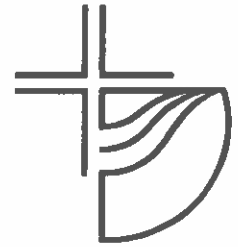




Church of the Brethren

3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012



September 1, 2022

Dear Pastors, Interim Pastors & Congregational Contact Persons (Board Chairs),

We are excited to be moving forward with the November 11-12, 2022 District Conference at Grandin Court Baptist Church in Roanoke. It was great to gather in 2021, and we are hopeful that 2022 will be as close to our traditional conference as we have been in three years! Enclosed is your congregation's District Conference pre-registration packet. Please note deadlines for food vendors, child care workers, and youth as you distribute this information.

This is the only mailing, other than the conference booklets, that we will mail prior to conference, and it is limited to one per congregation. We stress that you review this packet's contents carefully and distribute each form to your congregation's designated person(s).

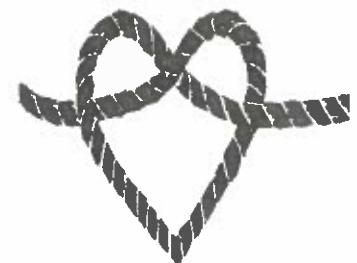
The following items are included:

1. District Conference information page/bulletin insert
2. Delegate Pre-Registration Form & the CoB yearbook guideline for number of delegates
3. An invitation to the Ministers & Spouses Dinner, 5:15 PM on-site Friday, November 11
4. Lunch Reservation Form for Delegates & Non-Delegates, 12:00 PM on-site Saturday, November 12 (On-site is mandatory for OMC and Board members.)
5. Children and Youth activities and registration form
6. Offering project...Monetary Offering will be to offset District Conference expenses and CWS kit deliveries. Church World Service buckets and kits will be accepted at the District Office through the end of the year. Please make checks out to Virlina District, 3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.

All forms and information are available online at <http://virlina.org/district-conference.html>.

The September District Headliner newsletter highlights the events and schedules of the 2022 District Conference. Conference booklets will be mailed to each congregation in October and the congregational delegates and pastors will be asked to pick them up *at their churches*.

The Program and Arrangements Committee, Moderator Lynn Myers, Moderator-elect Noel Naff, and the conference officers have prayed over each detail of conference. Please join us in prayer. We recognize that we will be approaching worship and business sessions with unique feelings and opinions. Our theme is "Bound Together by Love" from 1 John 4:21. God knows we need to feel spiritually bound together after the last few years of being physically confined and some of us apart from one another. Come, feel the power of Christ's call for us to love one another as we conduct the business of God's church.



"And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." – 1 John 4:21

BOUND TOGETHER BY LOVE

In Christ's Love and Service,

Mary Sink St. John

Director of District Conference, Nurture, and Witness
virlina2@aol.com (540) 362-1816

BOUND TOGETHER

2022

BY LOVE

Virlina District

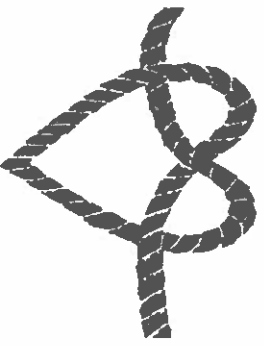
Conference

GRANDIN COURT BAPTIST

November 11 & 12

Join us for in-person

worship Friday night, and music,
voting, business sessions, Church of
the Brethren reports, exhibits and
fellowship on Saturday.



"And he has given us this command:

Anyone who loves God must also

love their brother and sister." – 1 John 4:21

- **In-person service: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 •**

Ministers & Spouses Dinner: 5:15 PM

The Annual Dinner for Ministers and Spouses will be held in the downstairs fellowship hall of Grandin Court Baptist Church. Guest speaker is David Steele, CoB General Secretary. All conference goers are invited. Reserve meals by Oct. 21.

Conference Registration and Check-in

Delegates must register by **September 30**

with a **\$30.00** fee made out to

Virlina District, 3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.

Non-delegates may request a report booklet to pick up at the door by September 30. There will be a limited number available.

Worship 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Speakers: President of Bethany Seminary, Jeff Carter and District Conference Moderator Lynn Myers as worship leader.

Special Music: Lavinder Family Ensemble.

The worship service will be recorded and may be borrowed from the District Resource Center after Saturday.

Following worship, join us in the gym for light refreshments.

Child-care from 5:00 – 8:15. Please pack snacks for children.

- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 •**

Registration 7:45 - 8:15 AM

Everyone is welcome to attend District Conference. Delegates will be sitting in the designated area on the main floor of the sanctuary. Nondelegates will have limited seating on the main floor, and more space is available in the balcony and pews around the sanctuary. Congregations will be mailed report booklets and asked to distribute to delegates.

Delegates are expected to *bring report booklets to sessions.*

All voting will take place on-site this year.

Children & Youth Activities

Child-care is provided by the Commission on Nurture's Children's Cabinet. A separate registration form is required to reserve a place in the child-care program or nursery. Middle School and Senior High Youth will be having a retreat and work project at Camp Bethel. Contact Joy Murray, Director of Children, Youth, and Young Adults for information at virlinayouthministries@gmail.com.

Business Sessions 8:15 AM - 3:30 PM

The business and worship will include commission and committee reports, voting on the 2022 ballot, budget and new business, reorganization, prayer and commissioning for Virlina's 2023 leadership and the installation of 2023 Moderator Noel Naff. Some Brethren agencies will give reports and may have video reports online. All business sessions will be recorded and may be borrowed from the District Resource Center after Saturday.

Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

On-site lunch, prepared by Firehouse Subs, will need to be reserved by **October 21**. Lunch will be in the lower level in the gym. Local restaurants near Brambleton Ave. are an option, as well.

2022 Officers

Moderator: Lynn Myers, Antioch

Moderator Elect: Noel Naff, Mount Hermon

Clerk: Pam Clark, Peters Creek

Forms and information are available online!

<http://virlina.org/district-conference.html>

2022 Virilina District Conference
Grandin Court Baptist Church
November 11 & 12
2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24015



PRE-REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES
(Due: September 30)

BOUND TOGETHER BY LOVE

Name of Congregation: _____

*"And he has given us this command:
Anyone who loves God must also love
their brother and sister." – 1 John 4:21*

Please print clearly.

Step 1: 2022 Virilina District Conference Delegates

(Please refer to the back of this sheet to find out how many delegates you may send.)

Pastor (Automatic Delegate) _____

Chair of Board (Automatic Delegate) _____

3rd Elected Delegate _____

4th Elected Delegate _____

5th Elected Delegate (251+) _____

If your congregation has to send an alternate delegate in a registered delegate's place, please alert the District Office of this change as soon as possible. (540) 362-1816

Step 2: Send in this form and payment.

The registration fee is **\$30.00** per delegate. **Registration forms and payment are due by September 30.** This registration form will help determine how many conference booklets are printed. Mail this form and payment (checks made payable to **Virilina District**) to:

Virilina District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.

Registration Cost: _____ (delegates) x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Congregations: If you plan to cover the cost of meals for your ministers and/or delegates, and only want to send one check, please send all forms together with the check by the September 30 deadline. This makes the in-office registration process much easier. *Thank you!*

*For more information or questions regarding registration, call or email Mary Sink St. John,
Director of District Conference, Nurture, and Witness: virilina2@aol.com or (540) 362-1816*

Forms and information are available online! <http://virilina.org/district-conference.html>

Number of Delegates Allowed for the 2022 Virilina District Conference

This list is based on the statistics from the 2021 Yearbook. Congregations are invited to send the Pastor, Board Chair, as well as 2 other delegates. Only those congregations with a membership of over 250 may send 3 delegates in addition to the Pastor and Board Chair. (Up to 250 = 4; 251-350 = 5; 351-450 = 6; 451-550 = 7)

| Congregation & Fellowship [f] | Mem-bers | Dele-gates | Congregation & Fellowship [f] | Mem-bers | Dele-gates | Congregation & Fellowship [f] | Mem-bers | Dele-gates |
|---|----------|------------|-------------------------------|----------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Antioch | 317 | 5 | Green Hill | 119 | 4 | Pulaski, First | 62 | 4 |
| Bassett | 94 | 4 | Henry Fork | 308 | 5 | Red Hill | 80 | 4 |
| Beaver Creek | 226 | 4 | Hiwassee | 52 | 4 | Red Oak Grove | 51 | 4 |
| Bethany | 58 | 4 | Hopewell | 41 | 4 | Roanoke, Central | 139 | 4 |
| Bethel | 68 | 4 | Jeters Chapel | 107 | 4 | Roanoke, First | 176 | 4 |
| Bethlehem | 113 | 4 | Jones Chapel | 69 | 4 | Roanoke, Hollins Road | 193 | 4 |
| Blacksburg, Iglesia del Buen Pastor [f] | 16 | 4 | Laurel Branch | 85 | 4 | Roanoke, Iglesia Cristiana Renacer | 16 | 4 |
| Blue Ridge | 76 | 4 | Lighthouse | 17 | 4 | Roanoke, Ninth Street | 191 | 4 |
| Boones Mill | 48 | 4 | Lynchburg | 102 | 4 | Roanoke, Oak Grove | 319 | 5 |
| Burks Fork | 49 | 4 | Maple Grove | 45 | 4 | Roanoke, Summerdean | 294 | 5 |
| Cedar Bluff | 105 | 4 | Masons Cove | 26 | 4 | Roanoke, Williamson Rd. | 75 | 4 |
| Christiansburg | 191 | 4 | Moneta, Lake Side [f] | 28 | 4 | Rocky Mount, First | 85 | 4 |
| Cloverdale | 207 | 4 | Monte Vista | 81 | 4 | Saint Paul | 28 | 4 |
| Concord, Living Faith | 89 | 4 | Mount Bethel | 37 | 4 | Saunders Grove | 56 | 4 |
| Copper Hill | 316 | 5 | Mount Hermon | 153 | 4 | Schoolfield | 61 | 4 |
| | | | Mount Joy | 57 | 4 | Selma | 26 | 4 |
| | | | Mount Union | 149 | 4 | Shelton | 160 | 4 |
| Crab Orchard | 36 | 4 | New Bethel | 45 | 4 | Smith Chapel | 22 | 4 |
| Daleville | 85 | 4 | New Covenant | 48 | 4 | Smith Mountain, Lake | 53 | 4 |
| Danville, Emmanuel | 51 | 4 | New Hope | 105 | 4 | Smith River | 141 | 4 |
| Duncan Chapel | 53 | 4 | Newport News, Ivy Farms | 64 | 4 | Spruce Run | 159 | 4 |
| Durham, Peace Covenant | 60 | 4 | Nineveh | 56 | 4 | Stonewall | 36 | 4 |
| Eden, First | 140 | 4 | Oak Grove, South | 104 | 4 | Topeco | 115 | 4 |
| Fairview, Floyd | 38 | 4 | Oakvale | 32 | 4 | Trinity | 48 | 4 |
| Fairview, Rocky Mount | 112 | 4 | Olean | 10 | 4 | Troutville (inc. New Bethel) | 141 | 4 |
| Ferrum | 14 | 4 | Parkway | 24 | 4 | Vinton | 22 | 4 |
| Floyd, Iglesia Cristiana Renacer [f] | 41 | 4 | Peters Creek | 193 | 4 | Va Beach, Christ Church Uniting | 94 | 4 |
| Fraternity | 181 | 4 | Pleasant Dale | 11 | 4 | Wakefield Chapel | 56 | 4 |
| Germentown Brick | 234 | 4 | Pleasant Valley | 133 | 4 | West Richmond | 154 | 4 |
| Good Shepherd | 5 | 4 | Pleasant View | 50 | 4 | White Rock | 53 | 4 |
| | | | Poages Mill | 97 | 4 | Total | 8,577 | 361 |

Forms and information are available online! <http://virilina.org/district-conference.html>



2022 Virgina District Conference

GRANDIN COURT BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, November 12

2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24015

SATURDAY LUNCH RESERVATION FORM

Due: October 21

BOUND TOGETHER BY LOVE

"And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." - 1 John 4:21

Information about Lunch on Saturday, November 12:

- **When:** 12:00 noon to 1:15 PM
- **Where:** Lower-Level gymnasium of MAC building (OMC and new and returning Board members eat upstairs in the Sunshine Room and Hamner Hall for reorganization. Meals will be delivered.)
- **Cost:** \$12.00 per person (no refunds after registration deadline)
- **Provider:** Firehouse Subs Restaurant
- **Menu: Option (A):** 6" Turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, and onion, provolone and vinaigrette, mayo and mustard, chips and cookie; **Option (B):** 6" Ham, lettuce, tomatoes and onion, provolone and vinaigrette, mayo and mustard, chips and cookie **Option (C):** Garden Salad, dressing packs on the side, chips, and cookie (assorted canned drinks, water, and coffee with all)
- **Meal Tickets** will be distributed on Friday evening and Saturday morning at registration. No extra meals will be sold on-site at District Conference.
- **Registration Deadline:** October 21.

To Register:

1. Complete the Meal Registration Form below.
2. Mail the below form and payment (made payable to **Virgina District**) by October 21 to:
Virgina District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.

Forms and information are available online!
<http://virgina.org/district-conference.html>

2022 Virgina District Conference Lunch Reservation Form

| Name | \$12.00 each meal (choose one per person) |
|------|---|
| 1. | Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____ |
| 2. | Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____ |
| 3. | Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____ |
| 4. | Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____ |
| 5. | Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____ |
| 6. | Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____ |
| 7. | Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____ |
| 8. | Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____ |

Total number of lunches: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

2022 Virilina District Ministers and Friends Dinner

Grandin Court Baptist Church

Friday, November 11th

2660 Brambleton Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA 24015

BOUND TOGETHER BY LOVE

"And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." – 1 John 4:21

Dear Ministers, Spouses, Delegates and Friends,

You're invited!

What: Dinner together for Virilina Ministers, Spouses, Delegates and Friends!

When: Friday, November 11th. Registration will begin at 4:45 PM at the MAC door inside the drive through carport. Elevator or stairs to lower level. Dinner will be served at **5:15 PM**.

(There is free childcare for the dinner and during worship. Please preregister and provide a packed dinner/ drink for your child. Bring a Teddy Bear for a "Teddy Bear" picnic!)

Where: Grandin Court Baptist Church lower-level fellowship hall.

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Food Vendor: Remini's Italian Restaurant

Menu: Meatless Italian Lasagna with marinara, Penne Alfredo with chicken, served with house or Caesar salad, dressing on the side, bread, homemade cookie. There will be tea, lemonade, water and coffee available.

(The food will be served by Remini's servers in line to cut down on shared serving utensils.)

Program: Q and A with David Steele, Church of the Brethren General Secretary

Forms and information are available online!

<http://virilina.org/district-conference.html>

2022 Reservation Form for Ministers and Spouses Dinner

Name(s): 1. _____

2. _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Congregation: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail this form and payment (made payable to Virilina District) by October 21 to Virilina District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road NE, Roanoke, VA 24012

CHILDREN and YOUTH ACTIVITIES

2022 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Children - Grades K-5

Bible Study and Worksheets!

Crafts!

First Responder Vehicle Tours!



Make your very own first aid kit!

Ride in the Disaster Response Van!



Lunch and exercise at Camp Bethel!

Middle School and High School

Grades 6-12

Fellowship Time!

Fun!

Work Projects!

*Lunch and exercise at
Camp Bethel!*



Questions? Contact Joy Murray,
Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Young Adults
virlinayouthministries@gmail.com

540-362-1816

2022 District Conference Age Group Activities Registration Form

Due: October 21, Only 1 form per family

| Name of Child/Youth | Age | Childcare for Infants-PreK | | Grade | Children's Activities (\$7) | Youth Activities (\$10.00) |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Fri. | Sat. | | | |
| <i>Sample -- Alexander Mack</i> | <i>8</i> | | | <i>2nd</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| <i>Sample -- Anna Beahm</i> | <i>13</i> | | | <i>7th</i> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Total Registration Cost: \$ _____

Contact Information:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Congregation: _____

Any food, allergy, or behavioral issues we need to be aware of: _____

Middle and High School Youth must list attending chaperone: _____

If you have children or youth participating in the activities at Camp Bethel, we need the following information from you!

Emergency Contact (besides parent/guardians listed above):

_____ Relationship to minor: _____ Phone: _____

I, the parent/guardian, understand that there are risks involved in an off-site trip and in hiking and other outside activities. I understand that I will be contacted if there is an emergency, but I indemnify and hold harmless the Virgina District Board – Church of the Brethren, Inc. and its staff, officers, and volunteers from any and all liability, claims, damage, injury or illness sustained by my child or children.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

**Mail this form and payment (payable to Virgina District) by October 21 to:
Virgina District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.**



CLEANUP BUCKET LIST

Hurricanes, floods and other disasters are happening more frequently. When our neighbors around the world experience these unforeseen circumstances, you can make the road to recovery easier with CWS Cleanup Buckets. These buckets are full of essential home recovery supplies that are needed after a disaster strikes. **NEW for 2022: CWS is requesting that you add an air freshener to each bucket. Several of the liquid items have updated ounce ranges to make it easier for you to find the cleaning supplies.**

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.)
- NEW** - One 4-8oz. pump spray air freshener
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels (No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 32-64oz. or two 25oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-34oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-40oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One package of 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100ft. clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)
- One 6-9oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (Pump spray bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.)

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Please do not enclose cash or checks inside of the kits or the boxes. Please send all monetary donations to: CWS, PO Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515 or pay your shipping online at [cwskits.org/shipping](https://www.cwskits.org/shipping).



VALUE: \$75

PROCESSING FEE: \$3 per bucket



HYGIENE KITS LIST

When people are forced to abruptly leave their homes because of emergencies, they may not have time to pack the things they use on a daily basis like toothbrushes or soap. But after a few days without these items, they definitely miss them. Your hygiene kits offer a refreshing daily boost for someone when supplies are hard to come by. Please remember to send \$2/kit to CWS to cover the costs of processing.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (No fingertip, bath, dish, or micro-fiber towels.)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (Found at discount dealers like sallybeauty.com.)
 - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
 - No pocket combs or picks
 - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable
- One fingernail or toenail clipper (Either one is acceptable. Remove from packaging.)
- One bath size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

All items must fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its journey.



VALUE: \$15

PROCESSING FEE: \$2 per kit