

Standing Committee's Nominating Committee Requests

The Nominating Committee of Standing Committee of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference requests nominations for the various offices to be filled by election at Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 2-6, 2011. All nominations are due to the Annual Conference Office by **December 1, 2010**.

Interested individuals, congregations, groups, or district boards are invited to submit nominations. It is imperative that any person whose name is submitted be contacted so that his or her permission is secured before the nomination is given to the Nominating Committee. There are two ways you may submit nominations, either by a **hard copy** *Information Form*, completed and signed by the person making the nomination and the person being nominated, or **electronically** through a nomination tool on the Annual Conference Web site (address below). **Please note that when using either of these methods, it is imperative that we receive permission and additional biographical information from the person who is to be considered.** For paper forms, an actual signature of the nominee is required. The electronic nomination tool contains statements that, when agreed to, provide permission and authorization of the nomination. Both methods provide also for inclusion of brief vision, priority, and faith statements from the nominee, information required for Nominating Committee consideration.

Hard copy nominations should be completed, signed, and mailed to the Annual Conference Office, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, Illinois 60120. Online nomination and information forms will be emailed to the Annual Conference Office automatically. All nominations, regardless of the method used, should be submitted by **December 1, 2010**.

Additional instructions for electronic (online) nominations: You must be certain that you have the consent of the person you are nominating and that you know his/her email address. Then go to www.brethren.org/ac and click **Online Forms**. Select *Nomination Forms*. Fill out the information requested on this form, including the email address of the person(s) you wish to nominate. Then hit SUBMIT and your information will be transmitted to the Annual Conference Office.

Please refer to the document, *Election Procedures for Annual Conference 2011*. It provides information on qualifications, eligibility, tenure and what expenses are covered for the various offices, and Annual Conference election directives. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the Annual Conference executive director, Chris Douglas at 800-323-8039; the chair of the Nominating Committee, Ed Garrison, at 815-734-4565; or Fred Swartz, Annual Conference Secretary, at 540-828-4871.

The denominational leadership offices that are open in 2011 are listed on the reverse side of this document. Please give prayerful consideration to persons who would be good candidates for these important positions.

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**Annual Conference
Church of the Brethren**

Denominational Leadership Offices Open for 2011

Please see *Election Procedures for Annual Conference 2011* for information on the nature of the office, qualifications, eligibility, expenses, and tenure

Moderator-Elect (one person, three-year term)

Ineligible – the past four moderators: Belita Mitchell, Jim Beckwith, David Shumate, and Shawn Flory Replogle

Annual Conference Program and Arrangements Committee (one person, three year term)

Mission and Ministry Board (three persons, five year term)

One from Area 3 (Atl. SE, West Marva, Shenandoah, Southeastern, Virgina)
One from Area 4 (N. Plains, Western Plains, Mo-Ark., So. Plains)
One from Area 5 (Idaho, Ore-Wash, Pac. SW)

On Earth Peace Board (one person, five year term)

Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust Board (one person, four year term)

Bethany Seminary Board of Trustees – Laity (one person, five year term)

Bethany Seminary Board of Trustees – Colleges (one person, five year term)

Committee on Interchurch Relations (one person, three year term)

Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee – Laity (one person, five year term)

World Council of Churches Representative (one person, to be appointed by Standing Committee)

**Representatives to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and Church World Service (three persons, elected by Standing Committee)
Nominations from the church-at-large are encouraged and appreciated.**