

VIRLINA DISTRICT

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MEMO FOR MINISTERS

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2017

- 1 OFF
- 2 Office/Commission on Ministry
- 3 OPEN
- 4 Red Oak Grove - Floyd, VA - Preach and Profile Meeting
- 5 Office/Floyd-Renacer Steering Committee
- 6 Office/Conference Call
- 7 Staff Meeting/Daleville Executive Committee/Office
- 8 West Virginia Annual Conference UMC - WV Wesleyan College
Buckhannon, WV
- 9 Office
- 10 OPEN
- 11 Worship at Moneta-Lake Side Fellowship (AM)/Ordination for
Todd Reed at Cedar Bluff (PM)
- 12 Office
- 13 Office/Conference Call
- 14 Staff Meeting/Office
- 15 OFF
- 16 Office
- 17 Christian Growth Institute Shenandoah Center Reunion - Waggy
Farm Fish Fry
- 18 Pleasant View - Fayetteville, WV - Profile Meeting
- 19 Office/Pastoral Comp and Benefit Advisory Committee -
Conference Call
- 20 Office/Mission Resourcing Campaign Committee
- 21 Staff Meeting/Office
- 22 OFF
- 23 Office
- 24 OPEN
- 25 Travel to Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 26-27 Council of District Executives - Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 28-30 Annual Conference - Grand Rapids, Michigan

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2017

- 1 Annual Conference - Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 2 Annual Conference Ends/Travel to Roanoke
- 3-4 District Resource Center Closed
- 5 Staff Meeting/Office
- 6 Office/SMLCC
- 7 Office/Historical Committee
- 8 Almost Heaven 2017 - Crab Orchard, WV - Presentation
- 9 Almost Heaven 2017 - Crab Orchard, WV - Preach
- 10 Office/Lake Side Steering Committee
- 11 Office/Roanoke-Renacer Steering Committee
- 12 Staff Meeting/Office
- 13 OFF
- 14 Office
- 15 Burks Fork Anniversary Celebration - Floyd (PM)
- 16 Spruce Run - Lindside, WV - Preach for Homecoming
- 17 Office

PRACTICE OF MINISTRY DAY - AUGUST 5, 2017

The 2017 Practice of Ministry Day will be Saturday, August 5, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Summerdean Church (6604 Plantation Road, Roanoke, Virginia). The theme will be "Addressing Difficult Issues in Pastoral Care." Leadership for the day will be provided by Bryan Harness, an ordained minister of the Lynchburg Church who serves as a hospital chaplain, and Beth Jarrett, pastor of the Harrisonburg-First Church. CEU credit is available for ordained ministers.

WORLD HUNGER CON- CERT WITH JONATHAN EMMONS - JUNE 11

Jonathan Emmons will return to Antioch bringing his musical program in support of the World Hunger Auction on June 11 at 4:00 p.m. He will share a number of pieces planned for his program at Annual Conference and invites everyone to attend who will not be there. Jonathan has been committed to the auction for many years, and his willingness to participate in this way is a wonderful contribution to the cause.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2017

- 18 Office/Mission Resourcing Campaign Committee
- 19 Staff Meeting/Office
- 20 OFF
- 21 Office
- 22 OFF
- 23 Worship Undetermined/Pleasant Valley - Alum Ridge, VA - Preach
- 24 Office/Pleasant Valley - Alum Ridge, VA - Preach
- 25 Office/Pleasant Valley - Alum Ridge, VA - Preach
- 26 Staff Meeting/Office/Pleasant Valley - Alum Ridge, VA - Preach
- 27 Office/Pleasant Valley - Alum Ridge, VA - Preach
- 28 Office
- 29 OFF
- 30 Worship Undetermined/Ordination Service for Harvey S. Leddy
at Roanoke, Williamson Road
- 31 Office

INTERIM ASSOCIATE DEM SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2017

- 1-2 Office
- 3 Outdoor Ministries Committee Pot Luck - Camp Bethel
- 4 Preach - Monte Vista
- 5 Spiritual Development Retreat Committee/Office
- 6 OFF
- 7 Staff Meeting/Office
- 8 Office
- 9 Office/Summer Staff Commissioning at Camp Bethel
- 10 OFF
- 11 Roanoke, Ninth Street (AM) - Preach/Young Adult Cookout (PM)
- 12 Office
- 13 OFF
- 14 Staff Meeting/Office
- 15 Office
- 16 OFF
- 17 OPEN
- 18 Bethany - Callaway, VA - Preach
- 19 OFF
- 20 Office
- 21 Staff Meeting/Office
- 22 Office
- 23 OFF
- 24 OPEN
- 25 Travel to Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 26-27 Council of District Executives Meetings
- 28-30 Annual Conference - Grand Rapids, Michigan

INTERIM ASSOCIATE DEM SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2017

- 1 Annual Conference
- 2 Annual Conference Ends/Travel to Roanoke
- 3-4 District Resource Center Closed
- 5 Staff Meeting/Office
- 6-7 Office
- 8 OPEN
- 9 Worship Undetermined
- 10-11 OFF
- 12 Staff Meeting/Office
- 13-14 Office
- 15 Hike with Young Adults to Cascades (PM)
- 16 Worship Undetermined
- 17 OFF
- 18 Office
- 19 Staff Meeting/Office
- 20-21 Office
- 22-24 OFF
- 25-26 VACATION
- 27-28 Office

WORLD HUNGER BIKE RIDE - JUNE 3, 2017

The World Hunger Bike Ride is the longest running continuously held cycling event in Franklin County, Virginia. This ride draws many participants who are not involved in any other auction events. Thus, it is an important witness for our efforts. All bikers are invited to participate, and others are encouraged to support the effort through contributions and prayers for the safety of the riders and for those who are hungry. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with the rides departing at 8:30 a.m. from the Antioch Church of the Brethren located at 2996 Callaway Road, Rocky Mount, VA 24151.

Bikers can choose from a fifty, twenty-five, ten or five mile course through the mountains and valleys of Franklin and Floyd counties starting and ending at Antioch Church of the Brethren. Rest stops are provided along the way. Bikers are sponsored which provides another important source of funds to make a difference to those who are hungry. You can download your registration and pledge forms at <http://www.worldhungerauction.org/events>.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT REPORT

- **BETHEL** - Part time position, no profile available - Christian Becker and others serving as pulpit supply.
- **CHRISTIANSBURG** - Full time position, profile circulating - Glen H. Sage called as Interim Pastor effective May 1, 2017.
- **DALEVILLE** - Part time position, profile pending - Douglas E. O. Veal has resigned effective September 30, 2017 or earlier if placed.
- **GERMANTOWN BRICK** - Full time position, profile meeting on April 23 - Bruce E. Huffman is retiring effective November 1.
- **HOPEWELL** - Part time position, no profile available - R. Wayne Pennington serving as interim pastor.
- **JONES CHAPEL** - Diana L. Lovett, currently pastor of the English River Church in Northern Plains District, will begin on a ¾ time basis effective June 15.
- **MAPLE GROVE** - Part time position, no profile available - Timothy Sink serving as interim pastor.
- **OAKVALE** - Part time position, no profile available - James J. Stade continues as pastor and Joshua N. Lucas as pulpit supply.
- **PLEASANT VIEW** - Part time position, profile meeting on June 18 - C. Richard Edwards is retiring effective June 30.
- **RED OAK GROVE** - Part time position, profile meeting on June 4 - Horace D. Light, Jr. serving as pulpit supply.
- **ROANOKE - HOLLINS ROAD** - Full time position, profile circulating (1) - Glenn D. Stevens serving as interim pastor.
- **SAINT PAUL** - Part time position, no profile available - Mark A. Bolt is serving as interim pastor.
- **SAUNDERS GROVE** - Part time position, profile circulating - Pulpit supply by Johnny Thompson.
- **SHELTON** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **SMITH CHAPEL** - Part time position, no profile available. Pulpit supply.
- **SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMUNITY** - Full-time position, profile circulating. Edward C. Woodard is serving as interim pastor.
- **TRINITY** - Part time position, profile circulating - J. Neil Varner is serving as interim pastor.
- **WEST RICHMOND** - Full time position, profile circulating - Tracy K. Hartman, professor at Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, is serving as interim pastor.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE - JUNE 9-11, 2017

- The National Junior High Conference is for youth who have completed grades 6-8. Youth and their advisors will consider Jonah's story through the theme "Called for a Greater Cause: Jonah's Journey." The conference will be held June 9-11 on the campus of Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Come, sing, laugh, worship, make friends from all over the country, and spend time with God

- Worship speakers will include Katie Heishman, Rudy Amaya, and Jeff Carter. Kyle Remnant will be coordinating music and worship will be coordinated by Rebekah Houff and Trent Smith. In addition to four celebrations of worship, there will be time for learning during workshops, and time for play during recreation and evening activities. The cost is \$200 per person. For more information or to register, visit <www.brethren.org/njhc> or call (847) 429-4385.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ITEMS - JUNE 28 - JULY 2, 2017

- "Online registration closes June 5.
- "Friday afternoon, June 30, is a time of Jubilee, with opportunities for fellowship, learning, and service. There will be workshops, concerts, ice cream, service projects, and tours.
- "Preachers are Carol Scheppard, Jose Calleja Otero, Michaela Alphonse, Donna Ritchey Martin, and Matthew Fike.
- "Mutual support groups meet around the following areas: Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones to Suicide, Persons Living with Depression and Related Issues, Persons Impacted by Addictions, Families Living with Aspergers and Autism, Third-Culture Kids: Those Who Grew Up Outside the USA, Grief and Loss, Persons Impacted by Domestic Violence, Persons Caring for Someone with Dementia, Persons Living with Physical Disabilities or Chronic Conditions, Communities Supporting Refugees, Persons Impacted by Childhood Sexual Abuse, and Families of Children with ADD and ADHD.

NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC) - SEPTEMBER 4-9, 2017

Inspiration 2017, the National Older Adult Conference (NOAC), is a spirit filled gathering of those 50+. The theme will be "Generations" from Psalm 145:4, "One generation shall laud God's works to another and shall declare God's mighty acts." NOAC will be held September 4-8 at Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Western North Carolina. For more information or to register, go to the website, <www.brethren.org/noac>.

NOAC leadership will include: Bible Studies - Stephen Reid, Preachers - Rodger Nishioka, Susan Boyer, and Wendy McFadden, and Keynote Speakers - Missy Buchanan, Jim Wallis, and Peggy Reiff Miller. In addition to Bible study, worship, and presentations, there are many activities, service projects, meals, fellowship times and ice cream socials.

Bus transportation will be available from two districts with stops in Roanoke: from the Mid-Atlantic District bus contact Pat Ecker at (410) 871-0765 or at <wecker@gis.net> or from Shenandoah District contact Sandy Kinsey at (540) 234-8555 or at <districtoffice@shencob.org>.

"CREATED TO CREATE" - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

"Created to Create," a spiritual development retreat, will take place on Saturday, September 30, in the House of Pillars at Camp Bethel. The scripture focus will be Isaiah 64:8 (NRSV), "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." Stephanie L. Connelly, artist, former Pilgrimage Retreat Coordinator, and member of the New Covenant Church of the Brethren, will be the retreat leader. A flyer with details and registration form is attached. Please print and place on your church bulletin board.

"CHURCHES IN THE SKY BUS TOUR" - OCTOBER 14, 2017

Our fall foliage bus tour is planned for Saturday, October 14, 2017. This year's outing is entitled "Churches in the Sky" and will include visits to a number of North Carolina and Virginia congregations in Southeastern and Virlina Districts. Among those visited will be New Haven, Mount Carmel, Peak Creek, Little Pine, Shelton and Saint Paul.

Cost will be reasonable, although not yet determined. The tour will depart from the District Resource Center in Roanoke and may make an intermediate stop in the Christiansburg-area if demand warrants. The luncheon meal will be available at the Peak Creek Church as they are having their annual Fall Festival that day!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 10-11, 2017

Virlina District congregations gather annually to worship, fellowship, learn, and handle business items. The 2017 Virlina District Conference will be held on November 10 and 11 at the Grandin Court Baptist Church (2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia). The theme will be Listen to the Spirit! with the scripture focus "Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying . . ." Revelation 3:13-22 (NRSV)

Samuel K. Sarpiya, 2018 Annual Conference Moderator, and David A. Steele, General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren, will be our preachers. Samuel Sarpiya will speak at the Ministers and Spouses Dinner and preach at the Saturday morning worship service. David Steele will preach at the Friday evening worship service.

The following are our conference officers: Timothy H. Emmons, Moderator, Deborah S. Humphrey, Moderator-Elect, and Pamela K. Clark, Clerk. The District Conference Committees, Program and Arrangements and Nominating and Personnel, have begun their work in preparations for conference and for the ballot respectively.

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss the 2017 District Conference!

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE (NYC) - JULY 21-26, 2018

Participants in National Youth Conference (NYC) 2018 will focus on the theme "Bound Together: Clothed in Christ" The scriptural theme is from Colossians 3:12-15: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful." Kelsey Murray is the 2018 NYC coordinator and Carol Elmore (Virlina District) is an advisor on the National Youth Cabinet

NYC will take place July 21-26, 2018, in Fort Collins, Colorado. The event is for youth who have completed ninth grade through one year of college at the time of NYC (or are age equivalent to this range) and their advisors. (Information from Newsline for March 18, 2017)

UPCOMING ORDINATION SERVICES

We endeavor to schedule ordination services in order that the maximum number of our ordained ministers are able to take part. Upcoming services include Todd A. Reed at the Cedar Bluff Church on Sunday, June 11, at 4 p.m. and Harvey S. Leddy at the Roanoke - Williamson Road Church on Sunday, July 30, at 4 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT FORMS (as of May 12, 2017).

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 in the delinquent list, please get the information mailed as soon as possible. An asterisk* indicates partial report received.

Form A - Directory Information (was mailed from the General Offices in Elgin and is due back May 15, 2017):

Form B - Mailing Address Information (was mailed from the General Offices in Elgin and was due back December 31, 2016):

Blacksburg-Iglesia del Buen Pastor Fellowship, Blue Ridge, Copper Hill, Crab Orchard, Danville-Emmanuel, Fairview (Floyd County), Fairview (Rocky Mount), Ferrum, Floyd-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Jones Chapel, Laurel Branch, Maple Grove, Masons Cove, Mount Bethel, New Covenant, Oakvale, Parkway, Peters Creek, Red Hill, Red Oak Grove, Roanoke-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Saint Paul, Shelton, Spruce Run, Wakefield Chapel, West Richmond

Form E - Congregational Outreach Report (was mailed from the General Offices in Elgin and was due back December 5, 2016): If your congregation is listed below, please get the information mailed as soon as possible.

Bethlehem, Blacksburg-Iglesia del Buen Pastor Fellowship, Coulson, Crab Orchard, Fairview (Floyd County), Ferrum, Floyd-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Good Shepherd (Blacksburg), Henry Fork, Jeters Chapel, Laurel Branch, Lynchburg, Maple Grove, New Hope, Oakvale, Olean, Parkway, Red Hill, Roanoke-Central, Roanoke-Hollins Road, Roanoke-Ninth Street, Roanoke-Oak Grove, Roanoke-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Saint Paul, Schoolfield, Shelton, Spruce Run, Vinton, Virginia Beach-Christian Church Uniting, Wakefield Chapel, West Richmond

Statistical Form (was mailed from the General Offices in Elgin to all congregations in January and was due back March 15, 2017):

Bethlehem, Blacksburg-Iglesia del Buen Pastor Fellowship, Blue Ridge, Boones Mill, Cedar Bluff, Copper Hill, *Crab Orchard, Duncan Chapel, Fairview (Floyd County), Floyd-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Henry Fork, Jones Chapel, Lynchburg, Maple Grove, Masons Cove, Mount Bethel, New Covenant, Newport News-Ivy Farms, Oakvale, Olean, Peters Creek, Pleasant Valley, Red Hill, Red Oak Grove, Roanoke-Central, Roanoke-Hollins Road, Saint Paul, Schoolfield, Shelton, Smith Chapel, Spruce Run, Trinity, Vinton, Virginia Beach-Christian Church Uniting, Wakefield Chapel, West Richmond

Additional Officers Form (was mailed from the District Resource Center in December/January Memo for Ministers and was due back January 15, 2017):

Beaver Creek, Bethany, Bethel, Bethlehem, Blacksburg-Iglesia del Buen Pastor Fellowship, Blue Ridge, Boones Mill, Cedar Bluff, Christiansburg, Coulson, Crab Orchard, Danville-Emmanuel, Duncan Chapel, Durham-Peace Covenant, Fairview (Floyd County), Floyd-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Fraternity, Germantown Brick, Good Shepherd (Blacksburg), Henry Fork, Hiwassee, Hopewell, Jeters Chapel, Laurel Branch, Lynchburg, Maple Grove, Masons Cove, Moneta-Lake Side Fellowship, Mount Joy, Mount Union, New Bethel, New Covenant, Nineveh, Oak Grove (South), Oakvale, Olean, Parkway, Peters Creek, Pleasant Dale, Pleasant Valley, Pleasant View, Poages Mill, Pulaski-First, Red Hill, Red Oak Grove, Roanoke-Central, Roanoke-Oak Grove, Roanoke-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Saint Paul, Schoolfield, Selma, Shelton, Smith River, Spruce Run, Vinton, Virginia Beach Christian Church Uniting, Wakefield Chapel, West Richmond

SELF-ALLOCATION/FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The final Virginia District Financial Secretary Report for April 30, 2017 is attached. Please review your congregation's self-allocation giving for 2017 in consultation with your treasurer and draw any discrepancies to our attention.

ATTACHMENTS FOR THE JUNE/JULY 2017 MEMO FOR MINISTERS

Attached to the MEMO FOR MINISTERS for June/July 2017 are 1) the Self-Allocation and Financial Secretary Report for April 30, 2017, 2) the latest correction and update list for the Virginia District Directory for 2017, and 3) the flyer for "Created to Create."