

**UPDATE**  
**Missouri Arkansas District**  
**Church of the Brethren**  
**January 11, 2014**



**It's Time to Register Your Delegate for the 2014 Annual Conference:**

Each congregation should have received information on this year's Annual Conference to be held in Columbus, OH July 2-6. This letter tells of the fee schedule for registering DELEGATES, how to register on-line, etc.

Early registration of your delegate will save you money. If registered by February 25 the fee will be \$285 per delegate. After that the fee will go up to \$310 until June 3. Registering on-site will be even more costly.

**Delegate Registration is Now Open Online:**

**[www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac)** - Pay by check or credit card

Registration for other conference attendees will open on February 26.

**Pray for Stephanie Sappington of the Broadwater congregation. Stephanie has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will undergo a double mastectomy this Thursday, January 16. After that they call for radiation treatments and chemo. This whole ordeal will take about a year.**



You have a gift. A unique, beautiful gift from God. Pour yourself into it so others can see God in you—in your words, your attitude, your love, your faith, and your integrity. Grow into these things, embrace them. Inspire others to discover their gifts, their call. Live fully. Teach with your life.

**Workcamp Philosophy**

Workcamps are short-term mission trips that connect service with Christian faith. We practice mutual mission, making a difference in the lives of others, while embracing the difference those we serve make in our lives. At workcamps we share, pray, celebrate, and live simply in community. By working with people in various walks of life, we learn to value others and realize that our lives are interconnected. We hope that by serving you will deepen your faith and better understand your own blessings, values, and responsibilities as a child of God.

There is an **Intergenerational Workcamp** in Idaho during early June. **Young Adults** can go to Haiti June 9-16. There is one for **Jr. High** in Brooklyn, New York, June 18-22. And **Sr. High** have 6 options scattered throughout the summer.

**Registration opened January 10.**

Go to [www.brethren.org/workcamps](http://www.brethren.org/workcamps) for further details.

**And remember: There are BOTF Funds available to help pay for these opportunities.**



**Becky Crouse Organizing NYC Registrations and Transportation:**

National Youth Conference is a weeklong faith formation extravaganza for high school youth and their advisors. All youth who have completed ninth grade through one year of college (at the time of NYC) are eligible to attend. This year's event will be July 19-24.

MO/ARK encourages all our High School Youth to attend sometime during their HS years. A fund has been established by the district to help our youth cover registration and travel costs to Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

Becky Crouse is the district contact person. If your church has someone that would like to join the rest of the youth from MO/ARK, you should contact Becky so she can give assistance with registration and additional information on how the group plans to travel together to the event. Becky Crouse: 660-422-8165 or [bbcrouse@cmh.edu](mailto:bbcrouse@cmh.edu)

And for more information on the event visit: [www.brethren.org/yy/nyc](http://www.brethren.org/yy/nyc)

**Ministry Task Force Meets:** The Task Force appointed by the District Leadership Team to focus on ministry issues in the MO/ARK District has met this week by conference call. The work for this meeting was to approve requests for re-licensing two persons. They are pleased to announce that Marie Froman of the Broadwater congregation and Diana Smith of Spring Branch has been granted a license

to practice Christian ministry in the Church of the Brethren again in 2014. Diana has just completed her TRIM training and is looking forward to pursuing ordination in the coming months. Marie is working on her TRIM internship and hopes to complete all her TRIM work by the end of 2014. Congratulations to these two dear clergy ministering for the Lord in our MO/ARK District.

The Ministry Task Force consists of: Ethmer Erisman, chair, Jason Frazer, Beth Gahm, and Carolyn Schrock.



**Second Ventures Workshop**

**Coming in January:** Workshop opportunities for church leaders to develop relationship and listening skills are hosted by McPherson (Kan.) College, as part of the new Ventures in Christian Discipleship series. A workshop on **Jan. 25, "Building Healthy Relationships: Tools for Harmony within Diversity,"** will offer tools for building harmonious relationships in the church community. **A workshop on Jan. 26, "Deep Compassionate Listening,"** will help develop skills for more caring interpersonal communication. The workshops are held at the college with Barbara Date as facilitator. Cost is \$50 for the Jan. 25 workshop and \$25 for the Jan. 26 workshop. To enroll, contact [crains@McPherson.edu](mailto:crains@McPherson.edu) .

**Once again remember BOTF Funds are available to anyone attending this workshop.**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Bethany Presidential Forum:



**Save the Date:** April 4-5, 2014 is the 6th Annual Presidential Forum at Bethany Theological Seminary. This year's theme is "Living Love Feast".

**Richmond, IN** - Bethany Seminary's sixth Presidential Forum will delve into the biblical, practical, and experiential nature and meaning of a deeply valued expression of faith among the Brethren: the Love Feast. Held April 4-5, 2014, at the Bethany campus in Richmond, Indiana, this event will feature leadership from well-known speakers and scholars along with sisters and brothers in the Brethren faith tradition, including MO/ARK's Roger Schrock.

Registration opens January 15 on the Bethany website. A lower rate is being offered until February 15, and high school, college, and graduate students can attend at no cost.

For more information, please visit [www.bethanyseminary.edu/forum2014](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/forum2014).

**BOTF Funds are also available for anyone to attend this forum.**

### New address:

Mildred Wattson of the Messiah congregation can now receive mail at:

Mildred Wattson  
12318 Pawnee Ln  
Leawood, KS 66209-1407

### New IRS Mileage Rates for 2014:

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2014, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- , \* 56 cents per mile for business miles driven.
- , \*23.5 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes.
- , \*14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

### More On NYC:

There are several reasons why youth should sign up for NYC, according to Tim Heishman. "NYC is a place where you can meet Christ and hear your calling as a follower of Jesus," he said. "It is often the spiritual highlight for many youth during their high school years."

Another reason to sign up? Heishman says that NYC will be a blast.

Tim Heishman is a BVSer working as one on the Coordinating Committee for NYC. Tim is the son of Nancy Sollenberger Heishman who was one of our guest speakers at last year's District Conference and is the 2014 Annual Conference Moderator.



Photo by Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford

The Nominating Committee of Standing Committee of Annual Conference met at the Church of the Brethren General Offices in Elgin. Members are from left: Jim Beckwith, Annual Conference secretary, Lebanon, Pa; John Shelly, Chambersburg, PA; Kathy Mack, Rochester, MN; Ken Frantz, Fleming, CO; Roy McVey, Collinsville, VA; Roger Schrock, Mountain Grove, MO; Joel Kline, Elgin, IL; Kathy Bausman, chair, and Chris Douglas, Annual Conference Manager. John Moyers, Maysville, W.VA participated by conference call.

### Coming Events

Registration opens for NYC, 7:00 p.m.	January 3
Registration opens for 2014 Workcamps	January 10
Brethren Clergy Women's Retreat, Malibu CA	January 13-16
Council of District Executives Winter Meeting	January 17 - 23
<b>MO/ARK District Women's Retreat, Peace Valley</b>	<b>March 28, 29</b>
Bethany Presidential Forum, Richmond IN	April 4, 5
Church Planting Conference, Richmond IN	May 15-17
<b>Annual Conference, Columbus OH</b>	<b>July 2-6</b>
National Youth Conference, Fort Collins CO	July 19-24
<b>MO/ARK District Camp at Hammond Mill</b>	<b>August 3 – 9</b>
<b>MO/ARK District Conference at Windermere</b>	<b>Sept 19 - 20</b>