

Pre-Conference Meetings

Tuesday, June 26

1:00-5:00pm

Annual Conference Officers Meeting

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)

6:30-9:00pm

Program & Arrangements Committee Meeting

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)

Wednesday, June 27

8:30am-12:00pm

Program & Arrangements Committee Meeting

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)

2:00-9:00pm

Standing Committee Meeting

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B

5:30-6:30pm

Standing Committee Dinner

Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)

Thursday, June 28

8:00am-9:00pm

Council of District Executives Meeting

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 211

Standing Committee Meeting

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B

Friday, June 29

7:00-8:30am

General Board Executive Committee and Leadership Team Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)
(By Invitation Only)

8:00am-9:00pm

Council of District Executives Meeting

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 211

Standing Committee Meeting

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B

8:30am-4:00pm

General Board Executive Committee Meeting

Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)

9:00-10:30am

Annual Conference Coordinators' Meeting

Crowne Plaza, Savoy (6th floor)

Friday, June 29

- 12:00-1:30pm **General Board Executive Committee Luncheon**
Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)
(By Invitation Only)
- 1:45-4:45pm **Ministers' Association Childcare**
Crowne Plaza, Dolder (6th floor)
- 2:00-4:30pm **Ministers' Association Conference**
Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom (6th floor)
- 3:00pm **Conference Walk-in Registration Opens**
Cleveland Convention Center, Registration Lobby
- 5:00-6:30pm **General Board and Leadership Team Dinner**
Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)
(By Invitation Only)
- 5:00-7:00pm **Ministers' Association Meal**
Crowne Plaza, East Ballroom (6th floor)
- 6:00-10:00pm **General Board Meeting**
(Elected members only)
Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)
- 6:45-9:15pm **Ministers' Association Childcare**
Crowne Plaza, Dolder (6th floor)
- 6:30-9:00pm **Ministers' Association Conference**
Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom (6th floor)

Saturday, June 30

- 8:00am-12:00pm **Council of District Executives Meeting**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 211
- Standing Committee Meeting**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B
- 8:00am-1:30pm **Church of the Brethren Credit Union Board Meeting**
Crowne Plaza, Allen (7th floor)
- 8:30am-4:00pm **General Board Meeting**
Crowne Plaza, East Ballroom (6th floor)

Saturday, June 30

8:45am-12:15pm

Ministers' Association Childcare

Crowne Plaza, Dolder (6th floor)

9:00am-12:00pm

Ministers' Association Conference

Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom (6th floor)

12:00-1:30pm

Church of the Brethren Credit Union Board Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, Hope (7th floor)

(By Invitation Only)

Nominating Committee Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)

General Board Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, Hanna (7th floor)

(By invitation Only)

1:00-3:00pm

Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists Meeting

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 208

1:30-4:30pm

Pre-Conference Workshop: Exploring Consensus

Decision-Making (0.3 CEU)

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 206

2:00-3:00pm

Church of the Brethren Credit Union Members' Meeting

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-A

3:00pm

Annual Conference Exhibit Hall Opens

Cleveland Convention Center, Exhibition Hall B

3:30-5:00pm

New Attendee Orientation

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B

4:15-5:15pm

Choir Rehearsal

Cleveland Convention Center, Public Auditorium, Stage

5:00-6:30pm

Association of Brethren Caregivers Recognition Dinner

Crowne Plaza, Fuldheim (Lobby Level Ballroom)

International Welcome Dinner

Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom (6th floor)

Speakers: Irv and Nancy Heishman

Topic: Blessing, Bartering and Being: Stories of Faith and Life Among the Dominican Brethren

5:30-6:15pm

Early Evening with the Arts

Inspiration Hills Junior Arts Camp Musical

Cleveland Convention Center, Little Theater

2007 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Program

* = Audio Recorded

Saturday Evening

- 6:45-8:45pm **Early Childhood Services**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C
- 6:50pm **Public Auditorium**
Gathering Music
- 7:05pm Announcements
- 7:15pm ***The Worship Service**
Worship Leader: Chrissy Sollenberger
Preacher: Jeff Carter
Sermon: Some Assembly Required
- 8:45-9:45pm **Choir Rehearsal**
Public Auditorium, Stage
- 8:45-10:00pm **Delegate Packet Preparation**
Exhibition Hall B
- 9:00-10:00pm **Bible Study Electives**
- 1. Fortalecidos con poder**
Scripture: Efesios 3:14-21
Location: Crowne Plaza, Owen (7th floor)
Leader: Dan Ulrich
 - 2. Lonely in America**
Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-4:6
Location: Crowne Plaza, Fuldheim
Leader: L. Gene Bucher
- Nurses/Parish Nurses Networking Meeting**
Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 108
- Doing Church Business Hearing**
Cleveland Convention Center, Little Theater

Saturday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

Intercultural Hearing

Crowne Plaza, East Ballroom (6th floor)

Review and Evaluation Hearing

Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom (6th floor)

Brethren Medical Plan Hearing

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B

9:00-10:30pm

Junior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 202

Welcome Session

Senior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 210

Welcome Session

9:00-11:00pm

Single Adult Activities

Crowne Plaza, Miller (7th floor)

Coffee House

9:00-11:30pm

Young Adult Activities

Crowne Plaza, Kaye (7th floor)

9:30-11:00pm

Ice Cream Social

Exhibition Hall B

Sunday Morning

7:00-8:30am

Clergy Women's Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, Dolder/Hassler (6th floor)

Speaker: Nancy R. Faus-Mullen

Title: Revisiting Our Call: A Word of Hope in Troubling Times.

7:30-8:30am

Spiritual Formation

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 209

Topic: Praying Around the Cross

Leaders: Robert and Linda Alley

8:00-8:30am

Choir Rehearsal

Cleveland Convention Center, Public Auditorium, Stage

8:15-9:30am

Children's Activities K-2

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-A

Sunday Morning

- 8:15-9:30am **Children's Activities 3-5**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-B
- 8:15-11:45am **Early Childhood Services**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C
- 8:30-9:30am **Junior High Activities**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 202
- Senior High Activities**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 210
- 9:00am **Bible Study**
Public Auditorium
- 9:40am **Organ Recital**
Public Auditorium
- 10:00am **Public Auditorium**
 Gathering Music
10:15am Announcements
10:20am ***The Worship Service**
 Worship Leader: James Beckwith
 Preacher: Belita Mitchell
 Sermon Title: The Priority of Prayer
- 11:30am-4:30pm **Children's Activities K-2**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-A
A healthy lunch will be provided.
4:30pm - Parent pick-up
- Children's Activities 3-5**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-B
A healthy lunch will be provided.
4:30pm - Parent pick-up
- 11:50am-12:50pm **Living with Chronic Illness Mutual Help Group**
Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 108
- Families Living with a Loved One in Prison Mutual Help Group**
Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 109-A&B

Sunday Afternoon

12:00-1:30pm

Bridgewater College Alumni Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, Dolder/Hassler (6th floor)

Elizabethtown College Alumni Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)

Manchester College Alumni Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom (6th floor)

McPherson College Alumni Meet and Greet

Crowne Plaza, East Ballroom (6th floor)

University of La Verne Alumni Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)

Prayer and Fasting Session

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 201

Organization: Brethren Revival Fellowship

12:30-1:30pm

Insight Sessions

1. Navigating the Healthcare System

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 206

Focus: A video/phone presentation by Dr. Dan Nafziger of Mennonite Mutual Aid, who will discuss the many aspects of dealing with, and navigating through, the healthcare system, including Medicare Part D.

Presenters: Dr. Dan Nafziger

Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Nevin Dulabaum

2. Complementary Medicine for the Faith Community (0.1 CEU)

Location: Crowne Plaza, Hope (7th floor)

Focus: Is your doctor infallible? Should you take personal responsibility for your own health? When is it appropriate to seek complementary or alternative treatments? Is there a place for massage, acupuncture, herbs and other methods of caring for our God-given bodies? Hear from these Church of the Brethren members and medical professionals as they dialogue and answer your questions.

Presenters: Dr. Vernne Greiner, Kurt Ritchie and Other

Panelists

Agency: Association of Brethren Caregivers

Agency Representative: Mary Lou Garrison

Sunday Afternoon

12:30-1:30pm

3. The Kingdom of God--Now!

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 204

Focus: Revelation 7:9 calls us to worship together with all tribes, languages, nations and peoples. This is a challenge for us and some congregations are already living this vision.

Presenter: Panel from Churches Throughout US and Puerto Rico

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Duane Grady

4. Counter-Recruitment: Responding to Military Recruitment in Our Communities

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 203

Focus: Military recruitment is pervasive in communities across the United States. Members of On Earth Peace's Encountering Recruitment Network are seeking creative ways to engage the issue and to address the situations of poverty and racism that it rests upon.

Presenter: Matt Guynn

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Matt Guynn

5. Congregational Renewal Through Mission: Continuing the Conversation (0.1 CEU)

Location: Crowne Plaza, Allen (7th floor)

Focus: Gain more tools to renew your congregation, district or Sunday school class. Learn the long-term benefits of mission involvement.

Presenter: Janis Pyle and Panel

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Janis Pyle

6. Deacons as Leaders in Times of Conflict

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 208

Focus: Deacons can play a key role in assisting the congregation when conflict occurs. Learn healthy ways to assist others in conflict and survey Christ-centered resources for resolving conflicts peacefully.

Presenters: Don Mitchell and Annie Clark

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Annie Clark

Sunday Afternoon

12:30-1:30pm

7. Global Warming and the Environment

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-A
Focus: The reality of global warming affects us all. The science is there. The political will to address the warming of our earth is shifting. Can we, as faithful global citizens, begin the work necessary to make an impact? Let's talk.
Presenters: Brethren Witness/Washington Office Staff
Agency: General Board
Agency Representative: Phil Jones

12:00-4:30pm

Junior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 202
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad - Lunch will be served on the train.

1:00-2:00pm

Survivors of Suicide Mutual Help Group

Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 108

1:30-4:30pm

Senior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 210
Cleveland Indians Game

1:45-4:45pm

Early Childhood Services

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C

1:55-4:30pm

Business Session

Public Auditorium
Seating of Delegates

4:00-8:00pm

Blood Collection

Exhibition Hall-B

4:45-5:45pm

Choir Rehearsal

Public Auditorium, Stage

4:45-5:30pm

General Board Alumni Meeting

Crowne Plaza, Dolder (6th floor)

5:00-6:00pm

Families of Children with ADD/ADHD Mutual Help Group

Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 108

5:00-6:30pm

Juniata College Alumni Reception

John Q Steakhouse

Sunday Afternoon

5:00-6:30pm

Messenger Dinner

Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom

Speaker: Reverend Dr. Joan Brown Campbell

Title: Christians and Citizens: The Church in the World Today

Sunday Evening

6:00-6:45pm

Early Evening with the Arts

The East Chippewa Vocal Band

Cleveland Convention Center, Little Theater

6:45-8:30pm

Children's Activities K-2

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-A

Children's Activities 3-5

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-B

6:45-8:45pm

Early Childhood Services

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C

6:55-8:30pm

Business Session

Public Auditorium

7:00-10:30pm

Junior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 202

Senior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 210

Scavenger Hunt

New Church Planting Reception

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 201

9:00-10:00pm

Bible Study Electives

1. Me seréis testigos

Scriptures: Hechos 1:6-8;8:26-40

Location: Crowne Plaza, Owens (7th floor)

Leader: Dan Ulrich

Sunday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

Bible Study Electives

2. And the Earth Shook

Scripture: Acts 16:11-40; Psalm 18

Location: Crowne Plaza, Fuldheim (Lobby Level Ballroom)

Leader: L. Gene Bucher

Insight Sessions

1. Heifer Project's Seagoing Cowboys and Their Legacy

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 206

Focus: Explore the origins of the seagoing cowboy program, hear the stories and view images of these men who delivered livestock to Europe and China after World War II and celebrate the seagoing cowboys in our midst.

Presenter: Peggy Reiff Miller

Agency Sponsor: Brethren Historical Committee

Agency Representative: Ken Shaffer

2. Peer Coaching for Pastors

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 204

Focus: Pastors and church leaders will share their experience of peer coaching relationships through which they reflect on ministry and leadership, deepen connections with peers, learn with one another, attend to the spiritual journey and hold each other accountable in discipleship. Presenters will offer a variety of models and resources for peer coaching.

Presenters: Panel of Pastoral Leaders

Agencies: Ministers' Association Officers and General Board

Agency Representatives: Lisa Hazen, Mary Jo Flory-Steury

3. 299 Years Old and Counting... Anniversary Insights

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 209

Focus: The Church of the Brethren, together with sister churches, will recognize 300 years of existence in 2008.

Come hear about plans and activities for our celebration during the coming year. Resources being developed will also be discussed.

Presenters: Jeff Bach, Dean Garrett, Leslie Lake, Rhonda Pittman Gingrich, Lorele Yager

Agency: Annual Conference Anniversary Committee

Agency Representative: Dean Garrett

Sunday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

4. What's New with CoBCU and How It Can Affect You

Location: Crowne Plaza, Hassler (6th floor)

Focus: New services offered by the Church of the Brethren Credit Union and why it benefits Brethren to participate in this not-for-profit, member-owned service for Brethren by Brethren.

Presenter: Dennis Kingery

Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Nevin Dulabaum

5. Caregivers Need Care, Too! (0.1 CEU)

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-A

Focus: Deacons, pastors and caregivers are called to share physical, spiritual and emotional resources with others who need our help. Too often, caregivers ignore the fact that they are at risk of neglecting their own health and well-being in the process. This session will explore how to recognize and address "compassion fatigue". Participants will be reminded that all caregivers need care, too.

Presenter: Bernie Fuska

Agency: Association of Brethren Caregivers and the Denominational Deacon Ministry Group

Agency Representative: Kathy Reid

6. Three Peas in a Pod? - Parish Nurse, Lafiya, - Wellness Ministry - What's Best for Your Congregation? (0.1 CEU)

Location: Crowne Plaza, Rockefeller (7th floor)

Focus: Through the years the church has explored a variety of paths to living healthy, whole lives pleasing to God. This is an opportunity to dig deeper into the potential of these three programs and discover how they may contribute to the well-being of each individual, as well as to the health of your entire congregation.

Presenters: Tammy Kiser, Mary Lou Garrison, Dr. Tana Durnbaugh

Agency: Association of Brethren Caregivers

Agency Representative: Mary Lou Garrison

Sunday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

7. Child Protection--How Congregations Can Help (0.1CEU)

Location: Crowne Plaza, Savoy (6th floor)

Focus: This session will provide an overview of the issue of child abuse and neglect and will outline how one Brethren congregation has worked to develop and implement a child protection policy. The session will include opportunity for input from participants.

Presenter: Ineke Way

Agency: Association of Brethren Caregivers

Agency Representative: Kim Ebersole

8. Youth Speak Out: What is Our Peace Witness About?

Location: Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)

Focus: Come learn from youth across the denomination as they share about the shape the peace witness is taking in their lives.

Presenters: Various Youth

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Susanna Farahat

9. Women's Fellowship: Take Two

Location: Crowne Plaza, Hanna (7th floor)

Focus: Women's Fellowship groups have provided significant and sacred places within congregational life over many decades. As times, needs and women's roles have changed, many struggle with redefining this ministry in purposeful and invitational ways. This session will offer ideas and approaches for positive ways of moving forward and envisioning what is yet to be.

Presenter: Jan Glass King

Agency: General Board

Agency Representatives: Jan Glass King or Carol Yeazell

10. Spiritual Direction

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 211

Focus: Why do some people meet regularly with a spiritual director? How do you find a spiritual director? What is it all about? Come with your questions and your curiosity to explore these questions.

Presenters: Chris Douglas, Ed Poling

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Chris Douglas

Sunday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

**11. Connecting with Your Changing Neighborhood
(0.1 CEU)**

Location: Crowne Plaza, Allen (7th floor)

Focus: Revitalizing a congregation by incorporating the ethnic and cultural diversity in building friendship and trust in the surrounding community, which includes the unchurched population group.

Presenters: Duane Grady and Individuals who have a Unique Outreach to the Community.

Agency: General Board and Brethren Life & Thought
Agency Representative: Carol Yeazell

12. The Long Road Home

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-A

Focus: Nearly two years have passed since Hurricane Katrina, but thousands of families are still living in FEMA trailers in Louisiana and Mississippi. Come and see how Brethren volunteers bring hope to these homeless disaster survivors. Hear inspirational stories as volunteers recount Disaster Response and Disaster Child Care experiences. Learn how you can be a part of one of the most dynamic ministries of the Church of the Brethren General Board.

Presenters: Roy Winter, Zach Wolgemuth and Volunteers
Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Roy Winter

**13. Brethren Encyclopedia, Inc.: A Story of Brethren
Bodies Working Together**

Location: Crowne Plaza, Van Sweringen (7th floor)

Focus: Brethren Encyclopedia, Inc. was founded in 1978 as an organization of representatives of the five largest Brethren bodies in the U.S. This session will report challenges and achievements over 29 years as representatives of the Brethren bodies have worked together harmoniously. Plans for the future will also be discussed.

Presenter: Dale Ulrich

Agency: Brethren Encyclopedia, Inc.

Agency Representatives: Ronald G. Lutz and Dale Ulrich

14. What's happening in the Dominican Republic Mission?

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 203

Focus: In the 17 years since 1990, when Annual Conference approved a new mission in the Dominican Republic, what has been accomplished? What's new? What are some of the most pertinent challenges ahead?

Presenters: Irvin and Nancy Heishman

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Merv Keeney

Sunday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

15. Burned Churches: Not the End of the Story

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 208
Focus: Last February, the Nigerian church again suffered violence and loss of church buildings at Maiduguri. How has the church sought to heal relationships and reconcile differences?

Presenter: Reverend Filibus Gwama

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Merv Keeney

9:00-10:30pm

Worship Music Celebration

Spanish, Contemporary, Gospel and more
Hosted by Gilbert Romero

Public Auditorium

9:00-11:00pm

Single Adult Activities

Crowne Plaza, Miller (7th floor)

Guest Speaker

9:00-11:30pm

Young Adult Activities

Crowne Plaza, Kaye (7th floor)

9:30-11:00pm

Ice Cream Social

Exhibition Hall B

Monday Morning

7:00am

Brethren Benefit Trust Fitness Challenge

A 5K race for runners and walkers of all ages.

(Advance Registration Required)

7:00-8:30am

Chaplains' Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, Allen (7th floor)

Speaker: A. Mervyn Wunderlich

Title: "Christology of Humor or Simply: Finding One's

Funny Bone"

Brethren Revival Fellowship Advisory Council Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)

(By Invitation Only)

Brethren Press Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom (6th floor)

Speaker: Chris Raschka

Title: Making Little Books for Little Hands I Cannot See

Monday Morning
7:30-8:30am

Bible Study Electives

1. Searching for God

Scriptures: Acts 17:16-31

Location: Crowne Plaza, Van Sweringen (7th floor)

Leader: Shawn Flory Replogle

2. The Destination of the Power of God

Scriptures: Luke 2:10-11; Romans 1:16; Acts 8:25,
15:6-11; Revelation 7:9

Location: Crowne Plaza, Rockefeller (7th floor)

Leader: Mike Rath

Theological Study

Location: Crowne Plaza, Hanna (7th floor)

Title: Proclaiming the Power of God: Songs of the Word

Scripture: Psalm 33:1-22

Leader: Stephen B. Reid

Spiritual Formation

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, R-209

Topic: Praying the Beloved Prayer

Receive the ultimate affirmation by praying the Beloved Prayer, a three-part guided meditation composed by Arthur LeClair.

Leader: David Doudt

Insight Sessions

1. Non-anxious Pastoring in Difficult Times (0.1 CEU)

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 201

Focus: Maintaining a centered presence, in the midst of anxiety and conflict, is both necessary and challenging for pastors. Join us to examine two factors that are essential for developing a non-anxious presence in ministry: self awareness and calling others to be their best selves.

Presenters: Kay Gaier and Paul Roth

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Annie Clark

Monday Morning

7:30-8:30am

2. Mother-Daughter Church Planting (0.1 CEU)

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 206

Focus: How can congregations take a proactive role in the planting of new churches? The basic principle of mother-daughter church planting is that all healthy living things propagate themselves. The Miami Haitian story will launch an open discussion of how local congregations can be involved in daughtering new congregations.

Presenters: Wayne Sutton, Ludovic St Fleur

Agency: General Board and Atlantic Southeast District Church Development Council

Agency Representatives: Wayne Sutton, Ray Hileman, Carol Yeazell

3. Faith, Politics and Action

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 204

Focus: Wake up with a cup of Equal Exchange coffee and good group conversation. Learn how the Church of the Brethren is involved in the shaping of public policy. Hear and discuss the latest on current issues that impact the communities in which we live and worship.

Presenters: Phil Jones and Brethren Witness/Washington Office staff

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Phil Jones

4. Brazil Church Experience

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 203

Focus: Visitors to the Brazil church speak of their time with this community as powerful and inspiring. This panel will share impressions and learnings from the recent visit.

Presenter: Panel of Trip Participants

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Merv Keeney

Standing Committee Meeting (Tentative)

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B

8:45-11:45am

Early Childhood Services

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C

Junior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 202

Field trip to Great Lakes Science Center

Monday Morning

8:45am-4:30pm

Senior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 210

Field trip to Geauga Lake Amusement and Water Park

Lunch will be provided.

Children's Activities K-2

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-A

Field trip to Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo and Rainforest

Lunch will be provided.

4:30pm - Parent pick-up

Children's Activities 3-5

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-B

Field trip to Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo and Rainforest

Lunch will be provided.

4:30pm - Parent pick-up

8:55-11:45am

Business Session

Public Auditorium

9:00am-6:00pm

Blood Collection

Exhibition Hall B

11:50am-12:50pm

Mental and Emotional Illnesses Mutual Help Group

Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 208

Monday Afternoon

12:00-1:30pm

Denominational Deacon Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, Fuldheim (Lobby Level Ballroom)

Speaker: Kurt Borgmann

Title: Can You Do One Thing?

Brethren Life and Thought Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)

Speaker: Stephen Breck Reid

Title: Black Theology and the Hebrew Prophets

Brethren Volunteer Service Luncheon

Marriott, Salon E

Speaker: Balbir Mathur

Title: The Song of Service

Monday Afternoon

12:00-1:30pm

Cross-Cultural Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom (6th floor)

District Board Chairs Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)

(By Invitation Only)

Womaen's Caucis Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, East Ballroom (6th floor)

Speaker: Anita Smith Buckwalter

Title: Women of Faith

Brethren Revival Fellowship Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, Dolder/Hassler (6th floor)

12:30-1:30pm

Insight Sessions

1. You Can Help the Rebirth of Low-Income, Inner-City Neighborhoods

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 203

Focus: Come and learn the role you and your congregation can play in helping to revitalize low-income urban areas.

Discover the three basic attributes that hinder economic development and how those challenges can be overcome.

Presenter: Elizabeth Glenshaw

Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Nevin Dulabaum

2. The Biblical Basis of Peacemaking (0.1 CEU)

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 206

Focus: An engaging Bible study focused on the scriptural roots of active peacemaking.

Presenter: Art Gish

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Susanna Farahat

3. Bethany Students: The Cross-Cultural Experience

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 208

Focus: Effective ministry requires the ability to relate to people of differing perspectives, understand historical context and discover richness in diversity. Recent cross-cultural opportunities have taken Bethany students to Sudan, Greece, Kenya and Brazil. Hear students share the inspiration, the enlightenment and the reality check that these experiences bring.

Presenters: Bethany Students

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency Representative: Lowell Flory

Monday Afternoon

12:30-1:30 pm

4. Pastors as Parents

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 209

Focus: Being a pastor and a parent can be a challenging and lonely job. How can we raise healthy, well-balanced children who love the church and be great pastors at the same time? Hear the challenges some have met, hear words of wisdom from a psychologist and have a chance to share your own ideas and challenges.

Presenters: Ken and Bonnie Kline Smeltzer, Erin and Russ Matteson, Shawn Flory Replogle and John Wenger

Agency: Bethany Alumni/Coordinating Council

Agency Representatives: Cindy Barnum-Steggerda and Marcia Shetler

1:00-2:00pm

Families Living with Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease Mutual Help Group

Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 108

Families Living with Addictions Mutual Help Group

Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 109-A&B

Conversation for Emergent Pastors

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-A

1:00-4:30pm

Junior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 202

Edgewater Park - Swim and Play on the Beach.

1:45-4:45pm

Early Childhood Services

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C

1:55-4:30pm

Business Session

Public Auditorium

2:00-4:00pm

Young Adult Activities

Crowne Plaza, Kaye (7th floor)

Round Table Discussion

4:30-5:30pm

Mutual Aid Association Annual Members Meeting

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 201

4:45-5:45pm

Choir Rehearsal

Public Auditorium, Stage

4:45-7:00pm

Reception for Retiring Bethany Theological Seminary

President Eugene Roop

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-A&B

Monday Afternoon

5:00-6:00pm

Families Living with Asperger's and Autism Mutual Help Group

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 109-A&B

Bereavement and Loss Mutual Help Group

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 108

5:00-6:30pm

General Board Reorganization Dinner

Crowne Plaza, Allen (7th floor)

(By Invitation Only)

Church of the Brethren Evangelical Network (COBEN)

Banquet

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)

Speakers: Jeff Patton-Author

Title: Changing Churches, Changing Lives

Monday Evening

6:00-6:45pm

Early Evening with the Arts

Friends Ministry of Good News Concert

Cleveland Convention Center, Little Theater

6:45-8:45pm

Early Childhood Services

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C

7:00pm

Public Auditorium

Gathering Music

Announcements

7:15pm

***The Worship Service**

7:20pm

Worship Leader: Brandon Grady

Preacher: Duane Grady

Sermon Title: Building Well Relationships

9:00-10:00pm

Bible Study Electives

1. Creyeron en él por la palabra de la mujer

Scriptures: Juan 4:1-42

Location: Crowne Plaza, Owens (7th floor)

Leader: Dan Ulrich

2. It's Not Us Only

Scripture: Genesis 11:27-12:4; Galatians 2

Location: Crowne Plaza, Fuldheim (Lobby Level Ballroom)

Leader: L. Gene Bucher

Monday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

Family Activities Time

Exhibition Hall B, Cash Buffet Area

9:00-10:30pm

Junior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 202

Guest Speaker

Senior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 210

Worship Music Celebration

Public Auditorium

African, African-American, Haitian and More

Hosted by Thomas Dowdy

9:00-10:00pm

Insight Sessions

1. First-Hand Reports from Iraq

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B

Focus: News reports from Iraq do not really tell the full story. Come and hear from two persons who have been there--one who served two tours of duty in Iraq with the Marines and one who has served there with Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). CPT has had a team working in Iraq for almost five years, since before the war began--first in Baghdad and now in the north of Iraq.

Presenters: Paul Abdullah and Art Gish

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Bob Gross

2. Bloodstream to Mainstream: Voices for an Open Spirit (VOS) and Brethren Revival Fellowship (BRF)

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-A

Focus: Moving from the fringe to the mainstream.

Panel discussion.

Presenters: Wally Landes, Jr. with James H. Lehman and Craig Alan Myers

Agency: Brethren Life & Thought (Bethany Theological Seminary)

Agency Representative: Carol J. Gardner

Monday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

3. Calling Congregations Network

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-A

Focus: Come learn about an exciting opportunity to participate in a newly forming network of congregations that will focus on creating a culture of call.

Presenters: Mary Jo Flory-Steury, Kathy Royer, Tara Hornbacker

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Mary Jo Flory-Steury

4. What's Next for the Brethren Medical Plan?

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 201

Focus: An open discussion pertaining to the next steps for the Brethren Medical Plan.

Presenter: Randy Yoder

Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Nevin Dulabaum

5. Digging Yourself Out of Debt by Planting Sound Financial Practices

Location: Crowne Plaza, Hope (7th floor)

Focus: Learn the 10 steps one can take to get out and stay out of the credit card debt hole.

Presenter: Dennis Kingery

Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Nevin Dulabaum

6. The Church's Response to the 2006 Annual Conference Resolution on Accessibility and Inclusion (0.1 CEU)

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 204

Focus: Much like the friends who broke through the roof of the building where Jesus was teaching so that Jesus could heal the paralytic, the Church of the Brethren is encouraged to work creatively to enable all people, including those with disabilities, to have access to God's love, teaching and faith community. How can churches respond to overcome both physical and attitudinal barriers that prevent people with disabilities from full participation?

Presenter: Karen Walters

Agency: Association of Brethren Caregivers

Agency Representative: Kathy Reid

Monday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

- 7. Raising Resilient Children (0.1 CEU)**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 203
Focus: Children depend on parents, grandparents, other caregivers and teachers to help them learn how to constructively handle the anxiety, pressure and stress of everyday living as well as catastrophic life events. Using research - and the gospels - we'll learn practical ways we can help "stress-proof" children.
Presenter: John D. Kinsel, MS, LPCC
Agency: Association of Brethren Caregivers
Agency Representative: Kim Ebersole
- 8. Should I Tell Her To Stay or Leave? (0.1 CEU)**
Location: Crowne Plaza, Dolder (6th floor)
Focus: As people of faith, we might have someone come to us who has been a victim or perpetrator of domestic violence. What do we do? What do we have to offer? In this session, we'll take time to explore options, resources and ways to provide support.
Presenter: Carla Kilgore
Agencies: On Earth Peace and Association of Brethren Caregivers
Agency Representatives: Barbara Sayler and Kathy Reid
- 9. How To Develop Meaningful Worship in the Local Congregation: The Dynamics of True and False Worship**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 211
Focus: Brethren Revival Fellowship (BRF) takes a look at traditional and contemporary elements of worship patterns in modern-day church life.
Presenter: Ronald L. Copenhaver
Agency: Atlantic Northeast District and Brethren Revival Fellowship
Agency Representative: Linda Williams
- 10. Workcamps: Responding to the Need -- Theirs and Ours!**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 208
Focus: The workcamp program is not just for youth anymore! The program is expanding to meet the needs of more people and families in many new settings. Come discover and share how your gifts may be used in this exciting "short-term mission " experience.
Presenter: Steve Van Houten
Agency: General Board
Agency Representative: Steve Van Houten

Monday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

11. Healing Rituals: Moving Beyond that Which Keeps Us from Well-Being (0.1 CEU)

Location: Crowne Plaza, Hassler (6th floor)

Focus: One sign of a healthy congregation is our ability to let go of old wounds and move forward, freed by Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to face new challenges. Healing rituals help mark this passage of growth in our journey, strengthening our resolve. For individuals and covenant bodies.

Presenter: Carol Mason

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Carol Mason

12. Preaching the Word with Power

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 209

Focus: Every sermon uses the Bible as its text, but too often the Word is presented rather than being proclaimed. Brethren preaching can be better.

Presenter: Thomas Dowdy

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Duane Grady

13. Gathering 'Round: Bringing Families and Congregations Together through Sunday School

Location: Crowne Plaza, Savoy (6th floor)

Focus: People are finding something new in Gather 'Round, a Bible story-based curriculum for children, youth and the adults who care for them. Come and hear stories from people who are using Gather 'Round to make a difference in their congregations.

Presenter: Anna Speicher and Representatives from Congregations

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Anna Speicher

14. The Power of God, the Passion of God: An Interactive Study of the Gospel of Mark

Location: Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)

Focus: Mark's Gospel proclaims the power of God in the most surprising ways- through unlikely people, amid impossible circumstances. Come explore, wonder, question and study this most passionate Gospel, as we seek together a transforming word for the church and world.

Presenter: Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency Representative: Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm

Monday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

15. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit: The Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) and L'Arche Connection

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 206

Focus: Ms. Clements will share of her service with the developmentally disabled at the L'Arche community in Kilkenny, Ireland.

Presenter: Missy Clements

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Dan McFadden

9:00-11:00pm

Single Adult Activities

Crowne Plaza, Miller (7th floor)

Guest Speaker

9:00-11:30pm

Young Adult Activities

Crowne Plaza, Kaye (7th floor)

Social Time

9:30-11:00pm

Ice Cream Social

Exhibition Hall B

Tuesday Morning

7:00-8:30am

On Earth Peace Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom (6th floor)

Speakers: Art Gish

Title: The Call for Christian Peacemaking In These Times

General Board Executive Committee Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)

(By Invitation Only)

Bethany Theological Seminary Board Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, Dolder (6th floor)

(By Invitation Only)

Brethren Benefit Trust Congregational Advocate Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)

Brethren World Mission Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, Hassler (6th floor)

Tuesday Morning

7:30-8:30am

Bible Study Electives

1. At the Table of God

Scriptures: Luke 7:36-50

Location: Crowne Plaza, Van Swernigen (7th floor)

Leader: Shawn Replogle

2. The Presentation of the Power of God

Scriptures: Matthew 28:18-20, John 1:12,

Romans 1:16, 10:8-15

Location: Crowne Plaza, Rockefeller (7th floor)

Leader: Michael Rath

Theological Study

Location: Crowne Plaza, Hanna (7th floor)

Title: Proclaiming the Power of God as King

Scripture: Psalm 96:1-13 and Psalm 98:1-9

Leader: Stephen B. Reid

Spiritual Formation

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 209

Topic: "Praying the Scriptures"

In this session, we will explore the rich spiritual tradition of "lectio divina". It is a way of praying with scripture which introduces us to the power of the word of God to speak to the intimate depths of our hearts.

Leader: Ed Poling

Insight Sessions

1. Stem Cell Study Guide: A Conversation

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-A

Focus: A study guide on the medical, ethical and faith implications of stem cell research and therapies has been developed for congregational use. Members of the study committee, a collaborative effort of the Association of Brethren Caregivers and the General Board, will provide background for the study and engage attendees in conversation about the current state of this field of research.

Presenter: The Stem Cell Committee Members

Agencies: General Board and Association of Brethren Caregivers

Agency Representative: Stan Noffsinger

Tuesday Morning

7:30-8:30am

2. From Exorcism to Ecstasy: A Conversation on Baptism

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 201

Focus: Among denominations one finds various views of baptism from the Eastern Orthodox with its emphasis on exorcism, to the Pentecostal with its focus on ecstatic utterance. What can Brethren learn from--and teach to--others?

What is the Brethren view of baptism?

Presenters: Russell Haitch

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency Representatives: Marcia Shetler, Russell Haitch

Standing Committee Meeting

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B

8:45-11:45am

Early Childhood Services

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C

Senior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 210

Service Project

8:45am-4:30pm

Children's Activities K-2

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-A

Great Lakes Science Center and Omnimax Theater

A healthy lunch will be provided.

4:30pm - Parent pick-up

Children's Activities 3-5

Cleveland Convention Center Room 230-B

Great Lakes Science Center and Omnimax Theater

A healthy lunch will be provided.

4:30pm - Parent pick-up

Junior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 202

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

A healthy lunch will be provided.

8:55-11:45am

Business Session

Public Auditorium

9:00am-6:00pm

Blood Collection

Exhibition Hall B

Tuesday Morning

11:50am-12:50pm

Families of Gays/Lesbians Mutual Help Group
Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 108

Tuesday Afternoon

12:00-1:30pm

Ecumenical Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, Dolder/Hassler (6th floor)

Speaker: Dr. Paul Numrich

Title: Dr. Numrich will share examples of Christians that have found opportunities to cooperate with people of other faiths.

Bethany Theological Seminary Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, Grand Ballroom (6th floor)

Speakers: Eugene F. Roop

Outdoor Ministry Association Luncheon

Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)

Un-Luncheon

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-A

Sponsor: Brethren Witness/Washington Office

Please join as we view a photographic documentary of Don Vermilyea's Walk Across America. This historical and reflective art display will remind us of who we are as a nation and as a people of faith. Let these images speak to your conscience and your spirit.

12:30-1:30pm

Insight Sessions

1. Are you a Faithful Investor?

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 201

Focus: This session will help answer the statement approved by the 2006 Annual Conference as to how Brethren can be faithful investors by refraining from "investing in businesses that profit from war and violence".

Presenter: Nevin Dulabaum

Agencies: Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Nevin Dulabaum

Tuesday Afternoon

12:30-1:30pm

- 2. Being Financially Fit...at 50 and Beyond**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 203
Focus: Learn how to determine when you can retire to meet your financial needs, how long-term care insurance can protect your assets long term and recommended steps to address your personal estate matters.
Presenters: Wil Nolen, Randy Yoder and Steve Mason
Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust
Agency Representative: Nevin Dulabaum
- 3. Whole-Life Stewardship**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 204
Focus: Many of us relegate "stewardship" solely to budgets and finance. It is far more! We will explore the wide range of Biblical understandings of "steward" and expand our personal understandings and commitment to living all aspects of our lives as Christian stewards.
Presenter: Reverend Mark Vincent
Agency: General Board
Agency Representative: Carol Joy Bowman
- 4. Church Landscapes: Planning for Beauty and Easy Care (0.1 CEU)**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 209
Focus: Information and examples will be presented emphasizing the basics of design, plant choices and maintenance that will enhance your church property and that follows responsible environmental principles.
Presenter: Don Parker
Agencies: General Board/Association for the Arts in the Church of the Brethren
Agency Representative: Don Parker, Jan Glass King
- 5. Enhancing Worship with Digital Stained Glass (0.1 CEU)**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-A
Focus: As more congregations use projectors and media, how can this technology enhance worship? How is this art? Examples will be shown and awards will be given out for the two best pieces submitted.
Presenters: Jeff Glass and Russ Matteson
Agencies: General Board
Agency Representative: Jeff Glass

Tuesday Afternoon

12:30-1:30pm

6. Peace Retreats: An Appetizer

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 208
Focus: Peace Retreats are an exciting opportunity to study Jesus' message of peace and take practical steps toward becoming peacemakers. Join us for a "taste" of a peace retreat.

Presenter: Debbie Eisenbise and Susanna Farahat

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Susanna Farahat

7. Sudan Initiative: Where Are We Now?

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 206
Focus: Listen in on an update on the progress of our mission work in Sudan.

Presenter: Bradley C. Bohrer

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Bradley C. Bohrer

1:00-2:00pm

Prostate Cancer Mutual Help Group

Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 108

1:00-4:30pm

Senior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 210

1:45-4:45pm

Early Childhood Services

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C

1:55-4:30pm

Business Session

Public Auditorium

2:00-4:00pm

Young Adult Activities

Crowne Plaza, Kaye (7th floor)
Cleveland Botanical Gardens

4:45pm

Association for the Arts in the Church of the Brethren (AACB)

Quilt Auction

Exhibition Hall B

Auction begins 15 minutes after close of business.

4:45-5:45pm

Choir Rehearsal

Public Auditorium, Stage

5:00-6:00pm

Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse Mutual Help Group

Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, Room 108

Older Adult Ministry Networking Meeting

Cleveland Convention Center, Hall B, 109-A&B

Tuesday Afternoon

5:00-6:30pm

Brethren Benefit Trust Reorganization Dinner

Crowne Plaza, Allen, (7th floor)
(By Invitation Only)

Committee on Interchurch Relations Dinner

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)
(By Invitation Only)

Congregational Life/Global Ministries Dinner (0.1 CEU)

Crowne Plaza, Grand Ballroom (6th floor)
Speaker: Bishop Craig Sider
Title: Growing the Church - the Anabaptist way: A successful church planter shares his insights.

Brethren Revival Fellowship Dinner

Marriott, Salons D&E
Invited Speaker: J. Eric Brubaker
Title: Holding On To Our Confidence

Tuesday Evening

6:00-6:45pm

Early Evening with the Arts Movement of God Through Song

Concert led by Pastor Thomas Dowdy of the
Imperial Heights Church of the Brethren
Cleveland Convention Center, Little Theater

6:45-8:45pm

Early Childhood Services

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C

6:45pm

Public Auditorium

Gathering Music

Announcements

7:05pm

***The Worship Service**

Worship Leader: Eric and Bev Anspaugh

Preacher: Tim Harvey

Sermon Title: Do You Want the Good News or the
Bad News?

7:10pm

9:00-10:00pm

Bible Study Electives

1. Estoy con vosotros

Scriptures: Mateo 28:16-20

Location: Crowne Plaza, Owens (7th floor)

Leader: Dan Ulrich

Tuesday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

2. Telling the Whole Story

Scripture: Acts 10:1-48

Location: Crowne Plaza, Fuldheim (Lobby Level Ballroom)

Leader: L. Gene Bucher

Insight Sessions

1. Building Bridges and Beyond (0.1 CEU)

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 211

Focus: What skills are needed to undergird a respectful, cordial relationship between two very diverse people? Join Gilbert Romero and Duane Grady as they tell the story of their friendship and working relationship. Learn critical skills for reaching out and maintaining relationships with those very different from you.

Presenter: Gilbert Romero and Duane Grady, Linda K. Williams and Carla Gillespie

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Annie Clark

2. One District's Efforts at Congregational Transformation

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-A

Focus: Sharing about the Transformation Movement of Western Plains District, including area ministers, annual Gathering conferences, congregational covenants, coaching and leadership training.

Presenter: Kenneth Holderread and a Panel of Western Plains Leaders

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Nancy Knepper

3. Can We Talk? A Muslim and an Evangelical Christian Come Together

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-A

Focus: The world's great religions are no longer something far off. We live and work daily among people who practice them. Jim Eikenberry and Dr. Amir Assadi-Rad are fellow instructors at San Joaquin Delta College. Their college and community are a kaleidoscope of ethnic and religious diversity. Jim and Amir will share about their own faith journeys, one as an evangelical Christian, the other as a practitioner of Islamic Sufism and about the joy they have found in their friendship.

Presenters: Dr. Amir Assadi-Rad and James Eikenberry

Agency: Committee on Interchurch Relations

Agency Representative: Stan Noffsinger or Jon Kobel

Tuesday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

- 4. How Firm is Your Church's Financial Foundation?**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B
Focus: Discover ways to help your church strengthen its financial position to work at fulfilling God's long-term mission.
Presenter: Steve Mason
Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust
Agency Representative: Nevin Dulabaum
- 5. You Are What You Buy**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 201
Focus: What price does one pay for "keeping up with the Joneses" through the purchase of stuff? How can people be more faithful Christians through measured use and management of our personal resources? Come explore ways in which individuals can be socially responsible consumers.
Presenter: Dennis Kingery
Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust
Agency Representative: Nevin Dulabaum
- 6. Offering Hope: The Church's Role with Mental Illness (0.1 CEU)**
Location: Crowne Plaza, Savoy (6th floor)
Focus: Panel members will talk about the art of gentle presence and ways to show God's abundant care during a time of mental health crisis, models for encouraging mental health and wellness and discuss situations that congregation members may enter into when engaging in a ministry for those living with mental illness.
Presenters: John Wenger, Jeanne Davies and Mary Dulabaum
Agency: Association of Brethren Caregivers
Agency Representative: Mary Dulabaum
- 7. Setting Limits on Health-Care Resources: Allocating or Rationing?" (0.1 CEU)**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 206
Focus: A critical issue in relation to society's responsibility to elders has to do with decisions about health care in general and life-sustaining health care in particular. This insight session will highlight proposals which have been put forth by respected bioethical commentators as a means of addressing cost containment but which raise serious ethical questions about the use of age as a criterion. Attention will be given to identifying a biblical response to what many advocates for elders are calling an age-based rationing of health-care resources.
Presenter: William Cave
Agency: Association of Brethren Caregivers
Agency Representative: Kim Ebersole

- 8. Walkoff Churches – Touching All the Bases (0.1 CEU)**
Location: Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)
Focus: A century ago, deacons visited every member every year. There were those who enjoyed the visits and those who dreaded them. Have we outgrown this practice or is this what we're missing? What other models (undershepherding, shepherding, care groups) reach out to every member of the congregation? Come for tips on how to arrange, conduct and follow up on pastor, deacon and other caregiver visitation from a pastor who believes wellness calls are essential to lay the groundwork for future crisis care.
Presenter: Frank Ramirez
Agency: Association of Brethren Caregivers
Agency Representative: Kathy Reid
- 9. The Offering is Worship**
Location: Crowne Plaza, Dolder (6th floor)
Focus: We often view and plan for the Sunday offering as an obligatory or perfunctory part of the worship service. Why is it there? History? Call? Response to God? How does our theology inform our practice? How can we plan and participate in ways that help us worshipfully understand and respond to God's abundance in our lives?
Presenter: Reverend Mark Vincent
Agency: General Board
Agency Representative: Carol Joy Bowman
- 10. The Welcome Home Project: Hospitality and Healing for Those Returning from Active Duty (0.1 CEU)**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 203
Focus: Current estimates are that one-third or more of returning military personnel suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder or related conditions. How can the church provide real hospitality for these women and men? Come to hear stories of the impact of war on soldiers and to receive tips about appropriate hospitality.
Presenters: Matt Guynn and Welcome Home Project Team Members
Agency: On Earth Peace
Agency Representative: Matt Guynn
- 11. What is Your Church Willing to Risk for the Sake of Local and International Mission? (0.1 CEU)**
Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 204
Focus: Talk-on with Congregational Life/Global Ministries Dinner Speaker
Presenter: Bishop Craig Sider
Agency: General Board
Agency Representatives: Carol Yeazell, Janis Pyle

Tuesday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

12. The View from Pentecost

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 208

Focus: The vision of the church at Pentecost provides an interesting seedbed for a perspective on ministry. During our time together, investigate and share with one another how this vision can shape missional ministry around the corner and global Christianity around the world.

Presenter: Stephen Breck Reid

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency Representative: Stephen Breck Reid

13. Conscientious Objection and the Draft

Location: Cleveland Convention Center, Room 209

Focus: Conscientious objection to war - a Brethren lifestyle? What is the voice of the church on this issue? Come and learn more about how Brethren youth and their congregations can respond to a possible draft.

Presenter: Phil Jones and Matt Guynn

Agency: General Board and On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Phil Jones

14. Hunger Action: Putting Our Effort Where Our Resolution Is

Location: Crowne Plaza, Hassler (6th floor)

Focus: What biblical visions and tangible goals drive the Global Food Crisis Fund as it turns 25 next year? Interact with Brethren who have been on the front lines of food security development abroad and hunger education at home.

Presenter: Panelists

Agency: General Board

Agency Representative: Howard Royer

15. Decade to Overcome Violence/Living Peace Church

Location: Crowne Plaza, West Ballroom (6th floor)

Focus: We are called to be a Living Peace Church and to overcome the violence of our world during this decade (DOV). How can this possibly happen? Come and learn more of the activities and programs of the church in these efforts. Come and share your story!

Presenters: Brethren Witness/Washington Office Staff. and DOV Staff

Agency: Brethren Witness/Washington Office

Agency Representative: Phil Jones

9:00-10:30pm

Junior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 202

Senior High Activities

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 210

Tuesday Evening

9:00-11:00pm

Single Adult Activities

Crowne Plaza, Miller (7th floor)
Night Out on the Town

9:00-11:30pm

Young Adult Activities

Crowne Plaza, Kaye (7th floor)
Fellowship Finale

9:30-11:00pm

Ice Cream Social

Exhibition Hall B

Wednesday Morning

7:00-8:30am

Fourth Century Donors Recognition Breakfast

(By Invitation Only)
Crowne Plaza, East Ballroom (6th floor)
Speaker: Mark Vincent
Title: Enabling The Next Generation of Stewards

Brethren Medical Plan Advocate Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, White (7th floor)

Annual Conference Coordinator Appreciation Breakfast

Crowne Plaza, Ritz (6th floor)
(By Invitation Only)

7:30-8:30am

Bible Study Electives

1. Father Fool

Scriptures: Luke 15:11-32
Location: Crowne Plaza, Van Sweringen (7th floor)
Leader: Shawn Flory Replogle

2. The Transformation by the Power of God

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16; Romans 12:1-2, 9-21; 2
Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10
Location: Crowne Plaza, Rockefeller (7th floor)
Leader: Mike Rath

Theological Study

Location: Crowne Plaza, Hanna (7th floor)
Title: Proclaiming the Power of God: The Last Song in the
Hymnal
Scripture: Psalm 144:9-15, Psalm 149:1-9
Leader: Stephen Breck Reid

Standing Committee Meeting (Tentative)

Cleveland Convention Center, Room 212-B

Wednesday Morning

8:00am **Consecration Rehearsal Time**
Public Auditorium, Stage
Time for Photographs to be Taken

8:15-8:30am **Choir Rehearsal**
Public Auditorium, Stage

8:45-10:00am **Children's Activities K-2**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-A
10:00am - Parent pick-up

Children's Activities 3-5
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 230-B
10:00am - Parent pick-up

Junior High Activities
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 202
Closing

Senior High Activities
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 210
Closing

8:45am-12:15pm **Early Childhood Services**
Cleveland Convention Center, Room 205-B&C

8:55-10:00am **Business Session**
Public Auditorium

10:00am **Public Auditorium**
 Gathering Music

10:10am Announcements

10:15am ***The Worship Service**
 Interlude
 Worship Leader: Erin Matteson
 Preacher: Ataloa Woodin
 Sermon Title: Servants Enabled with a Great Power