

# E-HEADLINER



## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE ONLINE TRAINING SESSIONS BEGIN JUNE 16, 2021**

Training Sessions showing step by step instructions from how to log on to the Online AC site to how to join an Insight Session will be hosted by Tim Harvey and Carol Elmore, both of the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, Virginia. During these trainings they will be able to answer any questions you have about the site and perhaps calm any fears you may have about navigating an online conference. A Zoom link will be posted on [www.brethren.org/ac2021](http://www.brethren.org/ac2021)

Online dates for training are Wednesday, June 16, at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 17, at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 21,

at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 22, 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 24, 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 26, 12:00 noon, and Saturday, June 26, 4:00 p.m. All times are Eastern.

## **WORLD HUNGER BIKE RIDE - JUNE 26, 2021**

The 32nd Annual World Hunger Bike Ride (The longest running continuously held cycling event in Franklin County) will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 from the Antioch Church of the Brethren, 2996 Callaway Road, Rocky Mount. Check in at 8 a.m., rides depart at 8:30 a.m. Ride lengths of 5, 10, 25 or 50 miles in Franklin and Floyd Counties.

The challenging 50-mile ride follows a route with a climb to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Maps and/or cue sheets provided at check-in, rest stops along the route and SAG provided. Registration \$25 per person or raise \$75 in pledges to benefit the World Hunger Fund and entry fee will be waived. Flyer/Registration form at [www.worldhungerauction.org](http://www.worldhungerauction.org)

## **PRE-CONFERENCE MINISTERS MEETING ONLINE - JUNE 29 - 30, 2021**

We have been working for almost two years to bring continuing education credit in the area of Biblical Studies. Our 2021 speaker is Dr. Michael Gorman, New Testament scholar, who is a professor at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD, and author of nearly twenty books and sixty articles on biblical interpretation and ethics.

We wish we could be together in person but are thankful for the technology that provides the opportunity for education and the ability to gather virtually. We would love to have you participate from your computer, tablet, smart phone, or phone (for audio only). Our committee is confident in the learning you will receive from Dr. Gorman.

Our Ministers' Pre-Conference will be in webinar format with the opportunity for a Q & A at the end of each session. We hope you will be able to peruse one or both of the downloads/books we have listed on our website and in the flyer, Reading Paul and/or Participating in Christ: Explorations in Paul's Theology and Spirituality prior to the event on June 29-30. Our schedule is: June 29: 5-8 pm and June 30: 9:30-11 am; 12-3 pm (Central Time).

Remember, the event is only \$50 with the possibility for CEU credit. Now is the time to register! Registration is available at [www.brethren.org/ministryoffice](http://www.brethren.org/ministryoffice). Spanish translation is available for this event.

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE - JUNE 30 - JULY 4, 2021**

Want to hear the talented preaching skills of Chelsea Goss and Tyler Goss? Or scripture being read by the Starkey children? Or the virtual choir from the Stone Church of the Brethren, Huntingdon, PA? All of that and more will be a part of the online Annual Conference worship services!

The Conference theme “God’s Adventurous Future” is the focus for worship. God’s Adventurous Future invites us forward into a new heaven, a new earth, as a new creation in Christ. Inspired by John (Revelation 21 and 22), the River of Life offers water for the thirsty and the Tree of Life bears fruit for the healing of the world. Indeed, God’s future is one of great hope!

Each of the worship services reflect God’s Spirit at work in the world. Worship leaders and participants have gathered from the east, west, north and south, as well as from lands beyond our borders. Paul Munday, Richard Zapata, sister-brother duo Chelsea Goss and Tyler Goss, Beth Sollenberger, and Patrick Starkey will be sharing the possibilities of an Adventurous Future together as the Body of Christ through their sermons. Gabby Rodriguez, Josiah Ludwick, Teshome Molalenge, Kris Hawk, and Eric Bishop are among the worship participants. Worship has been planned by the team of Cindy Laprade Lattimer, Robbie Miller, and Mandy North with assistance from Program and Arrangements members Jan King and Emily Shonk Edwards.

The five worship services of Annual Conference this summer will be live-streamed and available to all at no cost. Simply go to [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac) beginning Wednesday night, June 30 to be connected to the live-streamed worship service at 5:00 pm Pacific Time; 6:00 pm Mountain Time; 7:00 pm Central Time, and 8:00 pm Eastern Time. Worship will also be live-streamed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights as well as on Sunday morning at 7:00 am Pacific Time; 8:00 am Mountain Time; 9:00 am Central Time and 10:00 am Eastern Time.

A recording of each of the one-hour worship services will be available for congregations to use in their own local worship either as a complete service or selecting certain portions of these times of worship. Bulletins for all five worship services will soon be available on the Webcast tab of the website. For more information go to [www.brethren.org/ac2021/webcasts](http://www.brethren.org/ac2021/webcasts)

For more information about worship go to [www.brethren.org/ac2021/worship](http://www.brethren.org/ac2021/worship).

### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE INSIGHT SESSIONS**

Insight sessions will provide educational opportunities (including always-desirable CEU’s for pastors and others in ministry), while the networking groups allow less-formal forums to talk about shared interests, trade ideas, and catch up on the latest news. All insight sessions and networking groups can be accessed via the online site by anyone registered. Insight sessions will run 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 9:15-10:15 p.m. (ET) on each day July 1-3, while networking sessions run 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. (ET). For more details about each group visit: <https://brethren.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fe053219fdb661c00183423ef&id=431088482a&e=d60df31de0>

### **2021 DELEGATE BRIEFING VIDEO**

The 2021 Delegate Briefing Video has been completed and posted on the 2021 Annual Conference site at <https://www.brethren.org/ac2021/business/>. The Annual Conference Office encourages all persons, but especially delegates, to please view this video before Annual Conference.

### **TROUTVILLE CHURCH OFFERS SPACE FOR ONLINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES**

The Troutville Church has offered to host online Annual Conference delegates there. You may contact Pastor Terry Johnson at [johnsonterry333@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonterry333@gmail.com) If your congregation has strong internet service and you are willing to help out, let us know at [nuchurch@aol.com](mailto:nuchurch@aol.com).

**DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER CLOSED – JULY 3-5, 2021**

The District Resource Center will close on Friday, July 2, at 6 p.m. in observance of the July 4 holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, July 6, at 9 a.m.

Staff availability during the preceding week may be limited due to the Annual Conference along with the CODE pre-conference meeting.

The 2021 Virlina District Directory has been mailed. If you wish to have a printed copy, please contact Betty Wills at the DRC. She may be reached by telephone at (540) 362-1816 or by e-mail at [virlinasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:virlinasecretary@gmail.com).

**WORLD HUNGER AUCTION - AUGUST 14, 2021**

The World Hunger Auction will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 starting at 9:30 a.m. This is the culmination to our year-long fund-raising activities, The World Hunger Auction, is held each August at Antioch Church of the Brethren, 2996 Callaway Road, near Rocky Mount, VA. The auction includes the sale of crafts, quilts, toys, produce, baked and canned goods, special services and much more. Come early for the best selection. Let the highest bidder win, for doing what we can opens the door for God to do much more.

**NEW COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROJECT OPPORTUNITY**

The NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT just launched a campaign to purchase bunkbeds and mattresses for schoolgirls in Malawi attending high school 30 and 50 miles from home. Last fall we raised funds to build hostels for them; now they have requested help purchasing these bedding supplies. 20 beds and 40 mattresses are needed, at a cost of \$147 and \$45 each – but of course any amount is welcomed. And a donor has offered to match any gifts, doubling the love! The project is highlighted on this page of our website and on the NCP Facebook page. This could perhaps be a good option for VBS or other summer focus. Malawi is also the site of our A Girl and A Bike campaign, and we always welcome support for this as well. Learn more about this and other activities of the New Community Project at <https://www.newcommunityproject.info/>.

**NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT LEARNING TOUR - AUGUST 18-25, 2021**

Yellowstone Yes! The world's first National Park is one of the gems of God's creation, and we've got spots on our August 18-25 Learning Tour – in fact we need a couple participants to make this trip a go. We'd be happy for you to put this out to folks of all ages in your congregation. Contact David Radcliff for info about these offerings of NCP at [dradcliffncp@yahoo.com](mailto:dradcliffncp@yahoo.com).

**NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC) ONLINE - SEPTEMBER 6 - 10, 2021**

The 2021 NOAC Planning Team is hard at work making plans for the first online National Older Adult Conference. Although we wish we could be together in person at Lake Junaluska in September, we are grateful for the technology that allows us to gather "virtually." One of the benefits of holding NOAC online is that those who have been unable to travel to Lake Junaluska for NOAC due to finances, health, or schedule conflicts, may be able to participate online this year.

Online registration is now open at [www.brethren.org/NOAC](http://www.brethren.org/NOAC). Cost per person is \$100 and per couple is \$150. Paper registration forms are available upon request by calling: (800) 323-8039 ext. 303. The registration fee will provide access to all sessions, worship services, workshops, and recorded archives. We hope each person/couple who plans to attend will register and pay the fee so that we can continue to provide a meaningful experience for all.

NOAC 2021 will begin on Monday, September 6 at 7 p.m. with announcements, NOAC News and worship. It will end on Friday, September 10 at 9 a.m. with worship. All district ministers have received the detailed schedule in the *MEMO FOR MINISTERS*.

We are hoping that districts and congregations will organize viewing parties (keeping in mind COVID safety protocols). Perhaps a Sunday School class or Bible Study group could plan to meet at the church or in someone's home. We are working with our retirement communities to provide opportunities for viewing, especially for those in assisted living and nursing care units.

There are opportunities for giving- we will have a Virtual "Fundraising Walk around the Lake" which will raise funds for the Emergency Disaster Fund and assist congregations which have been impacted by the COVID pandemic. We are also raising funds to provide books for the Lake Junaluska Elementary School. Donations may be made through Brethren Press. Watch for more information about these giving opportunities.

We have a webpage at [www.brethren.org/NOAC](http://www.brethren.org/NOAC). We are also on Facebook at "Church of the Brethren NOAC." Both are updated on a regular basis.

### **PILGRIMAGE: A FAITHQUEST FOR ADULTS – OCTOBER 8-10, 2021**

Pilgrimage will be held October 8-10, 2021 at Camp Bethel. Pilgrimage is a spiritual retreat for adults of all ages, and God is working through this ministry in wonderful ways. The structure of the weekend includes talks, small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more. God knows where we are on our spiritual journey and meets us right there. Whether you need peace, or joy, or forgiveness, or encouragement, or hope, or revival, or a little extra time with Him...He gives more than we even desire. It is difficult to put into words how wonderful the weekend is. 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, go to [www.experiencepilgrimage.com](http://www.experiencepilgrimage.com) or contact Karen Haynes at (336) 765-5263 or [haynesmk1986@yahoo.com](mailto:haynesmk1986@yahoo.com).

### **BRETHREN ACADEMY FOR MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP CLASSES**

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership is offering **Ancient & Medieval Church History** from August 25-October 19, 2021. Participants will receive one credit in Bible/Theology upon completion, along with a Bethany Experience. The instructor for this online course will be Ken Rogers, Professor of Historical Studies at Bethany Seminary. The deadline to register is July 21.

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership will offer, **Interim/Transitional Ministry: More than Mere Maintenance**, from September 15-November 9, 2021. Tara Hornbacker will be the instructor and TRIM students will receive one credit in Ministry Skills upon completion and the BTS experience. EFSM students may create a Learning Unit for the course. This course will explore the necessary tasks for successful interim/transitional ministry and the personality characteristics most helpful to develop for the practice of this specialized area of congregational leadership. The deadline to register for this course is August 11. CEUs are awarded after the instructor has notified the Brethren Academy of successful completion of the course.

Questions about taking an Academy course for CEU's or personal enrichment may be directed to Academy Director, Janet Ober Lambert at [oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:oberlja@bethanyseminary.edu) or (765) 983-1820.

### **SHALOM: PEACE WITH OURSELVES, WITH OTHERS, WITH GOD AND HIS WORLD**

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is offering **Shalom: Peace with Ourselves, with Others, with God and His World** - This series of six stand-alone webinars explores issues of peace and justice from various perspectives, such as peace with God, peace with creation, and peace with our neighbors. You may register for one session, or take all six and pay for just five (a savings of \$30). Each 90-minute session (10:30am to 12 noon Central Time) will be taught by a member of the LMPC staff or board. The available dates are June 29, July 13, July 28, August 10, and August 24. Learn more or register at [www.LMPeaceCenter.org/all-events/](http://www.LMPeaceCenter.org/all-events/).

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### **INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST NEEDED**

The Church of the Brethren would like to announce a new open position for Information Technology Specialist at the General Offices in Elgin, Ill. The job posting is available by contacting us at [ehadliner@aol.com](mailto:ehadliner@aol.com). Interested applicants should send their resume to [COBApply@brethren.org](mailto:COBApply@brethren.org).

### **GOOD BOOKS FOR SALE**

We have a surplus of good, new books, formerly bought as textbooks for Christian Growth Institute, at the District Resource Center. Our price is 25% below the list price on Amazon. If you would enjoy perusing the list, please advise us at [ehadliner@aol.com](mailto:ehadliner@aol.com) and we will send it to you. Many are good books about the Good Book!

### **CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH WHEN YOU SHOP AMAZON**

If you or someone you know shops online with Amazon, Amazon will contribute .5% of your purchase to the Church of the Brethren. There is no cost, simply sign up and Amazon does the rest. .5% is not much, but spread across all of the Amazon shoppers in our denomination, it would certainly add up. Click on "Account" then go to "Your Lists" and finally click "AmazonSmile Charity Lists". From there just follow the prompts and select Church of the Brethren, Elgin, IL. The only thing you need to remember is to shop at "[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)" in the future instead of just "amazon.com", but all of your information transfers automatically.

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