

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(See Official 2010 Minutes when published)

Refer to 2010 Annual Conference Booklet pages as identified

Reports, Numbers 1-10 (pages 83 through 164)

Reports numbers 1-10 were received, along with a report from Standing Committee. Informational reports were shared with delegates on the Brethren response to Haiti disaster, church planting, Living Peace Church, denominational intercultural activity, and the Ministerial Advisory Council.

Unfinished Business Items, 1-2

1. A Statement of Confession and Commitment (pgs. 165-166)

As this statement was committed by the 2009 Annual Conference to a two-year process as a Special Response Statement, the 2010 Conference had two hearings and a review of the resources prepared for the study.

2. Query: Language on Same Sex Covenantal Relationships (page 167)

As this query was committed by the 2009 Annual Conference to a two-year process as a Special Response Query, the 2010 Conference had two hearings and a review of the resources prepared for the study.

New Business Items 1-5

1. Query: The Structure of Annual Conference (page 168)

Action of the 2010 Annual Conference: The 2010 Annual Conference adopted the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the query be adopted and that the concerns of the query be referred to the Annual Conference Revitalization Task Force. (Members of the Revitalization Task Force are: Kevin Kessler, Becky Ball-Miller, Rhonda Pittman Gingrich, Wally Landes, Shawn Replogle, and Chris Douglas.)

2. Query: Guidelines for Implementation of the Congregational Ethics Paper (page 169).

Action of the 2010 Annual Conference: The 2010 Annual Conference adopted the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the query be adopted and that it be referred to a committee consisting of the appropriate Congregational Life staff and three persons appointed by the Annual Conference officers and confirmed by Standing Committee. (The Standing Committee appointees are: Joan Daggett, Clyde Frye, and Lisa Hazen.)

3. Appeals of Program and Arrangements Committee Decisions (page 170)

Action of the 2010 Annual Conference: The 2010 Annual Conference adopted the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the resolution from the Leadership Team be adopted as new polity, with the understanding that Standing Committee will subsequently develop a policy of how to address appeals of Program and Arrangements decisions that is different from the process Standing Committee follows in making judicatory decisions.

4. Church of the Brethren Resolution Against Torture (pgs. 171-173)

Action of the 2010 Annual Conference: The 2010 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren adopted the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the Church of the Brethren Resolution on torture be adopted.

5. Church of the Brethren By-laws Revision (pgs.174-188)

Action of the 2010 Annual Conference: The 2010 Annual Conference adopted the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the revision to the Bylaws of the Church of the Brethren be adopted and that this document supersedes all previous documents.

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An Additional Action: The 2010 Annual Conference approved the recommendation of the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee that for 2011 there be a two percent cost of living adjustment to the minimum cash salary table for pastors.

Elections and Appointments of the 2010 Annual Conference

Elected by Annual Conference

Moderator-Elect – **Tim Harvey**

Program and Arrangements Committee -- **Eric Bishop**

Bethany Theological Seminary Trustees, Clergy – **John David Bowman**

Bethany Theological Seminary Trustees, Laity – **Lynn Myers**

Committee on Interchurch Relations – **Christina Singh**

Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee – **Mark Doramus**

On Earth Peace Board – **Gail Erisman Valeta**

Brethren Benefit Trust Board – **Wayne T. Scott**

Mission and Ministry Board, Area 1 – **Pamela Reist**

Mission and Ministry Board, Area 4 – **Tim Peter**

Mission and Ministry Board, Area 5 – **Gilbert Romero**

Appointments Confirmed by Annual Conference

Mission and Ministry Board – **Rebecca Ball-Miller, Brian Messler**

On Earth Peace Board – **Carol Mason, Donna Shumate**

Bethany Theological Seminary Trustees – **Elaine Gibbel, Paul Wampler**

Brethren Benefit Trust Board – **Eunice Culp, Karen Orpurt Crim, Michael B. Leiter**

Elected by Standing Committee

Nominating Committee – **Leah Hileman, Ed Garrison, Cathy S. Huffman, Steve Sauder**

Appeals Committee – **Jeff Carter, Eileen Wilson, Jim Hoffman (alternates: Frank Polzin, Shirley Wampler)**

World Council of Churches Representative – **Michael L. Hostetter (alternate: R. Jan Thompson)**

Program Feasibility Study Committee – **David Crumwine**

Mission and Ministry Board Leadership Elected

Chair – **Dale Minnich**

Vice-chair – **Ben Barlow**

Executive Committee, at large – **Andy Hamilton, Barb Davis**

Mission and Ministry Planning Council – **Terry Lewis**

Board Development Committee – **Colleen Michael**

Program Feasibility Study Committee – **LeAnn Wine**

Ministers' Association Leadership for 2010-2011

President – **Sue Richard**

1st Vice President – **Chris Zepp**

2nd Vice President – **Dave Kerkove**

Secretary – **Joel Kline**

Treasurer – **Rebecca House**

Staff – **Mary Jo Flory-Steury**