

VIRLINA DISTRICT

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MEMO FOR MINISTERS

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2018

- 19 Office/S. Area Ministers - Jones Chapel
- 20 Office/Christian Growth Institute Administrative Committee - Buena Vista
- 21 Staff Meeting/Staff Birthday Celebration/Office
- 22 OFF
- 23 Office/Ministers and Spouses Retreat - SML 4-H Center
- 24 Ministers and Spouses Retreat - SML 4-H Center
- 25 Worship Undetermined/Teach Christian Growth Institute Class - DRC
- 26 Office
- 27 Office/Awakening Committee
- 28 Staff Meeting/Office

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2018

- 1 Calling the Called Meeting at Buena Vista, Stone/Office
- 2 Office/Historical Committee
- 3 OFF
- 4 Worship Undetermined
- 5 N. Area Ministers - Camp Bethel/Office/Floyd, Renacer Steering Committee
- 6 Office/Daleville Church Board
- 7 Staff Meeting/Office/District Staff Counseling Committee
- 8 OFF
- 9 Office
- 10 OPEN
- 11 Worship Undetermined
- 12 Office
- 13 Office/Mission Resourcing Committee
- 14 Staff Meeting/Office
- 15 OFF
- 16 Office
- 17 District Board at Roanoke, Ninth Street
- 18 Worship Undetermined/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Oak Grove
- 19 Awakening Bible Study at Peters Creek/Office/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Oak Grove
- 20 Awakening Bible Study at Roanoke, Central/Office/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Oak Grove
- 21 Awakening Bible Study at Vinton/Office/Staff Meeting
Awakening Service - Roanoke, Oak Grove
- 22 OFF
- 23 Office
- 24 Roanoke, First Chili Cookoff
- 25-31 VACATION

WHITE PRIVILEGE- LET'S TALK: A RESOURCE FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL DIALOGUE

You are invited to participate in a six-session series, entitled "White Privilege- Let's Talk: A Resource for Transformational Dialogue," will meet on Monday, March 5, 12, 26 and April 2, 9, and 16 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Virlina District Resource Center (3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012-3732). Continuing Education Units (.9 CEUs) are available for \$10 through the Brethren Academy for those who register and complete the entire course (participant information and fees will be collected at the first session - contact Eric Anspaugh for more information about CEUs <eanspaugh@yahoo.com>).

The curriculum is designed to help white people to see and understand how white privilege functions. The curriculum's introduction states, "If you are a person of color in America, the seeing of privilege is inescapable. If you are white, you have most likely not been conditioned to even look for, much less see, where your privilege functions."

The class will be limited to the first 20 registrants. Please register by contacting Tabitha Rudy, Interim Associate District Executive Minister, at (540) 362-1816 or <virlina2@aol.com>. Registration closes on Friday, March 2.

INT. ASSOCIATE DIST. EXEC. MIN. SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2018

19	Spiritual Development Retreat Committee/Office/S. Area Ministers - Jones Chapel
20	Office/Ministry Chicks/Disaster Response Committee
21	Staff Meeting/Staff Birthday Celebration/Office
22	OFF
23	Office/Ministers and Spouses Retreat - SML 4-H Center
24	Ministers and Spouses Retreat - SML 4-H Center
25	Worship Undetermined
26	Office
27	OFF
28	Staff Meeting/Office

INT. ASSOCIATE DIST. EXEC. MIN. SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2018

1	Office
2	Office
3	OPEN
4	Worship Undetermined
5	N. Area Ministers - Camp Bethel/Office
6	OFF
7	Staff Meeting/Office/District Staff Counseling Committee
8	Office/Sow the Seed Banquet - Camp Bethel
9	OFF
10	Program and Arrangements Committee
11	Worship Undetermined
12	Office
13	OFF
14	Staff Meeting/Office
15	Office
16	OFF
17	District Board - Roanoke, Ninth Street
18	OFF/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Oak Grove
19	Awakening Bible Study/Office/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Oak Grove
20	Awakening Bible Study/Ministry Chicks/Office Awakening Services - Roanoke, Oak Grove
21	Awakening Bible Study/Office/Staff Meeting/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Oak Grove
22	OFF
23	Office
24	OPEN
25	Worship Undetermined
26	Office
27	OFF
28	Staff Meeting/Office
29	Office
30	OFF
31	OPEN

SPRING VOLUNTEER WORKDAY IS APRIL 7

The Spring Volunteer Workday at Camp Bethel is Saturday, April 7. It begins with a free breakfast at 7:30am and includes a free lunch at 1:00 p.m. Your help is needed! Workday projects (rain or shine; indoor and outdoor) for all skill levels and all ages. RSVP for meals by April 1 by telephone to (540) 992-2940 or by electronic mail <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com>. For more information please go to <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/workday> .

SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS FESTIVAL, APRIL 27-28

Our 17th Annual SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS FESTIVAL, a Storytelling and Music Festival, will be held on April 27-28, 2018. Among those taking part will be Kevin Kling, Odds Bodkin, Sheila Arnold Jones, Jim May, The Company Store Band, food, and a Friday campfire. Tickets, schedule, and sponsor information at <www.SoundsoftheMountains.org>.

SUMMER CAMP STAFF 2018: COUNSELORS AND KITCHEN STAFF NEEDED!

Together: with God, with each other, and with creation. It's the best summer job ever. Application and information at <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/summer-staff>.

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT - MARCH 2-3, 2018

The Junior High Youth Retreat will be held Friday, March 2 - Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Camp Bethel. Join other youth in grades 6-8 at Camp for a fun and spirit-filled retreat. Jenna Stacy, Program Coordinator at Camp Bethel, will lead the retreat. Information, including registration forms, were mailed to congregations. Camp Bethel is handling registration and payment. Information can be found at <www.virlina.org> and <www.campbethelvirginia.org>. The cost of the retreat is \$15.00 per person. Registrations are due on February 26, 2018.

SOW THE SEED BANQUET- MARCH 8, 2018

Participate in the SOW THE SEED BANQUET and plant seeds of FAITH in children's lives. At \$50 per person (larger gifts accepted), all gifts directly fund "camperships." Please RSVP by March 1 to <CampBethelOffice@gmail.com> or (540) 992-2940.

Give the gift of CAMP. <www.CampBethelVirginia.org/seed>. Payments are accepted in advance or at the table, and your gift is tax-deductible! Our base fee for a week of camp in 2018 is \$330 before May 10. Give the gift of CAMP; it's an experience that can change a life forever.

PILGRIMAGE XXII - MARCH 16-18, 2018

Pilgrimage XXII will be held March 16-18, 2018, at Camp Bethel. People from 59 congregations in our district have attended this event which is a spiritual retreat for adults of all ages. It is for the young and old, for the new Christian and the one who has been a Christian for decades. Pilgrimage is for everyone because no matter where a person is on his or her faith journey, it is always good to take another step and draw closer to God. The basic structure of the weekend is the same each year with talks, small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more. Yet God continues to work in wonderful ways through this ministry, and we give Him all praise and honor! The only way to truly understand what Pilgrimage has to offer is to experience it. Prayerfully consider if this is your year to attend. If you would like more information, please contact Karen Haynes at (336) 765-5263 or <haynesmk1986@yahoo.com> or go to <www.experiencepilgrimage.com>.

ROUNDTABLE - APRIL 6-8, 2018

Roundtable will be held April 6-8, 2018 at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, VA. The speaker will be Marcus Harden from the Atlantic Southeast District. The Friday night entertainment will be Carnival. This event is planned by the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet. For more information e-mail <iycroundtable@gmail.com> or visit website at <<http://iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc/roundtable>>.

CALLING THE CALLED: DISCERNMENT, DISCIPLESHIP, DIRECTION - APRIL 20-21, 2018

Calling the Called: Discernment - Discipleship - Direction, is an event jointly organized by the Shenandoah and Virginia Districts. It 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.

Calling the Called: Discernment - Discipleship - Direction will be held beginning at 5 p.m. with registration on Friday, April 20, 2018 through closing at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Camp Bethel. The cost of registration is \$50 per person which includes lodging at Camp Bethel, meals, classes and materials. CEU's will be available for ordained ministers at \$10 extra. Information and registration forms are available on <www.virlina.org> and on the Calling the Called's Facebook page.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT REPORT

BETHEL - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.

CHRISTIANSBURG - Full time position, profile circulating - Glen H. Sage serving as interim pastor.

COULSON - Full time position, profile pending - Pulpit supply.

CRAB ORCHARD - Part time position, no profile available - *Gregory M. Howell has resigned effective March 1.*

GERMANTOWN BRICK - Full time position, profile circulating - J. Michael Varner serving as pulpit supply.

MAPLE GROVE - Part time position, no profile available - Timothy Sink serving as interim pastor.

MASONS COVE - Part time position, no profile available - *John W. "Jack" Lowe, Jr. began as interim pastor effective February 1, 2018.*

NEWPORT NEWS, IVY FARMS - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.

OAKVALE - (SECOND PASTOR) Part time position, no profile available - James J. Stade continues as pastor. Joshua N. Lucas serving as pulpit supply.

PETERS CREEK - Full time position, profile pending - Johnny L. Thompson called as interim pastor effective March 1, 2018.

PLEASANT VIEW - Part time position, profile circulating - Pulpit supply.

POAGES MILL - Full time position, profile pending - Horace D. Light, Jr. serving as interim pastor.

RED HILL - Part time position, profile pending - *Carlton R. Hodges began as interim pastor effective February 1, 2018.*

RED OAK GROVE - Part time position, profile circulating - Pulpit supply.

SAINT PAUL - Part time position, no profile available - Mark A. Bolt serving as interim pastor.

SAUNDERS GROVE - Part time position, profile circulating - James R. Worline serving as interim pastor.

SHELTON - Part time position, no profile available - Joseph D. Smith serving as interim pastor.

SMITH CHAPEL - Part time position, no profile available. Pulpit supply.

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMUNITY - Full-time position, profile circulating. Edward C. Woodard serving as interim pastor.

TRINITY - Part time position, profile circulating - J. Neil Varner serving as interim pastor.

WEST RICHMOND - *David A. Whitten, currently pastor of the South Waterloo (IA) Church of the Brethren, has been called as pastor on a full time basis effective June 15, 2018.*

MINISTRY AND MISSION IN VIRLINA - MAY 5, 2018

Mark your calendar for the annual Ministry and Mission in Virlina event – Saturday, May 5, 2018. It will be held at the Collinsville Church of the Brethren. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and worship will start at 9:00 a.m. Following worship, attendees will have the opportunity to pick from several workshops: "Effectively Board" by Brethren Benefit Trust, "Bridging the Divide: Skills in Conflict Transformation when Emotions are Involved" by Samuel Sarpiya, and another one by Barry LeNoir of Camp Bethel (TBA). .1 CEU will be offered for each workshop. Workshops will be offered twice to allow ministers and others the opportunity to attend more than one. Following lunch, the Annual Conference Delegate Briefing will take place, and will be led by Virlina's Standing Committee Members and Annual Conference Moderator, Samuel Sarpiya. This will begin at 1:30 pm and conclude around 3:00 pm. Bulletin inserts and more information will be sent out in the upcoming weeks.

NEW AND RENEW: REVITALIZE - PLANT - GROW - MAY 16-19, 2018

The Church of the Brethren's every-other-year conference on new church development has a new name and a new focus: "New and Renew: Revitalize Plant Grow." Sponsored by Congregational Life Ministries and held at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana, the conference is planned for May 16-19. "The Risk and Reward of Embodying Jesus Locally" is the theme.

"Risk. Ask any church planter, and one of the first things they are likely to tell you is that it takes a great deal of risk to enter into the difficult work of planting a new church. God took a risk sending Christ into the world, to move into the neighborhood with us," explains the description on the event webpage.

"Come and explore with us the ways that we can do risk well as we go about the work of planting new communities of faith across our country and the world. Share your own experiences of risk in the work of church planting, as well as hearing how others have handled the risks and challenges of this important work."

Keynote speakers are Christiana Rice and Orlando Crespo. Rice leads a neighborhood faith community in San Diego, Calif., and is a coach and trainer with Thresholds, a community that helps people create spaces of discovery and communities of transformation. With Michael Frost she has co-authored "To Alter Your World: Partnering with God to Rebirth Our Communities." Crespo helped plant and serves as a founding pastor of New Life in the Bronx Church, and is interim director of Multiethnic Ministries and director of LaFe, Latino Ministries, with Intervarsity. He is author of "Being Latino in Christ"

Samuel Sarpiya, 2018 Annual Conference moderator and planter of Rockford (IL) Community Church of the Brethren, will be giving a keynote address and a closing sermon drawing on his theme of "Living Parables."

The conference is organized by staff of Congregational Life Ministries Stan Dueck and Gimbiya Kettering, with help from the Church of the Brethren's New Church Advisory Committee. Members of the committee include Rudy Amaya, Ryan Braught, Steve Gregory, Don Mitchell, Deb Oskin, Nate Polzin, Cesia Sacedo, and Doug Veal.

Cost is \$130 for each registration through April 10, or \$140 after that date. Current students of Bethany Seminary, the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and SeBAH-CoB receive a discounted price of \$79. Continuing education credit for ordained ministers will be available for an additional \$10. Registration does not cover housing costs; attendees are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. The Virlina District Board's New Church Development Committee will provide scholarship for members of our new church developments and, as circumstances allow, for others interested in going to this event.

Find out more and register at <www.brethren.org/churchplanting/2018>.

VIRLINA BUS TRIP TO NYC - JULY 17-28, 2018

Catch the bus with other Virlina youth to National Youth Conference! Transportation will be provided by Sunshine Tours and will include six nights lodging, 6 hot breakfasts, one Chuck Wagon Show and Dinner, entrance and tour of the Sky Deck in Chicago, a stop by the General Offices of the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, and trips to the Badlands, Wall Drug, Bear Country, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, St Louis Arch and tram to top, and snacks and drinks along the way. The registration fee for the bus trip is \$900.00 per person. Participants can expect to have \$200.00 in additional expenses on food and souvenirs. Forms and information will be sent to congregations. Information is also available on <www.virlina.org>. Keep up to date with Mary St John (2018 Bus Trip Coordinator) and trip details on the Virlina District Youth Facebook page. A \$200.00 non-refundable deposit is due by March 1, 2018. The remaining \$700.00 is due by June 30, 2018. Please call the District Resource Center with questions.

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 (Virgina 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. Online registration for NYC opens January 18th!! Don't miss out on important information and updates. Check out NYC 2018 on Facebook and <www.brethren.org/yya/nyc/>. The registration cost for NYC is \$500.

ANNUAL REPORT FORMS (as of February 19, 2018)

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 E - Congregational Outreach Report - Self-allocation for 2018 (was mailed from the General Offices in Elgin and is due back December 8, 2017): If your congregation is listed below, please get the information mailed as soon as possible.

Blacksburg-Iglesia del Buen Pastor Fellowship, Crab Orchard, Fairview (Floyd County), Floyd-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Henry Fork, Laurel Branch, Maple Grove, Mount Bethel, Nineveh, Oakvale, Peters Creek, PleasantDale, Pleasant View, Roanoke-Hollins Road, Roanoke-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer, Saint Paul, Schoolfield, Smith River, Spruce Run, 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, 2018):

Antioch, Beaver Creek, Bethany, Bethel, Bethlehem, Blacksburg-Iglesia del Buen Pastor Fellowship, Blue Ridge, Boones Mill, Cedar Bluff, Christiansburg, Cloverdale, Collinsville, Copper Hill, Coulson, Crab Orchard, Daleville, Danville-Emmanuel, Duncan Chapel, Durham-Peace Covenant, Fairview (Floyd County), Ferrum, Floyd-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Fraternity, Germantown Brick, Good Shepherd (Blacksburg), Henry Fork, Hiwassee, Jeters Chapel, Jones Chapel, Laurel Branch, Lynchburg, Maple Grove, Masons Cove, Moneta-Lake Side Fellowship, Mount Bethel, Mount Joy, Mount Union, 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 Oak Grove, Roanoke-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer, Roanoke-Williamson Road, Saint Paul, Saunders Grove, Schoolfield, Selma, Shelton, Smith River, Spruce Run, Stonewall, Trinity, Troutville and New Bethel, Vinton, Virginia Beach-Christian Church Uniting, Wakefield Chapel, West Richmond, WhiteRock.

Form B - Mailing Address Information (was due back to Technology Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD on December 31, 2017):

Blacksburg-Iglesia del Buen Pastor Fellowship, Cedar Bluff, Crab Orchard, Danville-Emmanuel, Duncan Chapel, Fairview (Floyd County), Floyd-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Fraternity, Good Shepherd (Blacksburg), Green Hill, Henry Fork, Jeters Chapel, Jones Chapel, Masons Cove, Moneta-Lake Side Fellowship, Mount Bethel, Mount Union, Oak Grove (South), Oakvale, Parkway, Peters Creek, PleasantDale, Pulaski-First, Red Hill, Red Oak Grove, Roanoke-Central, Roanoke-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer, Rocky Mount-First, Saunders Grove, Schoolfield, Shelton, Smith River, Spruce Run, Virginia Beach-Christian Church Uniting, Wakefield Chapel, West Richmond

SELF-ALLOCATION/FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The Virgina District Financial Secretary Report for January 31, 2018 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.

ATTACHMENTS FOR THIS MEMO

Attached are the following: An updated pulpit supply list and the January 31, 2018 self-allocation/financial secretary report