

VIRLINA DISTRICT

Church
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MEMO FOR MINISTERS

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2015

- 9 Office/Historical Committee/New Church Development Retreat
- 10 New Church Development Retreat at Camp Bethel
- 11 Preach at Lighthouse/Install Anne Mitchell/Teach Christian Growth Institute at DRC
- 12 MRC Lead Gift Subcommittee/Office/Floyd, Renacer Steering Committee
- 13 Office/Mission Resourcing Committee at Germantown Brick
- 14 Staff Meeting/Speak at Greene Memorial United Methodist/Office/Bethany Bible Study
- 15 OFF
- 16 Office/Property Committee
- 17 Brethren Heritage Bus Tour
- 18 Preach at Beaver Creek AM/PM
- 19 Office/Preach at Beaver Creek
- 20 Office/Preach at Beaver Creek
- 21 Staff Meeting/Office/Preach at Beaver Creek
- 22 OFF/Preach at Beaver Creek
- 23 Office/Preach at Beaver Creek
- 24 Teach Christian Growth Institute in Shenandoah District
- 25 Preach at Saint Paul/Love Feast and Communion
- 26 Office/Lake Side Steering Committee
- 27 Pastoral Comp and Benefit Advisory Committee-Harrisonburg
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- 29 OFF
- 30 Office/Commission on Ministry
- 31 Teach Christian Growth Institute in Shenandoah District

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2015

- 1 Worship Undetermined
- 2 Discipleship and Reconciliation Committee/New Church Development Committee/Good Shepherd Facility Committee
- 3 Office/MAC Conf. Call/Roanoke, Renacer Steering Committee
- 4 Staff Meeting/Office
- 5 Virginia Council of Churches Annual Gathering
- 6 Office
- 7 OPEN
- 8 Christian Church Uniting (T) Love Feast and Communion
- 9 Office/Daleville Board Meeting
- 10 Office/Mission Resourcing Committee
- 11 Staff Meeting/Office
- 12 OFF
- 13 Office/Ministers and Spouses Dinner at Oak Grove/District Conference at Grandin Court Baptist
- 14 District Conference at Grandin Court Baptist
- 15 Worship Undetermined
- 16 Office/Christ First Steering Committee
- 17-18 Council of District Executives Executive Committee in Greenville, OH

DISASTER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER - OCTOBER 25

The annual Disaster Response Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 25, at the Germantown Brick Church of the Brethren (2363 Brick Church Road, Rocky Mount, Virginia). Invitations to volunteers have been mailed, but all persons interested in disaster response or have supported disaster response through making kits, financial aid, or prayers are invited to attend. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. After dinner, volunteers on disaster projects will be recognized followed by a program. To reserve your place, contact the District Resource Center at (540) 362-1816, (800) 847-5462, or <virlina2@aol.com>

NEW FELLOWSHIP RECOGNITION AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 2016 District Conference will recognize the seating of delegates from Iglesia del Buen Pastor, our newest Hispanic fellowship, which meets at the Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren in Blacksburg, VA. Raul and Lidia Gonzalez are the pastors.

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20	Office/Birthday Celebration/Teaching committee
21	Teach Christian Growth Institute in Shenandoah District
22	Worship Undetermined
23	Office/Blacksburg Committee at Good Shepherd
24	Office
25	Staff Meeting/Office
26-27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
28	OPEN
29	Worship Undetermined
30	Office/Pastoral Program Assistance Committee

ASSOCIATE DIST. EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 2015

9	Office
10	"Shaped by God and Community" Spiritual Retreat
11	Worship Undetermined
12	Office/Supervisor Meeting
13	OFF
14	Staff Meeting/Office
15-16	Office
17	Brethren Heritage Bus Tour
18	Preach at Smith Mountain Lake/West Virginia Council of Churches Annual Assembly in Charleston (Tentative)
19	West Virginia Council of Churches Annual Assembly (Tentative)/Southern Area Ministers at Coulson
20	OFF
21	Staff Meeting/Office
22	Office
23	Spiritual Development Retreat Committee/Office
24	Program and Arrangements Committee/Office
25	Worship at Pleasant View/SMCC /Disaster Response Dinner
26	Office/Supervisor Meeting
27	OFF
28	Staff Meeting/Office
29-30	Office
31	OPEN

ASSOCIATE DIST. EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 2015

1	Worship and Council Meeting at Durham, Peace Covenant
2	Office/Supervisor Meeting
3	OFF
4	Staff Meeting/Office
5	Office
6	Office
7	OFF
8	Worship Undetermined
9	Office/Supervisor Meeting
10	OFF
11	Staff Meeting/Office
12	Office
13	District Conference at Grandin Court Baptist Church
14	District Conference at Grandin Court Baptist Church
15	Worship and Council Meeting at Cloverdale
16	Office/Supervisor Meeting
17	OFF
18	Staff Meeting/Office
19	Office
20	Office/Birthday Celebration
21	OPEN
22	Worship at Lighthouse with Smaller Membership Cong. Comm.
23	Office/Christian Education Task Force
24	OFF
25	Staff Meeting/Office
26-27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
28-30	VACATION

ACHIEVEMENT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 8

Achievement Sunday for Virgina District and Camp Bethel **is scheduled this year for Sunday, November 8.**

The Commission on Stewardship encourages all of our congregations to receive a special offering to augment the normal outreach, self-allocation giving toward the district and camp budget. All funds received will be split between the district and camp budgets on an 80/20 basis. They will be reported as a part of the total outreach giving of participating congregations in the year-end 2015 report.

If November 8 is an inconvenient date for your congregation, please consider holding the offering on another Sunday. 2015 has been an especially difficult financial year for the district and the camp. We need your congregation's dedicated participation in **Achievement Sunday** in order to address this gap.

MINISTERS AND SPOUSES DINNER - NOVEMBER 13

The annual Ministers and Spouses Dinner will be held on Friday, November 13, at the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren (2138 McVitty Road, SW, Roanoke, Virginia). Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by the meal at 5:00 p.m., and the program.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT REPORT

- **BASSETT** - Full or part time position, profile circulating 3 - *In negotiation, no trial sermon or vote date established.*
- **BETHANY** - Part time position, no profile available - *Pulpit Supply.*
- **BOONES MILL** - *Harry W. Shelton was called on a part-time basis effective October 1.*
- **COPPER HILL** - Full time position, profile circulating 1 - *Maurice E. Wright serving as interim pastor.*
- **DURHAM, PEACE COVENANT** - *In negotiation, no trial sermon and vote date established.*
- **GREEN HILL** - Full or part time position, profile circulating 4. *James R. Worline serving as interim pastor.*
- **HOPEWELL** - Part time position, profile circulating. *R. Wayne Pennington serving as interim pastor.*
- **JONES CHAPEL** - Full or part time position, profile circulating 6 - *Harvey S. Leddy serving as interim pastor.*
- **PARKWAY** - Part time position, no profile pending - *Granville L. Bishop has announced his retirement effective December 31.*
- **PETERS CREEK** - Full time position, profile circulating - *John Stuart Kelly serving as interim pastor.*
- **ROANOKE, CENTRAL** - Full time position, profile circulating 2. *Edward C. Woodard serving as interim pastor.*
- **ROANOKE, HOLLINS ROAD** - Full time position, profile pending - *Horace D. Light, Jr. has announced his retirement effective March 31, 2016.*
- **ROANOKE, WILLIAMSON ROAD** - Full time position, profile pending - *Connie R. Burkholder has announced her retirement effective November 25.*
- **SAINT PAUL** - Part time position, no profile available - *Pulpit supply.*
- **SMITH CHAPEL** - Part time position, no profile available. *Pulpit supply.*
- **TRINITY** - Part time position, profile pending - *Pulpit supply.*
- **VINTON** - Part time position, no profile available. *Angella Haranzo serving as interim pastor.*

CONNECT WITH ROANOKE-AREA YOUNG ADULTS

• **October 11** - Corn Maze: We will carpool/caravan from the Peter's Creek Church (5333 Cove Road, NW, Roanoke, VA) at 1:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$10.00. The pumpkin festival is in full swing that weekend. Check website: <http://sinklandfarms.com/pumpkin-festival/calendar-of-activities/>

• **November 7** - Camp Bethel Fall Work Day Service Project: We will participate in work day at camp (328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA). RSVP by October 24th to Scott or Alli Yingling <allicat90@gmail.com> to reserve free breakfast (7:30 a.m.) or free lunch (1:00 p.m.). You are welcome even if you don't have a meal.

• **November 13** - We will have dinner at Franks (3743 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, VA) at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us for dinner and for the Virlina District Conference Worship at Grandin Court Baptist Church (2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, VA) at 7:00 p.m.

• Questions? Contact Scott or Alli Yingling at <allicat90@gmail.com>.

SPECIAL BRETHREN HERITAGE DAY TRIP-OCTOBER 17

• The District Historical Committee is sponsoring a one-day bus trip on October 17, 2015 to the Bridgewater area to include stops at the Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center, Bridgewater Retirement Home, Bridgewater College, the Tunker House and the John Kline Homestead. Pickup will be at the First Church of the Brethren in Rocky Mount (8:00 a.m.) and the District Resource Center (8:45 a.m.). Cost of the tour will be \$29.99 per person which includes lunch. There will not be a dinner stop so those needing to eat on time should bring something with you. To reserve a seat on the bus, send a check for \$29.99 per person to the District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road NE, Roanoke, VA 24012. This trip provides .5 continuing education units for ordained ministers. Please reserve your seat since these trips sell out fast.

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CELEBRATING WOMEN'S MINISTRIES - OCTOBER 20

All women are invited to come to Camp Bethel (328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA) on Tuesday, October 20, for a celebration. It will take place in the Ark Dining Hall. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. The worship, program and meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. The program will be "Sharing Ministries" and the offering will go to Nigerian Crisis Fund. Lunch will be provided by Camp Bethel at 12:00 noon, and the cost will be \$9.00. To reserve your place please contact Janice Sink at (540) 977-9784 or Harriet Rader at (540) 992-3906 by October 9. Come enjoy fellowship, inspiration, and food with other Virlina women. This event is sponsored by the Northern Area Women's Fellowship.

A PILGRIMAGE OF JUST PEACE - OCTOBER 29-31

Bethany Seminary will hold their seventh Presidential Forum weekend October 29-31, 2015. It will feature internationally known speakers, Bethany leadership, and presenters from the peace church traditions.

"Conflict is relational, and often it arises from a variety of factors: economic, environmental, racial, religious, etc.," says Jeff Carter, president of Bethany. "In order to create a culture of peace and prevent conflict, peacemaking must be equally relational. Drawing from experts in a variety of fields, the Forum will address the cost of not having peace and the ecumenical call for a just peace, which includes truth, reconciliation, and restorative justice."

Registration and complete information on the event is available at <www.bethanyseminary.edu/forum2015>. Space is limited to 165 participants. CEUs are available. For more information, please contact <forum@bethanyseminary.edu> or call (800) 287-8822.

HEALTHY BOUNDARIES 101 - NOVEMBER 7

HEALTHY BOUNDARIES 101, a beginning ethics training session, will be held via webcast on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (EST) with a break for lunch. A website link will be emailed to participants a few days prior to the webcast. This link will connect you to the webcast room. Dan Poole, Director of Educational Technology at Bethany Seminary, will provide technology support for this event.

If you are interested in attending this Healthy Boundaries 101 training and overview of the 2008 Ethics in Ministry Relations Paper, please return a registration form with payment enclosed. For questions or a registration form regarding this event contact the Brethren Academy at <academy@bethanyseminary.edu>. There is a registration fee of \$30 for this continuing education event and 0.5 CEU will be granted. The registration fee for current BTS, TRIM, EFSM or CGI ministry training students is \$15.00. Registration and payment must be sent to the Brethren Academy by October 21, 2015. No phone or email registrations will be accepted after this deadline date. Registration and complete information on the event are available at <www.bethanyseminary.edu/forum2015>.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE YOUTH ACTIVITIES - NOVEMBER 13-14

Everyone is invited to Friday night worship at 7:00 P.M. at Grandin Court Baptist Church, 2660 Brambleton Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA. On Friday evening, the senior highs will have an overnight retreat at Central Church of the Brethren, downtown Roanoke. Registration will be from 8:45 - 9:15 p.m. (If needed, come after your school's football game!) A young adult from Brethren Volunteer Service will lead our retreat. In the morning, we will join other senior high youth and the junior highs at 8:00 AM at District Conference. We will carpool from there and have a work project at Camp Bethel! Wear shoes and clothes that could get dirty or paint splattered! We will eat lunch at Camp Bethel and enjoy time on the grounds before concluding and heading back to District Conference. Adult leaders will be asked to help with transportation. Youth who drive, and any youth who are passengers, must have permission from parents to take cars to Camp Bethel. Cost is \$5.00 per participant. For more information contact Mary Sink Saint John at <virlinayouthministries@gmail.com>.

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2015 VIRLINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 13-14

"You are the light of the world ... Let your light shine!" is the theme of the 2015 Virlina District Conference. The scripture reference is from Matthew 5:14-16. The conference dates are November 13 and 14, and conference will be held at the Grandin Court Baptist Church (2660 Brambleton, Avenue, SW, Roanoke, Virginia). The conference officers are Dava C. Hensley - moderator, J. W. Rhoades - moderator-elect and Charlene Lester - clerk. The general schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY-NOVEMBER 13

Hymn Singing and Worship 7:00 p.m.

Preacher: Mary Jo Flory-Steury, Associate General Secretary for the Church of the Brethren

SATURDAY-NOVEMBER 14

Hymn Singing and Worship 8:15 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.

Preacher: Andy Murray, 2016 Annual Conference Moderator

Business Sessions: 9:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:20 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Details, forms and information were mailed to pastors in August and the September 2015 Headliner contains much District Conference information.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE BUSINESS ITEMS

Please share with your delegates the items of business to be handled at the 2016 District Conference: 1) Election, 2) Resolution Concerning Articles of Incorporation, and 3) Proposed District Board Budget for 2016.

ORDINATION RENEWALS FOR 2015

The following persons were approved by the Commission on Ministry on October 6, 2015 for ordination renewal through December 31, 2020: Anspaugh, Eric - Bain, Paris - Bayse, Ray - Bowman, J. Willard - Brunk, David - Burkholder, Connie - Cannaday, Jimmy - Carr, Angela - Collins, John - Craddock, Mark* - D'Oleo, Daniel Edwards, C. Richard - Ellis, Samuel* - Gallimore, Michael* - Gilley, W. Daniel* - Glover, Irving - Gottshall, J. Richard - Griffin, Kathi - Griffin, W. LeRoy - Griffith, Edith - Hensley, Dava - Hylton, Clyde - McKinnell, James McKinnell, Letha - Miller, Myron - Miller, Robert - Mitchell, Elizabeth Anne - Morris, H. Suzanne - Naff, Elbert L, Sr. - Naff, Noel - Neff, John - Peters, Donald B* - Phillips, Bobby - Pittman, Marianne - Powers, Thomas - Quesenberry, J. Hebron - Randall, Ricky* - Reed, Lester - Robinson, Jimmy - Rudy, Daniel - Shell, Claude* - Shumate, David K - Sonafank, Harold* - Spangler, Joyce* - Starkey, Patrick* - Turner, Ted M, Jr - Turpin, Roy* - Veal, Douglas - Webster, David - West, C Edward, Jr - Wright, Maurice. If your name is not on this list it indicates that either you haven't sent in your renewal paper, or your congregation has not, or both!

PULPIT SUPPLY LIST FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Attached is a copy of the latest Virlina District Pulpit Supply List effective November 1, 2015. Please pass this on to the individual or group in your congregation that is responsible for filling the pulpit. This list should be used, along with the district directory, to secure persons to cover vacations, illness and so on.

The inclusion of names on this list is not an endorsement of said individuals nor is the absence of any name to be construed as a negative opinion of their ability or skill. The district staff should be consulted prior to engaging persons if there are concerns or questions.

SELF-ALLOCATION/FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The Virlina District Financial Secretary Report for September 30, 2015 is attached. Please review your congregation's self-allocation giving for 2015 in consultation with your treasurer and draw any discrepancies to our attention. Self-allocations have been exceedingly slow in coming to the district and camp this year. Please remember that your offering plate is the offering plate of the district and denomination.