persons interested in taking this course for CEUs or Personal Enrichment may register in one of two ways:

1) Mail registration form (available from District Office) with payment to Brethren Academy, 615 National Rd. W., Richmond, IN 47374.

2) Register and pay online at <https://bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy/brethren-academy-course-listings/brethren-academy-course-registration-annual-trim-payment/> There is a 3% service charge when registering online.

Questions may be directed to Academy Director, Janet Ober Lambert at oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu or 765-983-1820.

Calling All Needle Artists!

Celebrate 2023 – Annual Conference Quilting Bee

You congregation is invited to create a block for the 2023 Conference quilts. All quilt blocks should be postmarked by May 15, 2023. Mail your quilt block and a dollar (or more) donation (checks payable to AACB) to offset the cost of the quilting materials to: Margaret Weybright, 1801 Greencroft Blvd. Apt #125, Goshen, IN 46526.

Quilt tops are assembled before conference. No blocks can be accepted at conference for this year's quilts. All blocks delivered at conference will be considered for next year's quilts and wall hangings.

Quilt block specifications and information flyer are available at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ntg64tNRB47yO8AZNuJdswzcRAmjr9rk/view?usp=sharing>