

Pre-Conference Meetings

Monday, June 22

- 1:00-5:00pm **Annual Conference Officers Meeting**
Brittany
- 6:30-9:00pm **Program & Arrangements Committee Meeting**
Brittany

Tuesday, June 23

- 8:30am-noon **Program & Arrangements Committee Meeting**
Brittany
- 2:00-9:00pm **Standing Committee Meeting**
Sheffield/Hampton
- 5:30-6:30pm **Standing Committee Dinner**
Windsor

Wednesday, June 24

- 8:00am-6:00pm **Council of District Executives Meeting**
Windsor
- 8:00am-9:00pm **Standing Committee Meeting**
Sheffield/Hampton

Thursday, June 25

- 7:30-8:30am **Mission and Ministry Board Executive Committee Breakfast**
(By Invitation Only)
Garden Salon 1
- 8:00am-6:00pm **Council of District Executives Meeting**
Windsor
- 8:00am-9:00pm **Standing Committee Meeting**
Sheffield/Hampton
- 8:30am-4:00pm **Mission and Ministry Board Executive Committee Meeting**
Garden Salon 2
- 9:00-10:30am **Annual Conference Coordinators' Meeting**
Ascot

Thursday, June 25

- noon-1:30pm **Mission and Ministry Board Executive Committee Luncheon**
Garden Salon 1
- 1:15-4:45pm **Ministers' Association Child Supervision**
Pacific Salon 7
- 1:30-4:30pm **Ministers' Association Conference**
Pacific Salon 2 & 3
- 3:00pm** **Conference Onsite Registration Opens**
Atlas Foyer
- 4:30-6:00pm **Ministers Association, Spouses, Family Picnic**
Outside Charlie's
- 6:45-9:15pm **Ministers' Association Child Supervision**
Pacific Salon 7
- 7:00-9:00pm **Ministers' Association Conference**
Pacific Salon 2 & 3

Friday, June 26

- 7:00-8:30am **Mission and Ministry Board with Executive Forum Breakfast**
(By Invitation Only)
Crescent
- 8:00am- noon **Council of District Executives Meeting**
Windsor
- Standing Committee Meeting**
Sheffield/Hampton
- 8:00am- 2:00pm **CoBCU Board Meeting & Luncheon**
(By Invitation Only)
Pacific Salon 1
- 8:45am-12:15pm **Ministers' Association Child Supervision**
Pacific Salon 7
- 8:30am-5:00pm **Mission and Ministry Board Meeting**
(By Invitation Only)
Garden Salon 1 & 2

Friday, June 26

9:00am-noon	Ministers' Association Conference Pacific Salon 2 & 3
noon-1:30pm	Mission and Ministry Board Lunch (By Invitation Only) Brittany
	Nominating Committee Luncheon Clarendon
	CoBCU Board Lunch (By Invitation Only) Pacific Salon 1
1:00-2:30pm	Fellowship of Brethren Genealogist Meeting Le Sommet
2:00-3:00pm	CoBCU Members Meeting Pacific Salon 1
3:00pm	Annual Conference Exhibit Hall Opens Atlas & Golden Ballrooms
3:30-5:00pm	New Attendee Orientation Pacific Salon 3
4:15-5:45pm	Choir Rehearsal Grand Hall
5:00-6:30pm	Voices for an Open Spirit Dinner Pacific Salon 2 Speaker: Margaret Gray Towne, Ph.D. Topic: Honest to Genesis
5:30-6:15pm	Early Evening with the Arts Regency Ballroom La Verne Folk Musicians

Italicized events in the following schedule are gatherings planned in conjunction with Annual Conference by various agencies and interest groups related to the Church of the Brethren.

2009 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Program

Friday Evening

- 6:40-9:00pm **Early Childhood Services**
Royal Palm Salon 5 & 6
- 6:50 pm **Grand Hall**
 Gathering Music
- 7:05 pm Announcements
- 7:15 pm ***The Worship Service**
 Worship Leader: Shawn Flory Replogle
 Preacher: David K. Shumate
 Sermon: "From Now On"
- 8:45-9:45pm **Choir Rehearsal**
Grand Hall
- 8:45-10:00pm **Delegate Packet Preparation**
Tiki Pavilion
- 9:00pm **Single Adult Activities**
Dover
- 9:00-10:00pm **Bible Study Electives**
1. **Transformational Leadership: Clarifying Our Call**
 Scripture: II Corinthians 5:11-21
 Location: Brittany
 Leader: Julie M. Hostetter
 2. **"Nueva Creatura"**
 Texto: Corintios 5. 16-17
 Locacion: Fairfield
 Maestro: Nick Corral
- Child Protection Hearing**
Regency Ballroom
- Emergent Brethren Conversations**
Pacific Salon 7
- 9:00-10:30pm **Junior & Senior High Activities**
Royal Palm Salon 1-4

Friday Evening

9:30-11:00pm

Ice Cream Social
Outdoor Food Court

10:00-11:30pm

Young Adult Activities
Stratford

Saturday Morning

7:00-8:30am

Brethren Revival Fellowship Advisory Council Breakfast
Esquire
(By Invitation Only)

Clergy Women's Breakfast
Pacific Salon 2
Speaker: Vital Pastor Cohort Group
Title: Daughters of Justice, Mothers of Beauty

7:30-8:30am

Spiritual Formation
Location: Pacific Salon 4
Topic: As Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem participants in this session will give attention to meeting the Holy One in various settings of life.
Leader: Robert Alley

Bible Study Electives

1. The Old Has Gone!

What do Christians Believe About Death?

Scriptures: 2 Cor 5:15-21, 1 Cor 15, Rom 8 & 5, Isa 65
& Rev 4,5,20, 21

Location: Brittany

Leader: Gene Hagenberger

2. The Women, The Child, & The Dragon

Scriptures: Rev 12

Location: Clarendon

Leader: Noel Naff

Theological Study

Title: Christ from a Human Point of View

Scripture: 2 Cor. 5:16

Location: Eaton

Leader: Estella Boggs Horning

8:30am-5:00pm

Junior & Senior High Activities
Royal Palm Salon -1-4

Saturday Morning

- 8:45am-noon **Early Childhood Services**
Royal Palm 5 & 6
- 8:45am-4:30pm **Children's Activities K-2**
Sunrise
- Children's Activities 3-5**
Sunset
- 8:55-11:30am **Business Session**
Grand Hall
- 10:00am-5:00pm **Blood Collection**
Atlas Ballroom
- 11:50am- **Single Adult Off-Campus Lunch**
Dover
- 11:50am-12:50pm **Living with Chronic Illness**
Mutual Help Group
Galleria One

Saturday Afternoon

- noon-1:30pm **Brethren Life & Thought Luncheon**
Garden Salon 2
Speaker(s): Jordan Blevins, Matt McKimmy, Dana Cassell
Topic: Young Adult Perspectives on Culture, Church and Leadership
- Cross Cultural Luncheon**
Pacific Salon 1 & 2
Music by Bittersweet ministries
- Outdoor Ministry Luncheon**
Windsor Rose
- Brethren Witness "Unluncheon"**
Garden Salon 1
Speaker: Reverend Dwight Webster
Topic: The violence of Hurricane Katrina tore apart more than homes. Come hear the prophetic challenge of how our congregations can respond by partnering with New Orleans churches.
- Prayer and Fasting Session*
Location: Sheffield
Organization: Brethren Revival Fellowship

Insight Sessions

1. A No Nonsense Look at Long-Term Care Insurance

Location: Pacific Salon 7

Focus: Come and discover what you need to know to purchase a plan that is right for you and determine how to pay for it.

Presenter: Randy Yoder, Director of Insurance Services for Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency: Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Loyce Swartz Borgmann

2. Read Between the Headlines - Economic News You Can Use (Wall Street, Main Street, and Brethren Street)

Location: Windsor

Focus: Come hear what's in store for you and your money as we prepare for the second half of 2009. We will explore these subjects in light of current conditions - inflation, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, national debt, and general state of the U.S. economy.

Presenter(s): John Waggoner, USA TODAY mutual fund columnist; Gail Habecker, Chartered Financial Analyst and Deb Romary, Certified Financial Planner

Agency: Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Loyce Swartz Borgmann

3. Middle East Peacemaking

Location: Pacific Salon 3

Focus: Hear firsthand reports from conversations with Israeli and Palestinian peacemakers and experiences in Palestine this year.

Presenter: Rick Polhamus, peacemaker, teacher and other members of the January delegation to the Middle East

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Bob Gross

4. Missionary Reunion

Location: Pacific Salon 6

Focus: Former missionaries, meet and greet in an informal setting for sharing and remembering. Bring your photos of service activities and your address book. Those interested in mission, please come too.

Agency: Global Mission Partnerships

Agency Representative: Jay Wittmeyer

Saturday Afternoon

5. Canceled

6. Canceled

7. Canceled

12:30 – 1:30pm

8. **What If We Thought of Ministry Differently?**

Location: Brittany

Focus: The gospel of Jesus Christ has not changed, but some of the ways in which we proclaim, teach, and live the gospel must change in order for the church to minister faithfully now and in the future. Panelists represent experience in a variety of unconventional ministry settings with rural, urban, and youth constituencies. In this session, they will help us envision how theological education might change in order to respond more faithfully to the needs of the church and the world.

Presenter(s): Carolyn Schrock, currently Interim District Executive for Missouri and Arkansas; Belita Mitchell, 2007 Annual Conference Moderator; Nate Polzin a 2007 seminary graduate and current Bethany Board member and Dan Ulrich, Professor of New Testament, Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency Representative: Lowell Flory

9. **Educating through Activities - Games, Arts, and Music**

Location: Hampton

Focus: Interested in more than book learning? Ready to engage all the senses in the learning experience? Looking for a fun-filled, active insight session for this mid-afternoon break? Join us for games, art, and music that will spark your imagination, ignite your faith, and teach you something about the love and peace of our God. (People of all physical abilities are encouraged to participate.)

Presenter: Marie Rhoades, Program Coordinator for On Earth Peace

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Marie Rhoades

Saturday Afternoon

12:30 – 1:30pm

10. Old Relationships Made New: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (0.1CEU)

Location: Eaton

Focus: Increasingly in our society, grandparents are finding themselves to be primary caregivers of their grandchildren. With an increased incidence of divorce, mental illness, drug addiction and other issues interfering with parents' ability to raise their own children, grandparents are more frequently being asked to take on this task. Grandparents, and other kinship caregivers, must take on a new parenting role, often at a time in their lives when they expected to have a new freedom from such responsibilities. Being a custodial rather than a visiting grandparent carries with it many stresses that can be a challenge to manage. This session will address those stresses and offer suggestions for navigating these uncharted waters.

Presenter: John Kinsel, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist

Agency: Caring Ministries

Agency Representative: Kim Ebersole

11. Experiencing Wellness (0.1CEU)

Location: Le Sommet

Focus: Take this time to focus on your priorities for wellness. Join us in exploring healthy care options for your mind, body, and spirit. Try on new choices for time-effective self care. This guided, experiential workshop will offer an introduction to a smorgasbord of wellness including osteopathic medicine, nutritional and herbal support, and do-it-yourself energy psychology. Come and learn, participating in as much as you choose.

Presenter(s): Lorane Dick, D.O., San Dimas, California
Ryan N. Harrison, M.A. is a certified Holistic Health Consultant/Educator

Agency: Wellness Ministry of the Church of the Brethren

Agency Representative: Mary Lou Garrison

Saturday Afternoon

12:30 – 1:30pm

12. Brethren Disaster Ministries - Inside Out

Location: Crescent

Focus: After a brief overview of Disaster Ministries, we will focus on current projects with an emphasis on the Brethren response in Haiti. Home rebuilding highlights will include ongoing work in Louisiana and new projects in Indiana. Children's Disaster Services will review recent responses and current program initiatives. All programs are seeking more volunteers.

Presenter(s): Roy Winter, Executive Director of Brethren Service Center & Brethren Disaster Ministries;
Judy Bezon, Associate Director of Children's Disaster Services

Agency: Brethren Disaster Ministries

Agency Representative: Roy Winter

13. Educating for Ministry

Location: Towne

Focus: Representatives from Bethany Theological Seminary, the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, and the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center will discuss options for degree (M.Div., M.A.) and training (TRIM, EFSM, ACTS) programs for the Church of the Brethren.

Presenter(s): Richard Gardner, Interim Academic Dean;
Julie M. Hostetter, Director of the Brethren Academy;
Marilyn Lerch, Coordinator of TRIM Program; Donna M. Rhodes, Executive Director of the SVMC

Agency: Brethren Academy/Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency Representative: Julie M. Hostetter

14. Not Your Parents' Offering Plate

Location: Esquire

Focus: Forming and nurturing faithful stewards is not what it was in the past. How do we in the church foster the development and growth of stewards? This practical session shares ideas for revitalizing stewardship in general and specifically cultivating healthy stewards of finances.

Presenter: Carol Bowman, Coordinator of Stewardship Formation and Education for the Church of the Brethren

Agency: Church of the Brethren

Agency Representative: Carol Bowman

Saturday Afternoon

12:30 – 1:30pm

15. The New Has Come: Theological Education to Where You Are

Location: Fairfield

Focus: Bethany Theological Seminary has a cutting-edge program, *Connections*, that allows women and men to obtain their Master of Divinity degree from a distance. Through a combination of intensive and online work, education for ministry is possible without having to move away from other work, family, or ministry responsibilities. This insight session will explore these possibilities and how Bethany creates a true learning community with those at a distance.

Presenter: Enten Eller, Director of Distributed Education and Electronic Communication

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency Representative: Enten Eller

1:00-2:00pm

Families Who Have Lost a Loved One through Suicide Mutual Help Group
Galleria One

Families of Children with ADD/ADHD Mutual Help Group
Galleria Two

1:45-4:45pm

Early Childhood Services
Royal Palm 5 & 6

1:55-4:30pm

Business Session
Grand Hall

4:00-5:30pm

New Church Development Reception
Tiki Pavilion

4:45-5:45pm

Choir Rehearsal
Grand Hall

5:00-6:30pm

Bittersweet Ministries Banquet
Garden Salon 2

Caring Ministries Recognition Dinner
Garden Salon 1
Speaker: Derek Jeremiah Reid, Professional Comedian
Title: I'm not cheap, I'm Brethren!

Saturday Afternoon

5:00-6:30pm

Messenger Dinner

Pacific Salon 1 & 2

Speaker: Phyllis Tickle, Award winning-author

Title: The Great Emergence

Saturday Evening

6:40-9:00pm

Early Childhood Services

Royal Palm 5 & 6

6:50 pm

Grand Hall

Gathering Music

Announcements

7:05 pm

***The Worship Service**

7:15 pm

Worship Leader: Sue Daniel

Preacher: Richard F. Shreckhise

Sermon: "The Risk of Holy Ground"

9:00pm

Worship Music Celebration

Grand Hall

Contemporary Christian praise & worship, Central & Latin

American praise music, and African-American Gospel

Hosted by Jeff Glass

9:00-10:00pm

Bible Study Electives

1. Transformational Leadership: Affirming Unity Amid

Diversity

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22; I Corinthians 12:4-14

Location: Brittany

Leader: Julie M. Hostetter

2. Nos Reconcilio Consigo Mismo

Texto: 2 Corintios 5.18-19

Locacion: Fairfield

Maestro: Nick Corral

9:00-10:00pm

Insight Sessions

1. How the BRF Perceives the Future of the CoB

Location: Tiki Pavilion

Focus: Building on the experience of 50 years of ministry, the BRF tries to envision the future of the Church of the Brethren.

Presenter: Craig Alan Myers

Agency: Atlantic Northeast District/Brethren Revival Fellowship

Agency Representative: Linda Williams

Saturday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

2. **A Strong Brethren Foundation**

Location: Towne

Focus: Come and discover how Brethren Foundation can help you and your congregation. Also find out what the Foundation is doing to improve products and services.

Presenter: Steve Mason, Director of Church of the Brethren Foundation.

Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Loyce Swartz Borgmann

3. **Brethren Pension Plan Update**

Location: Pacific Salon 4

Focus: Come to hear the latest developments in the Church of the Brethren Pension Plan.

Presenter: Scott Douglas, Director of the Church of the Brethren Pension Plan & Nevin Dulabaum, President of Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency: Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Loyce Swartz Borgmann

4. **Welcoming People with Disabilities**

Location: Pacific Salon 7

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. Join us in learning how churches overcome both physical and attitudinal barriers that prevent people with disabilities from full participation.

Presenter: Karen Walters, Tax Accountant and Licensed Minister

Agency: Caring Ministries

Agency Representative: Kathy Reid

Saturday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

5. Other People's Money: Financial Concerns in Holistic Caregiving

Location: Garden Salon 2

Focus: We've been taught that talking to others about their finances is something nice people just don't do. But what if, as a pastor, deacon, pastoral counselor, or volunteer in another caregiving ministry in your congregation, it's clear that someone you are ministering to has serious financial concerns? It's important to learn and understand the holistic language of caregiving, and that language includes words about money. This session concentrates on hope-filled, practical methods to discuss financial concerns during this time of economic challenge.

Presenter(s): Deb Romary, Economist and Financial Planner and Donna Kline, Director of Deacon Ministry

Agency: Caring Ministries

Agency Representative: Donna Kline

6. What Christians Need to Know About Racism

Location: Pacific Salon 3

Focus: Love Thy Neighbor. We have struggled with this commandment ever since Jesus gave it to us. This panel will discuss how the Bible's teachings about love can be applied in our modern, multi-cultural, and multi-racial society. We will also share faith-based tools that we can use as Christians to identify and respond to the racism in our communities.

Presenter(s): This panel discussion includes speakers of various ethnicities who are members of the Church of the Brethren sharing their experiences and how they interpret Scriptural teachings

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Gimbiya Kettering

7. Keeping It Together in Times of Change...Your Body - Your Faith - Your Sanity!

Location: Pacific Salon 5

Focus: Many times people choose destructive behaviors that cause them to lose focus on living well: sleep deprivation, over-scheduling, poor nutritional choices, neglected health care, substance abuse. By choosing proactive, healthy behaviors you can increase your overall wellness. Our insight session will provide tools and alternatives that will help you live well now!

Presenter(s): The Lahman Family, Educators

Agency: Caring Ministries

Saturday Evening
9:00-10:00pm

8. **Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Our Nonviolent Commander-in-Chief**

Location: Windsor

Focus: Following Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is challenging from within our various theological and sociological perspectives as well as when we work across these spectrums. How do we encourage both respect for conscientious differences and dynamic power in togetherness as we all seek to obey our nonviolent commander-in-chief? Join us as we address this challenging question by prayerfully studying the scriptures together.

Presenter(s): Roger Eberly, Pastor; Leslie Frye, Program Coordinator, On Earth Peace Ministry of Reconciliation and Mike Wolfson, PSWD Shalom Team; Moderated by Bob Gross, Executive Director, On Earth Peace

Agency: On Earth Peace/Voices for an Open Spirit

Agency Representative: Leslie Frye

9. **Transformed by Service: Responding to Fears and Crisis**

Location: Hampton

Focus: In a time where many crises loom before each of us, our families and our Church, it is natural to feel threatened. Many respond by securing the church doors and preserving resources for the coming crisis/storm. This session will discuss how the Church can find a better way to respond and possibly grow through acts of service, even when other resources are low. Participants will be encouraged to share stories about both crisis and how transformation can happen through a crisis.

Presenter(s): Roy Winter, Executive Director of Brethren Service Center & Brethren Disaster Ministries; Judy Bezon, Associate Director of Children's Disaster Svcs; Kathleen Campanella, Director of Public & Partner Relations, Brethren Service Center

Agency: Brethren Disaster Ministries/Brethren Service Center

Agency Representative: Roy Winter

Saturday Evening
9:00-10:00pm

10. The Well-Lived Pastoral Life

Location: Sheffield

Focus: What does it mean for a pastor (and family) to live well? It's about more than just a salary. In this insight session we'll explore the facets of a call that takes nurturing, sustenance, and attention and how congregation and pastor can work together toward the well-lived pastoral life.

Presenter(s): Panel

Agency: Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry;
Pastoral Compensation & Benefits Advisory Committee;
Minister's Association Officers

Agency Representative: Mary Jo Flory-Steury

11. Vines, Grapes & Wineskins: Bethany Seminary's Mission and Vision

Location: Crescent

Focus: In the midst of major cultural and religious change that affects all Christian denominations and theological education today, the testimonies of the Church of the Brethren have profound relevance for this postmodern time. Join Bethany Seminary board chair Ted Flory, Bethany president Ruthann Knechel Johansen, faculty, students, and friends of Bethany to learn/discuss how Bethany seeks to embody the Gospel of Jesus Christ faithfully and compellingly for the 21st century church and world.

Presenter(s): Ted Flory, Software Designer; Ruthann Knechel Johansen, Bethany President

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency Representative: Ted Flory

12. Ecclesiology 101: What Makes It a Church

Location: Windsor Rose

Focus: The earliest name for "church" was the Greek term Ecclesia, meaning the called out community. Ecclesiology is the study of the form and structure of churches.

Panelists will draw from the "Together: Conversations On Being the Church" process as well as reflect on the final report "What We Said, What We Heard and Why it Matters." Join in the discussion as we explore various images of Brethren ecclesiology.

Presenter(s): Moderator, Michael Hostetter & Panel

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary & Brethren Life & Thought

Agency Representative: Karen Garrett

Saturday Evening
9:00-10:00pm

13. Inner Work of Self Care

Location: Esquire

Focus: Together we'll explore what it means to pay attention to, care for, and maintain the balancing act of more healthy living as spiritual beings. Each presenter will share a wealth of information, take-away ideas, and an invitation to begin or continue practicing wholeness in daily life.

Presenters: Tara Hornbacker, Assoc. Professor of Ministry Formation, Bethany; John Wenger, Ph.D., Psychologist

Agency: Church of the Brethren Congregational Life Ministries

Agency Representative: Jonathan Shively

14. Expanding Mission: Connecting with Young Adults through Church Planting

Location: Le Chanticleer

Focus: Explore the possibilities and challenges that church planting offers for reaching and discipling young adults. The panel includes young adults who are currently planting churches, leaders of new churches that are effectively ministering with young adults, and a seminary professor who both studies and teaches young adults.

Presenter(s): Pastors and leaders from new churches.

Dr. Russell Haitch, Associate Professor of Christian Education and Director of the Institute for Ministry With Youth and Young Adults, Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency: Church of the Brethren and Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency Representative: Chris Douglas or Jonathan Shively

15. Barrier to Inclusion

Location: Le Sommet

Focus: A panel will discuss the barriers and obstacles that prevent congregations from reaching and including individuals of other cultural backgrounds. Culture include much more than Ethnicity. The panel will be open to answer questions.

Presenter(s): Ruben Deoleo, Nadine Monn, Gilbert Romero and Thomas Dowdy

Agency: Church of the Brethren Congregational Life Ministries

Agency Representative: Ruben Deoleo

Saturday Evening

- 9:00-10:30pm **Junior & Senior High Activities**
Royal Palm Salon 1-4
- 9:00-11:30pm **Ice Cream Social**
Outdoor Food Court
- 10:00-11:30pm **Young Adult Activities**
Stratford

Sunday Morning

- 7:00am **Brethren Benefit Trust Fitness Challenge**
A 5K race for runners and walkers of all ages.
(Register with BBT office or at the BBT booth)
- 7:00-8:00am **Standing Committee Meeting (Tentative)**
Hampton
- 7:00-8:30am **Chaplain's Breakfast**
Esquire
- On Earth Peace Breakfast**
Pacific Salon 1 & 2
Speaker: On Earth Peace staff and board members
Title: The new has come! A new vision for On Earth Peace
- 7:30-8:30am **Spiritual Formation**
Pacific Salon 4
Topic: We will use art and photography as an aid to facilitate our prayer to God
Speaker: Letha Ressler
- Bible Study Electives**
- 1. The New Has Come!**
What do Christians Believe About Life After Death?
Scriptures: 2 Cor 5:15-21, 1 Cor15, Rom 8 & 5 , Isa 65
& Rev 4,5,20, 21
Location: Brittany
Leader: Gene Hagenberger
 - 2. The Beast & The Scarlet Women**
Scriptures: Rev 17
Location: Clarendon
Leader: Noel Naff

Sunday Morning

7:30-8:30am

Theological Study

Title: In Christ there is a new creation

Scripture: 2 Cor. 5:17

Location: Eaton

Leader: Estella Boggs Horning

8:00-8:30am

Choir Rehearsal

Grand Hall

8:15am-9:30pm

Children's Activities K-2

Sunrise

Children's Activities 3-5

Sunset

9:45am-noon

Early Childhood Services

Royal Palm 5 & 6

10:00am

Grand Hall

Gathering Music

Announcements

10:15am

***The Worship Service**

10:20 am

Worship Leader: Jonathan Shively

Preacher: Eric Law

Sermon: "Looking Beyond Fear - Finding Intimacy

with Others and God"

11:30am-4:30pm

Children's Activities K-2

Sunrise

Children's Activities 3-5

Sunset

11:50am-12:50pm

Living With Mental and Emotional Illnesses

Mutual Help Group

Galleria 1

11:50am-12:50pm

Families Living with Asperger's and Autism

Mutual Help Group

Galleria 2

Sunday Afternoon

noon-1:30pm

Brethren Revival Fellowship Luncheon

Pacific Salon 1 & 2

Speaker: Carl L. Brubaker, Pastor at Midway COB

Title: Ten Years of Brethren Mission Fund Outreach

Bridgewater College Alumni Luncheon

Sheffield

District Board Chair Luncheon

(By Invitation Only)

Towne

Elizabethtown College Alumni Luncheon

Windsor Rose

Juniata College Luncheon for Alumni and Friends

Garden Salon 2

Speaker: David Meadows, Asst. Director of Alumni Relations

Title: Campus update and award presentation

La Verne University Luncheon

Le Chanticleer

Manchester College Alumni Luncheon

Pacific Salon 3

Speaker: President Jo Young Switzer

Title: Educating persons of ability and conviction

McPherson College Alumni Luncheon

Tiki Pavilion

Speaker: President Michael Schneider

Title: McPherson College update

Womaen's Caucus Luncheon

Windsor

Speaker Pamela K. Brubaker, Professor of Religion and Ethics

Title: Feminist Reflections of Reconciliation in a New Century

noon-5:30pm

Blood Collection

Atlas Ballroom

Sunday Afternoon

- 1:00-2:00pm **Living with Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease
Mutual Help Group**
Galleria 1
- Living with Addictions
Mutual Help Group**
Galleria 2
- 1:30-10:30pm **Junior & Senior High Activities**
Royal Palm 1-4
- 1:45-5:00pm **Early Childhood Services**
Royal Palm 5 & 6
- 1:55-4:30pm **Business Session**
Grand Hall
- 2:00-4:00pm **Young Adult Activities**
Stratford
- 4:30-5:30pm **Reception for Lerry Fogle, Annual Conference
Executive Director**
Tiki Pavilion
- 4:45-5:45pm **Choir Rehearsal**
Grand Hall
- 5:00-6:00pm **Families and Friends of Gays/Lesbians
Mutual Help Group**
Galleria 1
- Bereavement and Loss
Mutual Help Group**
Galleria 2
- 5:00-6:30pm **Church of the Brethren Evangelical Network Banquet**
Garden Salon 2
- Congregational Life Dinner**
Pacific Salon 1 & 2
Speaker: Rev. Eric H.F. Law, Founder and Executive Director
of Kaleidoscope Institute for Competent Leadership
Title: Media, Faith and Congregational Life:
Connecting Cyber Space and Sacred Space

Sunday Evening

6:45-8:30pm

Early Childhood Services
Royal Palm 5 & 6

Children's Activities K-2 & 3-5
Sunrise
Michael Stern Concert

7:00-8:15pm

ACEPPELLA Concert
Grand Hall

8:30-10:00pm

Ice Cream Social - FREE compliments of the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center
Outdoor Food Court

9:00pm

Single Adult Activities
Dover

Church Planter Conversations
Ascot

9:30-10:30pm

Bible Study Electives

1. Transformational Leadership: Loving the (Un)Lovable

Scripture: 1John 4:13-21

Location: Brittany

Leader: Julie Hostetter

2. Llevando La Voz de Dios

Texto: 2 Corintios 5:20

Locacion: Fairfield

Miestro: Nick Corral

Monday Morning

7:00-8:00am

Standing Committee Meeting (Tentative)
Hampton

Bethany Board Association Breakfast
(By Invitation Only)
Windsor

Brethren Benefit Trust Congregational Contact Breakfast
(By Invitation Only)
Garden Salon 2

Monday Morning

7:00-8:30am

Brethren Press Breakfast

Tiki Pavilion

Speaker: Melanie G Snyder, Author of the forthcoming Brethren Press book, *Grace Goes to Prison*

Title: How a quiet Brethren woman tore down the walls

Brethren World Mission Breakfast

Windsor Rose

Speaker: Jay Wittmeyer, Executive Director of Global Mission Partnerships

Title: Getting to know our new

Executive Director of Mission Partnerships

7:30-8:30am

Spiritual Formation

Pacific Salon 4

Topic: Using guided meditation and scripture, we will explore being alive in Christ.

Speaker: Mike Benner

Bible Study Electives

1. All This Is From God!

What do Christians believe about "life after life after death (N.T. Wright's phrase)," and what in the world does it matter?

Scriptures: 2 Cor 5:15-21, 1 Cor15, Rom 8 & 5 , Isa 65 & Rev 4,5,20, 21

Location: Brittany

Leader: Gene Hagenberger

2. 666 & The Beast

Scriptures: Rev 13

Location: Clarendon

Leader: Noel Naff

Theological Study

Title: "God ...has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

Scripture: 2 Cor. 5:18-20

Location: Eaton

Leader: Estella Boggs Horning

7:30-9:00

Mission and Ministry Board Executive Committee Breakfast

(By Invitation Only)

Ascot

8:30am-5:00pm

Junior & Senior High Activities

Royal Palm 1-4

Monday Morning

8:45am-noon

Early Childhood Services

Royal Palm 5 & 6

8:45am-4:30pm

Children's Activities K-2

Sunrise

Children's Activities 3-5

Sunset

8:55-11:30am

Business Session

Grand Hall

Monday Afternoon

noon-1:30pm

Bethany Theological Seminary Luncheon

Pacific Salon 1 & 2

Moderator: Ed Poling, pastor of the Hagerstown, MD
Church of the Brethren

Title: A panel discussion featuring persons who practice
various forms of Sabbath rest

Brethren Volunteer Service Luncheon

Garden Salon 2

Speaker: John and Margaret Jones, Camp Directors

Title: A Ministry of Christian Hospitality,
Creating Peaceful Space

Denominational Deacon Luncheon

Windsor

Speaker: Bernie Fuska, Deacon Editor for Caregiving Magazine,
Pastor, Timberville (Va.) Church of the Brethren

Title: Called to be "Fishers"

Ecumenical Luncheon

Tiki Pavilion

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of
National Council of Churches of Christ

Title: Transforming the Mission, Presence, and Influence of the
National Council of Churches of Christ

Monday Afternoon

12:30-1:30pm

Insight Sessions

1. **A Woman is Like a Tea Bag - You Never Know How Strong She is Until You Put Her in Hot Water**

Location: Pacific Salon 6

Focus: Come and find out what you need to know about women and money. Women typically live 10 years longer than men. Learn techniques to keep informed of ever-changing financial markets, why traditionally reared women struggle financially, and what can be done today to help ease economic uncertainty for women.

Presenter: Deb Romary

Agency: Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Loyce Swartz Borgmann

2. **Are you Seeing Green?**

Location: Pacific Salon 5

Focus: Come and discuss tangible ways that small changes can make a difference in helping to save resources and better care for God's creation.

Presenter(s): Panel discussion

Agency: Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Loyce Swartz Borgmann

3. **Ministry of *What?***

Location: Le Chanticleer

Focus: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation...All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17a,18, NRSV). Sometimes it seems easier to be reconciled to the Lord of all Creation than it is to be reconciled to each other, and yet God has given us the ministry of reconciliation! Get a taste of how the Ministry of Reconciliation (MoR) of On Earth Peace can help equip you and your congregation. If you are associated with a faith community whose members sometimes find it challenging to resolve their differences, this insight session is for you.

Presenter(s): Persons active in Ministry of Reconciliation

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Leslie Frye

Monday Afternoon

12:30-1:30pm

4. Global Mission Partnerships-Today

Location: Esquire

Focus: This session with the new executive director will look at current issues shaping the Global Mission Partnerships office. Key questions will be addressed, including: What are the new realities in mission in today's global political culture? How can we effectively participate in God's work in the world? Into what venues are we invited?

Presenter: Jay Wittmeyer, Executive Director, Global Mission Partnerships

Agency: Global Mission Partnerships

Agency Representative: Jay Wittmeyer

5. What Are Church Leaders Thinking? Findings from the 2008 Pastoral Survey

Location: Eaton

Focus: Pastors and church leaders were invited to respond to a survey covering topics such as congregational life, preparation for ministry and continuing education, support for pastors, etc. Steve Clapp from Christian Community will present a brief summary of results via DVD. Julie Hostetter, Linda and Glenn Timmons will lead a conversation exploring implications for the future.

Presenter: Julie M. Hostetter

Agency: The Brethren Academy/Church of the Brethren

Agency Representative: Julie M. Hostetter

6. Becoming a Multicultural Church

Location: Sheffield

Focus: The presenter will discuss the different issues surrounding the process to become a multicultural church and the skills needed to accomplish it.

Presenter: Eric H. F. Law, ordained Episcopal priest and internationally known professional consultant in the area of multicultural leadership and organizational development

Agency: Church of the Brethren Congregational Life Ministries

Agency Representative: Ruben Deoleo

Monday Afternoon

12:30-1:30pm

7. What's Beyond the Peace Vigil?

Location: Brittany

Focus: Sometimes peace and community ministry seems flattened into holding a vigil for one issue or another. What is beyond the peace vigil? How can Christians live into God's vision of healing for the nations? This session will offer inspiration and ideas from congregations involved in creative forms of nonviolence.

Presenter: Michael Colvin, On Earth Peace, and congregational participants from "You Can't Stop the River" and International Day of Prayer for Peace

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Michael Colvin

8. Ministry Mobilizers During Uncertain Economic Times

Location: Pacific Salon 4

Focus: During an uncertain economy how do congregations provide essential leadership? How do congregations add leaders and staff and replace departing staff? How do small to large size congregations creatively manage budgetary costs in what they hope is a temporary reduction in tithes and offerings? One way among several is to fill staff and leadership needs with *Ministry Mobilizers*.

Presenter: Stan Dueck

Agency: Church of the Brethren Congregational Life Ministries

Agency Representative: Stan Dueck

9. Enhancing Worship With Digital Stained Glass

Location: Hampton

Focus: How can digital media be used to enhance worship or websites? Various examples will be shown of what congregations are doing. This insight session will highlight the best of what CoB congregations are doing. A professional media minister will share observations and new trends.

Presenter(s): Jeff Glass, Tim Eagerton

Agency: Church of the Brethren Congregational Life Ministries

Agency Representative: Jonathan Shively

Monday Afternoon

12:30-1:30pm

10. The Intersection of Faith and Hunger

Location: Ascot

Focus: A look at what the scriptural injunctions on helping one's neighbor irrespective of ancestry, faith, or culture means in our world today.

Presenter: H. Eric Schockman, President of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

Agency: Global Food Crisis Fund

Agency Representative: Howard Royer

11. Canceled

12. Youth Ministry: Learning the Biblical Story

Location: Garden Salon 1

Focus: After more than a decade in youth ministry, Michael Novelli felt like he'd tried everything to help his students connect with the Bible. Then a missionary introduced him to a unique ancient way to engage people with the Bible through Story. Michael learned the art of "Storying" to help youth learn the Biblical story and experience God in a whole new way. Come to experience and learn more about God's story.

Presenter: Michael Novelli

Agency: CoB Youth/Young Adult Ministry

Agency Representative: Chris Douglas

1:00-2:00pm

**Living with Prostate Cancer
Mutual Help Group**
Galleria 1

1:45-5:00pm

Early Childhood Services
Royal Palm 5 & 6

1:55-4:30pm

Business Session
Grand Hall

2:00-4:00pm

Young Adult Activities
Stratford

4:30-5:30pm

Mutual Aid Association Annual Members Meeting
Pacific Salon 7

4:45pm

Association for the Arts (AACB) Quilt Auction
Atlas Ballroom
Auction begins 15 minutes after close of business.

Monday Afternoon

4:45-5:45pm

Choir Rehearsal
Grand Hall

5:00-6:00pm

**Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse
Mutual Help Group**
Galleria 1

**Care for the Caregiver
Mutual Help Group**
Galleria 2

Brethren Revival Fellowship Dinner

Pacific Salon 1-3

Speaker: John A. Shelly, A hydraulic crane
manufacturer assembler

Title: Hope for a World in Turmoil

Global Ministries Dinner

Tiki Pavilion

Speaker: H. Eric Schockman, a leading public policy expert
on hunger and poverty, President of MASON

Title: Repairing the World: Creating Compassionate and Just
Communities

Monday Evening

6:00-6:45pm

Early Evening with the Arts
Regency Ballroom
La Verne Church of the Brethren Choir

6:35-9:00pm

Early Childhood Services
Royal Palm 5 & 6

6:45 pm

Grand Hall

Gathering Music

Announcements

7:05 pm

***The Worship Service**

7:15 pm

Worship Leader: Joseph V. Vecchio

Preacher: Nancy Heishman

Sermon: "How Deep is Your Love?"

8:45-9:45pm

P&AC Reorganization Meeting
Ascot

Monday Evening

9:00pm

Single Adult Activities

Dover

Voices for an Open Spirit Meeting

Le Chanticleer

9:00-10:00pm

Insight Sessions

1. CoBCU, Not Just Your Everyday Credit Union

Location: Pacific Salon 7

Focus: Come and meet the new CoBCU Director and find out about the new products and services offered by your denominational Credit Union.

Presenter: Steve Bob, Director of the Brethren Credit Union

Agency: Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Loyce Swartz Borgman

2. Investing for the Good

Location: Pacific Salon 6

Focus: A look at the way Brethren Benefit Trust engages in socially responsible investing and the resulting investment returns.

Presenter: Steven Heim, Social Research & Shareholder Advocacy Team for Boston Common Asset Management

Agency: Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust

Agency Representative: Loyce Swartz Borgmann

3. Canceled

4. Global Cooperation: Faithfulness, Fantasy, or New Frontier?

Location: Pacific Salon 4

Focus: Explore current conditions that make global cooperation possible and prayer powerful. Experience activities that help us listen to and learn from each other. Learn how Everylight, Inc. is working to collaboratively build a system of encouragement in our world and how you can build one in your congregation. Handouts available.

Presenter: Rev. Reba Herder, Founder and Director of Everylight, Inc., a ministry of global cooperation

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Michael Colvin

Monday Evening
9:00-10:00pm

5. **Keeping Our Children Safe: Child Abuse Prevention (0.1CEU)**
Location: Towne
Focus: The safety and well-being of children in our care is of utmost importance. Learn what child abuse and neglect are, how to recognize and respond to signs of abuse, and most importantly, what you can do to help prevent child abuse. Elements of a congregational child protection policy will also be reviewed.
Presenter(s): John Kinsel, M.S., LPPC, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist; Kim Ebersole, M.S.W., Director of Family Life and Older Adult Ministries
Agency: Caring Ministries
Agency Representative: Kim Ebersole

6. **Shall We Meet Beyond the River? A Review of Annual Conferences in California 1907 - 2009**
Location: Sheffield
Focus: Calls for Annual Conference to be held in California were voiced as early as 1875 and then almost yearly through the 1890's. This session will review the eight Annual Conferences held in the Golden State beginning with the first in Los Angeles, 1907.
Presenter: Marlin L. Heckman, Professor/Librarian Emeritus, University of La Verne
Agency: Church of the Brethren/Brethren Historical Committee
Agency Representative: Ken Shaffer

7. **Another Way of Serving; an Intentional Community Approach for BVS**
Location: Le Sommet
Focus: Community has always been an important part of Brethren Volunteer Service. Come learn about a new emphasis on intentional community living, spiritual growth for volunteers, and the opportunity for congregational connection.
Presenter(s): Dana Cassell and the BVS Team
Agency: Brethren Volunteer Service
Agency Representative: Dan McFadden

Monday Evening
9:00-10:00pm

8. Agape-Satyagraha: Skills Training for Youth

Location: Crescent

Focus: Combining Jesus' example of love for community and Gandhi's truth force for social change, Agape-Satyagraha is an initiative of Brethren Community Ministries (BCM) to teach anger management and conflict resolution skills to junior and senior high youth. Providing training to 118 youth, this dynamic program has been a part of BCM's core ministries since 2003. Come learn more about this program and its exciting new partnership with On Earth Peace and explore how you might begin an Agape-Satyagraha program in your own congregation or community.

Presenter(s): Gerald Rhoades, Director, Brethren Community Ministries; Marie Rhoades, Program Coordinator for Peace Education, On Earth Peace

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Marie Rhoades

9. Calling Congregations: Creating a Culture of Call

Location: Windsor Rose

Focus: Spiritual formation, Biblical knowledge and wisdom, and an awareness of God's giftedness for ministry and vocation are at the heart of a congregational mission of calling and discipleship. Come share in the story of developing a culture of call within your congregation.

Presenter(s): Tara Hornbacker, Richmond, IN, Pleasant Hill COB, Pleasant Hill, OH; Dana Cassell - Elgin, IL, First COB, Roanoke, VA; Mary Jo Flory-Steury - Dayton, OH, Mack Memorial COB, Dayton, OH

Agency: Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry

Agency Representative: Mary Jo Flory-Steury

Monday Evening
9:00-10:00pm

10. ... where the Old and New shall meet

Location: Esquire

Focus: With people living longer lives and with culture enduring constant changes, our local congregations and communities are experiencing greater gaps within the differing generations - so we struggle with how to praise God through music and worship, to serve God through works and words, and how to listen and learn from one another's unique, diverse perspective. Come and join us for an inter-generational conversation, where the Old and New, Wisdom and Blessing shall meet . . .

Presenter(s): Elizabeth Keller, Director of Admissions; Amy Gall Ritchie, Director of Student Development

Agency: Bethany Theological Seminary

Agency Representative: Elizabeth Keller

11. *Synergy!*: How New Church Starts and Established Congregations Strengthen Each Other

Location: Eaton

Focus: While it is tempting to direct all of our energy and resources into revitalizing existing congregations, there is evidence that congregational revitalization and health are enhanced by the presence and passion of new church starts. Likewise, church plants thrive when supported by the wisdom and resources of established churches. This session will examine the synergistic relationship between church development and congregational revitalization and consider how such relationships might foster vitality for your congregation, District and the mission of the Church of the Brethren.

Presenter(s): New Church Development Advisory Committee Members

Jonathan Shively, facilitator, Executive Director, Church of the Brethren Congregational Life Ministries

Agency: Church of the Brethren Congregational Life Ministries

Agency Representative: Jonathan Shively

Monday Evening
9:00-10:00pm

12. Who We Are and How We Do Things

Location: Clarendon

Focus: The local COB congregation is a place where people come together to form and carry out their spiritual and sacred commitments. These commitments often guide "who we are as a church" and "how our church does things" shaping areas of relationships and conflict, budgeting and ministries, and leadership and decision-making.

Presenter: Stan Dueck

Agency: Church of the Brethren Congregational Life Ministries

Agency Representative: Stan Dueck

13. Transforming the Mission, Presence, & Influence of the NCC of Christ (0.1CEU)

Location: Hampton

Focus: Information and conversation with the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ on the future initiatives and direction of the organization.

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ

Agency: The Committee on Interchurch Relations

Agency Representative: Nancy Miner/Stan Noffsinger

14. Working for Peace in Iraq

Location: Garden Salon 2

Focus: Christian Peacemaker Team members will share their experiences working for peace in Iraq. Hear firsthand reports and stories from people who have been on the ground in Iraq.

Presenter(s): Members of Christian Peacemaker Teams who have served in Iraq

Agency: Southern Ohio District

Agency Representative: Rick Polhamus

Monday Evening

9:00-10:00pm

15. **The Welcome Home Project: Responding to the Needs of Returning Military**

Location: Garden Salon 1

Focus: Thousands of military and National Guard troops are coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan. Many need a hand to fully re-enter civilian life, as they re-enter their families, secure employment, face ongoing trauma and injury, and seek spiritual and emotional healing. Christians need to understand how the battle experience continues to affect those coming back from war. Come hear why & how church people can help these women and men make it all the way home and bridge back into society.

Presenters: Members of On Earth Peace's Welcome Home Project

Agency: On Earth Peace

Agency Representative: Matt Guynn

9:00-10:30pm

Bible Study Electives

1. **Transformational Leadership:**

Accepting Grace-Empowering Others

Scripture: John 21:15-19; 1 Peter 4:1-11

Location: Brittany

Leader: Julie M. Hostetter

2. **Al Que No Conocio Pecado, Por Nosotros Lo Hizo Pecado**

Texto: 2 Corintios 5:21

Locacion: Fairfield

Miestro: Nick Corral

Junior & Senior High Activities

Royal Palm Salon 1-4

9:30-11:00pm

Ice Cream Social

Outdoor Food Court

10:00-11:30pm

Young Adult Activities

Stratford

Tuesday Morning

7:00-8:15am

Annual Conference Coordinator Appreciation Breakfast

Le Sommet

(By Invitation Only)

Tuesday Morning

- 7:00- 8:30am **Church of the Brethren Fourth Century Donor Recognition Breakfast**
(By Invitation Only)
Pacific Salon 1 & 2
Speaker: Kathy Reid
Title: Continuing the work of Jesus, Together.
- 7:00-9:00am **BBT Investment Committee Breakfast**
(By Invitation Only)
Esquire
- 8:45-9:45am **Junior & Senior High Activities**
Royal Palm 1-4
- 8:45-10:00am **Early Childhood Services**
Royal Palm 5 & 6
- Children's Activities K-2**
Sunrise
- Children's Activities 3-5**
Sunset
- 8:55-10:00am **Business Session**
Grand Hall
- 10:00 am **Grand Hall**
 Gathering Music
- 10:10 am Announcements
- 10:15 am ***The Worship Service**
 Worship Leader: Valentina Satvedi
 Preacher: Jaime Diaz
 Sermon: "Bringing Unity to a Diverse Body"

Post-Conference Meetings

- noon-1:30pm **BBT Board Lunch**
(By Invitation Only)
Pacific Salon 3
- 1:30-5:00pm **BBT Board Meeting**
Pacific Salon 3