

# VIRLINA DISTRICT

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## MEMO FOR MINISTERS

### DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2022

- 1 Office/Staff Luncheon at Camp Bethel with BVSr's/Bethlehem
- 2 Office/Staff Meeting/ACTS Summit (Z)/ Oak Grove, South
- 3 OFF
- 4 Office/Commission on Ministry
- 5 OPEN
- 6 Worship at Hollins Road
- 7 Discipleship & Reconciliation/New Church Development Committee at Mount Hermon/Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida at Blacksburg
- 8 Office/Green Hill
- 9 Office/Staff Meeting
- 10 OFF
- 11 Office
- 12 OPEN
- 13 Worship at Copper Hill
- 14 Office/Historical Committee
- 15 Office/Christian Growth Institute Administrative Committee at Buena Vista, Stone
- 16 Staff Meeting/Office
- 17 OFF
- 18 Office/CGI Staff Meeting/Long Range Financial Planning Comm. at Germantown, Brick
- 19 District Board Retreat at Camp Bethel
- 20 Worship Undetermined
- 21 Office/Southern Area Ministers and Spouses at Antioch
- 22 Virginia Council of Churches Coordinating Comm./Office
- 23 Office/Staff Meeting
- 24 OFF
- 25 Office/Ministers and Spouses Retreat at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center
- 26 Ministers and Spouses Retreat at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center
- 27 Worship Undetermined
- 28 Office

### DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2022

- 1 Office/Commission on Stewardship
- 2 Staff Meeting/Office
- 3 OFF
- 4 Office
- 5 OPEN
- 6 Worship Undetermined
- 7 Northern Area Ministers at Summerdean/Office
- 8 Office/Executive Committee
- 9 Staff Meeting/Office/VCC Judicatory Check-In (Z)
- 10 OFF
- 11 Office
- 12 OPEN
- 13 Worship Undetermined
- 14 Office/Lake Side Fellowship Steering Committee at Moneta
- 15 Office
- 16 Staff Meeting/Office
- 17 OFF
- 18 Office
- 19 District Board at Pulaski, First
- 20 Worship Undetermined

### KENTUCKY TORNADO OFFERING

On December 10, 2021, an intense tornado mowed through Western Kentucky, producing severe to cataclysmic damage in several towns. Passing through eleven counties throughout its duration, the tornado was exceptionally long-lived, traveling over 165 miles. It was the most lethal tornado in an outbreak that produced many powerful tornadoes in several states. At least 58 fatalities resulted from the tornado.

Offerings from congregations for the Kentucky Tornado Disaster Response may be sent to the District Resource Center. Please mark memo line KY Tornado - Acct. #33501.

### CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET SUNDAY

Hosting a CWS Blanket Sunday is an easy way to show love to our neighbors around the world. To get materials in time for a February offering place an order by phone at (800) 297-1516. Spreading love is more than candy, flowers or teddy bears...it's about sharing the greatest love of all with others.

**DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2022**

21	Office/Southern Area Ministers at Jones Chapel
22	Office
23	Staff Meeting/Office
24	OFF
25	Office
26	Nominating & Personnel Committee
27	Worship Undetermined
28	Office
29	Office
30	Staff Meeting/Office
31	OFF

**MARY SINK ST. JOHN SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

1	Office/Staff Lunch at Camp Bethel with BVSers
2	Staff Meeting/Office
3	Office
4	Office
6	Youth planning/Lighthouse CoB
7	OFF
8	Office/Race Education Team (Z)
9	Staff Meeting/Office
10	Office
11	Office
14	Office
15	Office/Commission on Witness (Z)
16	Staff Meeting/Office
17	Office
18	Office
19	District Board Retreat/Camp Bethel
20	Necessary Conversations Race Education Event (Z)
21	Disaster Response Committee (Z)
22	Office
23	Staff Meeting/Office
24	Office/Spiritual Development and Disabilities Ministries (Z)
25	Office
26	Roundtable at Bridgewater College
28	OFF

**MARY SINK ST. JOHN SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2022**

1	Office
2	Staff Meeting/Office
3	Office
4	Office
7	OFF
8	Office/Race Education Team (Z)
9	Staff Meeting/Office
10	Office
11	Office
14	OFF
15	Office
16	Staff Meeting/Office
17	Office
18	Office
19	District Board at Pulaski, First
21	OFF
22	Office
23	Staff Meeting/Office
24	Office
25	Office
26	Nominating and Personnel at DRC
28	OFF
29	Office
30	Staff Meeting/Office
31	Office

**NECESSARY CONVERSATIONS - FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

You are invited to the next "Necessary Conversations" on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The conversation will be one between the VRET, Don Mitchell, Eric Anspaugh and You as VRET interviews Don and Eric about their Sankofa Journey on October 14-17, 2021. Sankofa is a "Journey Toward Racial Righteousness."

Sankofa is a word from the Akan tribe in Ghana. It means San (to return), ko (to go) fa (to fetch, seek, and take). Sankofa attests that we must look backward (into our history), before we can faithfully move forward together, in the present and future. The Sankofa experience does just this, by exploring historic sites of the Civil Rights Movement, connecting the freedom struggle of the past, to our present realities. Sankofa invites the Church to understand racial righteousness as a critical component of our Christian discipleship. This immersive discipleship pilgrimage equips believers to participate in the kingdom mosaic and pursue biblical justice. Sankofa empowers participants to become ambassadors of reconciliation inside and outside the church. Please contact Mary St. John at <virlina2@aol.com> or (540) 362-1816 for more information.

**PASTORAL PLACEMENT REPORT**

- **BASSETT** - Part or full time position, profile pending - Pulpit supply.
- **BETHANY** - Part time position, no profile available - Emma Jean Woodard serving as interim pastor.
- **BETHEL** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **BETHLEHEM** - Part time position, profile circulating - Horace D. Light, Jr. serving as interim pastor. Interview (s) in process.
- **COPPER HILL** - Full time position, profile circulating - William J. Hinton, Sr. serving as interim pastor. In negotiation, trial sermon and vote date to be determined.
- **COULSON** - *Wayburn Mosley, former pastor of the Glade Hill Baptist Church, has been called as pastor effective February 1, 2022.*
- **FAIRVIEW (ROCKY MOUNT)** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **GREEN HILL** - Part time position, profile circulating - J. Michael Varner serving as interim pastor effective September 1, 2020. Interview(s) in process.
- **LIGHTHOUSE** - Part time position, no profile available - Don D. Street, layspeaker from Mount Hermon, serving as pulpit supply.
- **MAPLE GROVE** - Part time position, no profile available - Jermiah Beasley serving as pulpit supply.
- **MASONS COVE** - *Part time position, no profile available - W. Leonard Foley has resigned .*
- **MONETA, LAKE SIDE** - Part time position, profile circulating - Christian Becker (FGBC) continues as pulpit supply.
- **MONTE VISTA** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **NEW BETHEL** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **NEWPORT NEWS, IVY FARMS** - Part time position, profile circulating - Pulpit supply.
- **OAK GROVE, SOUTH** - Part time position, no profile available - In negotiation, trial sermon and vote date to be determined.
- **OAKVALE** - Part time position, no profile available - Joshua Lucas continues as associate pastor.
- **PLEASANT VIEW** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **ROANOKE, IGLESIA CRISTIANA RENACER** - Part time position, profile pending - Pulpit supply.
- **SAINT PAUL** - Part time position, no profile available - Not meeting due to COVID-19.
- **SELMA** - Part time position, no profile available - Alvis Jackson serving as pulpit supply.
- **SHELTON** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **TRINITY** - Part time position, profile circulating - E. Anne Mitchell serving as interim pastor.

**FAITHX WORKCAMP REGISTRATION - JANUARY 13, 2022**

- Registration for FaithX (formerly workcamps) events in the summer of 2022 opened online on Thursday, January 13, at 8 p.m. (Eastern time) at <[www.brethren.org/faithx](http://www.brethren.org/faithx)>.

"Boundless Faith" is the theme for the 2022 FaithX events. "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7) is the theme scripture. According to the theme statement: "We are told that we walk by faith, but what does that mean? What does our faith look like and how do we make sense of it? Let us find out together. Let us imagine a bigger and bolder faith to go with a big and bold God that we serve. Push past the usual answers and seek deeper truths. Go forth and serve outside the safety of normality. Move beyond the mundane and walk with us, together, in boundless faith."

- Sample registrations are posted on the FaithX webpage to help those interested in participating to prepare and gather information. Find the sample registrations at <[www.brethren.org/faithx](http://www.brethren.org/faithx)>.

**WINTER CAMP YOUTH AND KIDS' RETREAT - FEBRUARY 5-6, 2022**

- Winter Camp is a fun and spiritual program for kids in 1st-5th grades, youth in 6th-8th grades and teens in 9th-12th grades led by our reunited Summer Staff and Youth Leaders from our district congregations. The \$75 registration fee includes four excellent meals, lodging and program. Activities include group games, Glow-in-the-Dark activities such as Nine-Square/GaGa/Four-Square, singing camp songs, Bible study, crafts, hiking, nature fun, skits and game show, sledding and other snow fun (if it snows), worship, wagon ride, summer photos slide show, and a 2022 summer camp preview. All of these awesome activities along with your favorite counselors and our excellent summer camp staff! For information, please contact <[CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com)>.

**ROUNDTABLE - FEBRUARY 25-27, 2022**

- The Southeastern Regional Youth Conference will be focused on the theme of "ALIVE IN CHRIST" and will be held at a combination of locations. Youth will register and sleep at Camp Brethren Woods in Keezletown, Virginia, and will spend a day on the campus of Bridgewater College for workshops, guest speaker presentations, and worship. In an attempt to be able to comply with covid policies for Bridgewater, and to

spread out during overnight sleeping quarters, the IYC has worked hard to bring us all together for the "Alive in Christ" weekend.

The guest speaker is Bridgewater graduate and past IYCer Chris Michael. Chris is an artist, teacher, voice impressionist and is very excited to spend the weekend with the youth as they explore being alive in Christ. The Roundtable brochure lists this fun fact about this year's speaker, Chris is "sponsored by Flex Seal." Come hear this fun speaker and meet some new friends along the way. Because there is much to read about in terms of covid restrictions, chaperone background checks, travel to campus and more, please go to <iycroundtable@gmail.com> or to Instagram and Facebook @2022 Interdistrict Youth Cabinet for more information.

### **MINISTERS AND SPOUSES RETREAT - FEBRUARY 25-26, 2022**

The Virgina District Ministers and Spouses Retreat has been rescheduled and is hoped to be held on February 25-26, 2022 at the W.E. Skelton 4-H and Conference Center located at 775 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, VA 24184. Steven J. Schweitzer, Academic Dean and Professor at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana, will lead the event. The focus is "Science Fiction and Theology."

This event provides .6 CEU credits for ordained or commissioned ministers. The cost of the event is \$150 for couples (or double occupancy), \$100 for single occupancy and \$50 for commuters (meals included). Individuals or couples needing scholarship are advised to contact us at <nuchurch@aol.com>. The deadline for registration is February 18, 2022.

### **AWAKENING SERVICES - APRIL 3-6, 2022**

The Awakening Services for congregations in the Roanoke-area, including Bedford, Botetourt and Franklin Counties, are scheduled to be held at the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren on April 3-6, 2022. These nightly services will feature the powerful preaching of Paul Munday, the immediate past Annual Conference Moderator. Bible studies will be held during the mornings of April 4-6 at selected area congregations on the theme of "What it means to be the church in this day and age."

#### **Sunday Evening - April 3, 2022**

Title: "The Great 'I Am'"

Focus: If we're attentive, there's little doubt who Jesus is; He's exacting in establishing His identity and character through the "I am" statements.

Scripture: John 6:35; John 8:12; John 10:7; John 11:25; John 10:11; John 14:6; John 15:1 (NRSV)

#### **Monday Evening - April 4, 2022**

Title: "Do You Want To Be Well?"

Focus: Too often we overemphasize God's role and response regarding our well-being, and underemphasize our role and response-ability; both are vital and necessary.

Scripture: John 5:1-15 (NET)

#### **Tuesday Evening - April 5, 2022**

Title: "The Upside-Down Kingdom"

Focus: Christ's Kingdom, His reign and rule, and His methods and means for governing and guiding life do not mimic the world but offer another way of living in Him.

Scripture: John 18:28-38 (NRSV)

#### **Wednesday Evening - April 6, 2022**

Title: "Traveling Vines"

Focus: We abide in Christ so we can go with Christ as "traveling vines" into a world utterly lost, yet still yearning for truth.

Scripture: John 15:1-8, 16-17 (NRSV)

**Please invite your congregation's members and friends to these services.**

**NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 23-28, 2022**

National Youth Conference 2022 (NYC 2022) will focus on Colossians 2: 5-7 (NRSV) and the theme "Foundational." The event is scheduled for July 23-28, 2022. Youth who have completed ninth grade through one year of college at the time of NYC (or are age equivalent) and their advisors will gather at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. Online registration began on December 1, 2021. The registration fee, which includes food, lodging, and programming, will be \$550. This does not include transportation.

The theme scripture from Colossians 2:5-7 reads "For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

"Throughout the Bible, God is revealed as a foundation for our lives in many ways. Some examples of this are the cornerstone, the way God can be seen as an anchor for our lives, and how we remain rooted in God in all circumstances," wrote Erika Clary, 2022 NYC Coordinator.

Members of the National Youth Cabinet include Ben Tatum (Virgina), Bella Torres (Atlantic Northeast), Elise Gage (MidAtlantic), Geo Romero (Illinois/Wisconsin), Hayley Daubert (Shenandoah), and Luke Schweitzer (Southern Ohio/ Kentucky). Advisors include Kayla Alphonse (Atlantic Southeast) and Jason Haldeman (Atlantic Northeast). The Cabinet is led by Erika Clary and accompanied by Becky Ullom Naugle, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Watch for NYC 2022 updates at <[www.brethren.org/yyc/nyc/](http://www.brethren.org/yyc/nyc/)> and on social media (Facebook: National Youth Conference; Instagram: @cobnyc2022).

**MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION FOR NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - A REAL BARGAIN!**

It is time for the registration process for the Virgina District Bus Youth trip headed to National Youth Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado. The total cost for the bus trip is \$450, with a \$200 non-refundable deposit due to the District Office by March 1, 2022. The cost is lower this year because the district received a monetary gift with a portion being used for the 2022 NYC bus trip to offset difficulties of fundraising during the pandemic. Flyers and registration forms are being mailed to all churches with eligible youth members. The final \$250 payment for the bus trip will be due on June 15, 2022. CDC guidelines will be followed during the trip and conference. Registration for the conference itself is also open NOW and the total cost is \$550. Therefore, a youth will need \$1000 to both ride the bus and attend the conference. All bus trip money and forms should be returned to the District Office and NYC conference registration should be done online at <<https://www.brethren.org/nyc/>>. If you have any questions about the bus trip, please contact Tara Riddle at (540)352-2217 or <[timtarariddle@gmail.com](mailto:timtarariddle@gmail.com)>.

**PILGRIMAGE POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 17-19, 2023**

The Pilgrimage Committee has postponed the event until next year. The new date is March 17-19, 2023. Although the numbers from the current variant are expected to decrease by March, the present situation prevents the team trainings.

**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ANNOUNCES MILEAGE RATE FOR 2022**

Beginning on January 1, 2022, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be 58.5 cents per mile driven for business use, an increase of 2.5 cents from the rate for 2021.

**STAFF MEETINGS**

We have staff meeting at the District Resource Center on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until noon. In order to have uninterrupted time for our devotions, prayer concerns, the calendar review and general work conversation, we do not answer the telephone nor take callers during this time. Please be patient with our need to have uninterrupted time with one another.

**SELF-ALLOCATION/FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**

The Virgina District Financial Secretary Report for December 31, 2021 is attached. Please review your congregation's self-allocation giving for 2021 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.