

VIRLINA DISTRICT

Church
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MEMO FOR MINISTERS

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2020

- 1 OPEN
- 2 Worship Undetermined
- 3 Northern Area Ministers-Hollins Road/New Church Dev. Comm
- 4 Office
- 5 Staff Meeting/Office/Appointment
- 6 OFF
- 7 Office/Commission on Ministry
- 8 OPEN
- 9 Worship at Durham, Peace Covenant
- 10 Discipleship and Reconciliation/Office/IC del Buen Pastor S/C
- 11 Awakening Committee/Office/Appointment
- 12 Staff Meeting/Office
- 13 OFF
- 14 Office/Commission on Stewardship
- 15 OPEN
- 16 Worship Undetermined
- 17 Office/Southern Area Ministers - Red Oak Grove
- 18 Office/Christian Growth Institute Administrative Committee - Buena Vista
- 19 Staff Meeting/Office
- 20 OFF (NRHS)
- 21 Office
- 22 Nominating and Personnel Committee
- 23 Worship Undetermined
- 24 District Board Executive Committee
- 25 Office
- 26 Staff Meeting
- 27 OFF
- 28 Ministers and Spouses Retreat - Eagle Eyrie Conference Center
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DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2020

- 1 Worship Undetermined
- 2 Office/Northern Area Ministers - Camp Bethel(PM)
- 3 Office
- 4 Staff Meeting/Office
- 5 OFF
- 6 Office
- 7 OPEN
- 8 Worship Undetermined/WHA Concert - Roa. Central
- 9 Office/Moneta-Lake Side Steering Committee
- 10 Office/Appointment
- 11 Staff Meeting/Office
- 12 OFF
- 13 Office/Historical Committee
- 14 Nominating and Personnel Committee
- 15 Worship Undetermined
- 16 Office/Southern Area Ministers - Coulson
- 17 Office

2020 MINISTERS AND SPOUSES RETREAT - FEBRUARY 28-29, 2020

The 2020 Virlina District Ministers and Spouses Retreat will be held on February 28-29, 2020 at the Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center on U.S. 501 between Big Island and Lynchburg, VA (1 Eagle Eyrie Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503). Nancy S. Heishman, Director of Ministry for the Church of the Brethren will lead the event. Her theme is "The Power of Sacred Stories." The three sessions will focus on the following texts:

SESSION 1: Watching for Where the Spirit Blows - John 3:1-21

SESSION 2: From the Margins to the Center - John 4:1-42

SESSION 3: Having the Sense to See - John 9:1-41

This event provides .3 CEU credits for ordained or commissioned ministers. The cost of the event is \$150 for couples (or double occupancy), \$100 for single occupancy and \$40 for commuters (meals included). A registration form/brochure is enclosed/attached with this mailing.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2020

18 Staff Meeting/Office
 19 OFF (NRHS)
 20 Office
 21 District Board - Roanoke, Summerdean
 22 Worship Undetermine/Preach at Copper Hill (PM)
 23 Office/Preach at Copper Hill (PM)
 24 Office/Preach at Copper Hill (PM)
 25 Staff Meeting/Office/Preach at Copper Hill (PM)
 26 OFF
 27 Office
 28 OPEN
 29 Worship Undetermined/Awakening Service - Cloverdale
 30 Awakening Bible Study/Office/Awakening Service-Cloverdale
 31 Awakening Bible Study/Office/Awakening Service-Cloverdale

MARY SINK ST. JOHN SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2020

3 OFF
 4 Office
 5 Staffing Meeting/Office
 6-7 Office
 10 OFF
 11 Awakening Committee/Office/Commission on Witness
 12 Staff Meeting/Office
 13 Office/Disabilities Ministries Committee - Oak Grove
 14 Office
 17 OFF
 18 Northern Area Women Executive Committee/Office
 19 Staff Meeting/Office
 20-21 Office
 22 Nominating and Personnel Committee
 24 OFF
 25 Office
 26 Staff Meeting/Office
 27-28 Office

MARY SINK ST. JOHN SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2020

2 OFF
 3 Office
 4 Staff Meeting/Office
 5-6 Office
 9 OFF
 10 Office
 11 Staff Meeting/Office
 12-13 Office
 14 Nominating and Personnel
 16 OFF
 17 Office
 18 Staff Meeting/Office
 19-20 Office
 23 OFF
 24-27 VACATION

CAMP SUPPORTER LUNCHEON - FEBRUARY 1, 2020

Our Camp Supporter Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Please ensure that at least ONE person from your congregation attends. The meeting lasts from 12:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. All Camp Representatives, pastors, youth leaders, friends and supporters of Camp Bethel are encouraged to attend our Camp Supporter Luncheon. RSVP by January 24 to <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com> or (540) 992-2940 or <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/rep>.

SOW THE SEED BANQUET- MARCH 5, 2020

The "Sow the Seed" Scholarship Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m.

YOU can plant seeds of FAITH in the lives of children, youth and young adults! At \$50 per person (larger gifts accepted), all costs and donations from the evening directly fund "camperships" and our great summer camping ministries. Please RSVP by February 29 to <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com> or (540) 992-2940. Payments are accepted in advance or at the table, and your gift is tax-deductible!

Our base fee for a week of camp in 2020 is \$360. Give the gift of CAMP; it's an experience that can change a life forever.

ORDINATION RENEWAL PROCESS FOR 2020

The ordination and commissioning of ministers in the Church of the Brethren is reviewed every five years during years that end with "5" or "0." This process examines such requirements as active membership in a congregation of the Church of the Brethren, compliance with ethics training and progress in meeting continuing education goals. During the coming months ordained and commissioned ministers will receive a questionnaire to be completed and returned to the District Resource Center. Congregations will also receive a questionnaire concerning each minister within their membership. Please be prepared to complete the documents and promptly return them to us.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT REPORT

- **BETHANY** - Part time position, no profile available - *Pulpit supply.*
- **BETHEL** - *Marla B. Abe began on a part-time basis effective January 1, 2020.*
- **EDEN, FIRST** - Full time position, profile circulating (P/I-4) - Edward C. Woodard serving as interim pastor.
- **FRATERNITY** - Full time position, profile meeting on January 12, 2020 - Harold E. Sonafrank and Robert L. Williard serving as interim pastoral team.
- **JETERS CHAPEL** - Part time position, profile circulating (P)- *James R. Worline will conclude his service as interim pastor on February 29, 2020.*
- **LIGHTHOUSE** - *Part time position, no profile available - Don D. Street, layspeaker from Mount Hermon, serving as pulpit supply.*
- **LYNCHBURG** - Part time position, profile circulating (P/I) - Leah O. Harness serving as interim pastor.
- **MAPLE GROVE** - Part time position, no profile available - *Brian Sink serving as pulpit supply.*
- **MASONS COVE** - *W. Leonard Foley began on a part-time basis effective January 1, 2020.*
- **MONETA, LAKE SIDE** - Part time position, profile circulating - Christian J. Becker serving as pulpit supply.
- **NEW BETHEL** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **NEWPORT NEWS, IVY FARMS** - Part time position, profile circulating - Pulpit supply by Nathaniel Milton and others.
- **RED HILL** - *In negotiation, trial sermon and vote date on January 26, 2020.*
- **ROANOKE, IGLESIA CRISTIANA RENACER** - Part time position, profile pending - Pulpit supply.
- **SAINT PAUL** -Part time position, no profile available - Mark A. Bolt is serving as interim pastor.
- **SHELTON** - Part time position, no profile available - Joseph D. Smith serving as interim pastor.
- **TRINITY** - Part time position, profile circulating (P) - Pulpit supply.

2020 BUSINESS MILEAGE RATES ANNOUNCED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

The Internal Revenue Service announced on December 30 that the mileage reimbursement rate for 2020 would be .575. This is a one-half cent per mile decrease from the 2019 rate.

2020 BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES - VIRLINA TRIPS

Pastors and Contact Persons are encouraged to include the following in your bulletins and/or newsletters.

Have you ever wanted to minister to someone in distress, but felt that you didn't have the ability to do so? Perhaps you can't preach or teach, but you have a willingness to serve! Then Brethren Disaster Ministries is the perfect avenue for you! The Virlina District is scheduled for a number of Brethren Disaster Ministries trips in 2020. Please note the schedule and contact our Disaster Response Coordinators Ed or Susan McKimmy at <virlinadrc@gmail.com> or by telephone at (540) 354-5345 or (540) 330-8266 to participate.

Puerto Rico	Feb 1-15	Antioch
Tampa FL	March 29-April 4,	Roanoke, Hollins Road
Puerto Rico	May 9-23	Open
Project1	May 24-30	Full group - Open
Project1	June 28-July 4	1/2 Group - Antioch (tentative)
Project2	September 20-26	1/2 Group - West Richmond (tentative)
Project1	November 15-21	1/2 Group - Roanoke, Hollins Road

SUMMER WORKCAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 16, 2020

The Church of the Brethren Workcamp Office is excited to release the 2020 workcamp dates and locations! A total of 19 different workcamps will be offered for junior high, senior high, adult, and we are able participants. To view the full schedule, which includes the dates, location, cost, and description of each workcamp, visit <www.brethren.org/workcamps/schedule>. Registration will open on January 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (central time). Please encourage those of all ages from your congregations to attend a workcamp this summer. If you have any questions or would like a 2020 workcamp brochure mailed to you, contact the Workcamp Office at <cobworkcamps@brethren.org>.

ROUNDTABLE AT BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1, 2020

Roundtable 2020, sponsored by the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet, will be held at Bridgewater College beginning on February 28 at 6 p.m. and ending on March 1 at 12 p.m. The theme of Roundtable 2020 is 2020 VISION - SEEING AS JESUS DOES. The Roundtable 2020 speaker is Kyle Remnant! A native of Bridgewater, VA, Kyle is a musician, speaker and husband. Things to bring include: a Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, towel, and toiletries (air mattress optional). Stay up to date by following IYC on Facebook and their website: <@InterdistrictYouthCabinet> and <<http://iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc>>.

PILGRIMAGE XXIV - MARCH 20-22, 2020

Pilgrimage XXIV will be held March 20-22, 2020, at Camp Bethel. Individuals from 60 congregations in our district have participated in this spiritual retreat for adults.

Pilgrimage is for everyone who wants to draw closer to God. It is for the young and old, for the new Christian and the one who has been a Christian for decades. The retreat includes spiritual talks, small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more.

God continues to work in wonderful ways through this ministry! Prayerfully consider your participation. For more information, please contact Karen Haynes at (336) 765-5263 or by e-mail at <haynesmk1986@yahoo.com> or go to our website at <www.experiencepilgrimage.com>.

SPRING VOLUNTEER WORKDAY - MARCH 28, 2020

Spring Volunteer Workday begins with free breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and includes free lunch at 1 p.m. Your help is needed! Workday projects (rain or shine; indoor and outdoor) for all skill levels and all ages. Please reserve meals no later than March 22 to (540) 992-2940 or <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com>. You will find more information at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org>.

CALLING THE CALLED 2020 - APRIL 17-18, 2020

Calling the Called 2020 is an overnight, weekend retreat on April 17-18, 2020 at Brethren Woods near Keezletown, VA. This event is an intentional time away from the routine of life for persons to discern what it means to be called by God to the set-apart ministry. Whether you are someone actively exploring the possibility of ministry or someone unsure of God's calling this will be a helpful time of discernment and discovery. We want to encourage persons who are gifted for potential set-apart ministry in the church. **Please see the letter from the District Executive Minister attached to or enclosed with this mailing.**

Onsite registration for Calling the Called 2020 will be held beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020. We plan to conclude at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2020. The cost of registration is \$50 per person which includes lodging at Camp Brethren Woods, onsite meals, classes and materials. Transportation from the Virginia District Resource Center will be available for those who desire it. CEU's will be available for ordained ministers at \$10 extra. Information and registration forms will be available soon on <www.virlina.org> and on the Calling the Called's Facebook page.

NORTHERN AREA WOMEN'S RALLY - APRIL 25, 2020

Please save the date for the Northern Area Women's Fellowship Rally on Saturday, April 25, 2020. Watch the **E-Headliner** for time, place and program.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY - MAY 3, 2020

National Youth Sunday for the Church of the Brethren is May 3, 2020. The 2020 theme information will be available in mid-February 2020. For more information, watch <http://www.brethren.org/yya/national-youth-sunday.html>.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE - MAY 22-25, 2020

The National Young Adult Conference (NYAC) will be held on May 22-25, 2020 at Montreat Conference Center (North Carolina). The 2020 theme, based on Romans 12:9-18, is "Love in Action!" This conference offers persons ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects and more... with other fantastic young adults! Registration opens on January 20, 2020. For more information on this event go to the website at <<http://www.brethren.org/yac/>>. If you have any questions, contact Nolan McBride, the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Assistant, at <nmcbride@brethren.org> or (847) 429-4385.

MINISTRY AND MISSION DAY IN VIRLINA - MAY 2, 2020

Ministry and Mission Day in Virlina will be held at the Fairview Church of the Brethren located at 4638 Franklin Street (Route 40) west of Rocky Mount, Virginia on Saturday, May 2, 2020. It will be a day of worship, work-

shops, food, fellowship, and the Annual Conference Briefing. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. Hymn sing and worship begin at 9:00 a.m.

As always, following the gathering worship, attendees will have the opportunity to pick from several workshops: Some workshops will be offered once and others twice. Each workshop provides 0.1 CEU for ordained ministers. Lunch will be provided with information about the menu and cost posted as soon as it is available. Following lunch, the Annual Conference Delegate Briefing will take place. It will be led by the Standing Committee Delegates of the Virilina District and 2020 Annual Conference Moderator, Paul Munday. The Delegate Briefing will begin at 1:30 p.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and come to Ministry and Mission Day in Virilina on May 2, 2020.

WIDENING THE WELCOME OF YOUR CHURCH - JUNE 6, 2020

Widening the Welcome of Your Church will be held at the Summerdean Church of the Brethren (6604 Plantation Road, NE in Roanoke, VA) on Sturday, June 6, 2020. Fred Bernhard, author of Widening the Welcome of Your Church and well-known leader in the Church of the Brethren, is the keynote speaker for this event. It is sponsored by the Good News Team of the Virilina District and is a followup event to last years Kingdom Building Seminar.

ANNUAL REPORT FORMS (as of January 15, 2020):

It is important that the listed forms below be completed and returned as they comprise the mailing list for the HEADLINER and for other important information of congregations. If your congregation is listed, please get the information mailed as soon as possible. Even if your congregation gives nothing to the work of the district and denomination, we still need the form.

Form E - Congregational Outreach Report - Self-allocation for 2020 (was mailed from the General Offices in Elgin and was due back on December 31, 2019): If your congregation is listed below, please get the information mailed as soon as possible.

Bethel, Bethlehem, Blacksburg-Iglesia Del Buen Pastor Fellowship, Boones Chapel, Collinsville, Copper Hill, Danville-Emmanuel, Durham-Peace Covenant, Floyd-Nueva Vida, Fraternity, Good Shepherd, Henry Fork, Jeters Chapel, Lighthouse, Lynchburg, Maple Grove, Moneta-Lake Side Fellowship, Monte Vista, Mount Bethel, Mount Joy, Mount Union, New Hope, Newport News-Ivy Farms, Nineveh, Oak Grove (South), Oakvale, Olean, PleasantDale, Pleasant Valley, Pleasant View, Pulaski-First, Red Hill, Roanoke-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer, Roanoke-Ninth Street, Roanoke-Oak Grove, Saint Paul, Saunders Grove, Schoolfield, Selma, Shelton, Smith Chapel, Smith River, Spruce Run, Topeco, Trinity, Vinton, Virginia Beach-Christian Church Uniting, Wakefield Chapel, West Richmond

Additional Officers Form (was sent from the District Resource Center in the December/January Memo for Ministers and was due back January 15, 2020):

Antioch, Beaver Creek, Bethany, Bethel, Bethlehem, Blacksburg-Iglesia Del Buen Pastor Fellowship, Blue Ridge, Boones Chapel, Boones Mill, Burks Fork, Cedar Bluff, Christiansburg, Cloverdale, Concord-Living Faith, Copper Hill, Coulson, Crab Orchard, Daleville, Danville-Emmanuel, Duncan Chapel, Durham-Peace Covenant, Eden-First, Fairview (Floyd), Fairview (Rocky Mount), Ferrum, Floyd-Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida, Fraternity, Germantown Brick, Good Shepherd, Henry Fork, Hiwassee, Hopewell, Jeters Chapel, Jones Chapel, Laurel Branch, Lighthouse, Lynchburg, Maple Grove, Masons Cove, Moneta-LakeSide Fellowship, Mount Bethel, Mount Hermon, Mount Joy, Mount Union, New Bethel, New Covenant, New Hope, Newport News-Ivy Farms, Nineveh, Oak Grove (South), Oakvale, Olean, Parkway, Peters Creek, PleasantDale, Pleasant Valley, Pleasant View, Poages Mill, Pulaski-First, Red Hill, Red Oak Grove, Roanoke-Central, Roanoke-First, Roanoke-Hollins Road, Roanoke-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer, Roanoke-Summerdean, Saint Paul, Saunders Grove, Schoolfield, Selma, Shelton, Smith Mountain Lake, Smith River, Spruce Run, Topeco, Trinity, Troutville, Vinton, Virginia Beach-Christian Church Uniting, Wakefield Chapel

SELF-ALLOCATION/FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The Virilina District Financial Secretary Report for December 31, 2019 is attached. Please review your congregation's self-allocation and actual giving for accuracy in consultation with your treasurer and draw any discrepancies to our attention. Please remember that your offering plate is the offering plate of the district and denomination. **If necessary, we can still receive congregational giving to district and camp for 2019.**

ATTACHMENTS FOR THIS MEMO

Attached are the following: 1) the December 31, 2019 self-allocation/financial secretary report, 2) a letter concerning the Calling the Called process and 3) the registration form/brochure for the Minister and Spouse Retreat