

Alan Roxburgh will present three webinars in 2010.

The first two webinars are for pastors and church leaders. Each webinar for pastors and church leaders will be offered one time and not repeated. The webinars are scheduled on the following dates:

Tuesday, May 25 @ 12:30-2:00 pm Pacific/3:30-5:00 pm Eastern

Tuesday, June 8 @ 12:30-2:00 pm Pacific/3:30-5:00 pm Eastern

The focus of the webinars is on developing leadership in order to transform congregations into missional communities. Alan Roxburgh is very familiar with the communities of faith in the Believer's Church tradition. More information about the events will follow.

No fee for the event. CEU will be offered.

Bio

Alan Roxburgh is a pastor, teacher, writer and consultant with more than 30 years experience in church leadership, consulting and seminary education. Alan has pastored congregations in a small town, the suburbs, the re-development of a downtown urban church and the planting of other congregations. He has directed an urban training center and served as a seminary professor and the director of a center for mission and evangelism. Alan teaches as an adjunct professor in seminaries in the USA, Australia and Europe. His books include: [Reaching a New Generation](#), [Leadership, Liminality and the Missional Congregation](#), [Crossing the Bridge: Leadership in a Time of Change](#), [The Sky is Falling – Leaders Lost in Transition](#), [The Missional Leader](#) (co-authored with Fred Romanuk), [Introducing the Missional Church](#) (Baker, Nov 09) and [Missional Map Making](#) (Jossey-Bass, Jan 2010). He was also a member of the writing team that authored [Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America](#).

Alan Roxburgh leads the Roxburgh Missional Network team (RMN), a diverse group of men and women with years of experience in pastoral leadership, teaching, consulting, psychology and publishing. RMN is committed to **resourcing missional leaders** with the best training, consulting and hands-on resources for **innovating missional life** in local congregations and communities of faith.

Please contact me for further information. Thank you very much.

Blessings.

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JOB OPENINGS:

Website Producer

The Church of the Brethren seeks candidates for the new position of Website Producer. The Website Producer oversees the Church of the Brethren website, and continually seeks ways to build community through the church's web presence. Candidates should have the relational

skills to collaborate with other individuals and organizations within the Church of the Brethren, the technical skills to work closely with the website vendor, the organizational skills to manage complex projects, and the communication skills to create and oversee the content of the website. The position is based in Elgin, Ill., and strong preference will be given to an active member of the Church of the Brethren.

Director of Interpretation

The Church of the Brethren seeks candidates for the position of Director of Interpretation. The Director of Interpretation communicates the mission and ministry of the church using a variety of media, including web, e-mail, print, and graphic display. This person writes extensively, serving the needs of both the Communication Team and the Stewardship and Donor Development Team. Candidates should have a deep understanding of the Church of the Brethren, experience with the denominational scope of the church's identity and ministries, superior skills in writing and editing, and experience with digital media. The position is based in Elgin, Ill., and strong preference will be given to an active member of the Church of the Brethren.

Interested candidates can request a copy of the position description and application from:

Office of Human Resources
Church of the Brethren
1451 Dundee Avenue
Elgin, IL 60120-1694
Phone: 1-800-323-8039, Ext. 258;
E-mail: kkrog@brethren.org

MOTHER'S DAY GRATITUDE PROJECT

“In honor of a woman you know and love, and in solidarity
with mothers around the world.”

Global Women's Project announces the 3rd annual Mother's Day Gratitude Project. Rather than buying more material gifts for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that helps other women around the world. Your donation allows us to fund projects focused on women's health, education, and employment in Indiana, Palestine, Southern Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda and Nepal. In return, your chosen recipient will receive a card indicating that a gift has been made in her honor.

To participate, send a donation to:

Global Women's Project
c/o Nan Erbaugh
47 S. Main Street
West Alexandria, OH 45381-1243

Remember to include your name(s) and recipient's name and address. You may also make memorial donations. These will be honored on a special page on the website.

Gratitude cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day.

Global Women's Project seeks to raise awareness of the poverty, oppression and injustice suffered by women around the world; to recognize how our overconsumption and misuse of resources contributes to that suffering; to change our way of living; and to support self-help community projects that are led by, empower, and benefit women.

Additional information can be found at www.globalwomensproject.org

Fahrney-Keedy Directors Fill 2 Board Positions

Ellen Catlett and Bill Wantz have joined the Board of Directors at Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village in Boonsboro.

Ellen may be new to the Board, but she's no stranger to Fahrney-Keedy. Her parents, Basil and Eleanor Grossnickle, were residents here for many years. Both died in 2009.

She is a retired Registered Nurse, having earned her A.A. degree in nursing from Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV. She lives in Fairplay, MD, with her husband, a retired pharmacist; they have a son, 26, who also lives in the area.

Ellen is a member of Grossnickle Church of Brethren, Myersville, MD, and an associate member of First Christian Church in Hagerstown.

Both she and Bill are on the Fahrney-Keedy Board's Long-range Planning Committee.

Bill, of Hagerstown, is a graduate of Dickinson College and the Dickinson School of Law, in Carlisle, PA.

He practices law in Washington County.

Bill and his wife, Cathy, reside in Hagerstown, and have two children, Nicole and Toby.

Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village, a continuing care retirement community, is along Route 66 a few miles west of Boonsboro. With nearly 200 full- and part-time employees it serves a resident population of almost 200 women and men in independent living, assisted living and long- and short-term nursing care. Fahrney-Keedy is committed to enhancing the lives of seniors through caring quality service.

The Older Adult Ministry of the Church of the Brethren invites your congregation to observe **Older Adult Month** this May.

The Biblical vision of aging is a time of finding new meaning and purpose in life God doing new things in the lives of elders. The Bible is full of stories of older adults answering God's call to be actively involved in God's work in the world. And just like the people of the Bible, we can be called to new experiences and ways to serve in our "old age."

A wide variety of resources is available for your congregation's use in exploring how God is doing this "new thing"

- **Worship resources, including a complete order of worship**
- **Personal reflections and life stories about God doing new things in people's lives**
- **Meditations for individual and group use**
- **Writing and journaling opportunities**

Materials are available as PDFs at www.brethren.org/OAM. Or call 800 323-8039, ext. 302, to have paper versions sent to you.

*Fresh and flourishing. Oasis, not desert.
The second half is a different adventure—deeper, richer, fuller—
as new things and
new opportunities continue to unfold in our lives. We can walk
in the newness of life
if we are open to hearing God's call.*

**Celebrate Older Adult Month this May and help your
congregation discover
how God is doing a "new thing" in their lives!**

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE-2010

From the Annual Conference Office: A reminder to congregations to register your delegate(s) for Annual Conference. All congregations were sent a blue, delegate authorization card which is to be filled out, signed by the pastor or moderator, and sent in with the registration fee (\$300). If your congregation is missing the blue card, another one can be sent to you. Please contact Jon Kobel at 800-323-8039, x229 or jkobel@brethren.org. Thank you.

Jon Kobel, Conference Assistant

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May is Mental Health Month

The Grossnickle Church of the Brethren invites you to join them for a special presentation on Understanding Depression on Monday, May 3 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.. Special guest will be Jamal Fawaz, M.D., psychiatrist at Brook Lane. This event is jointly sponsored by Salem United Methodist, Garfield United Methodist, and the Grossnickle CoB.

Brethren Bible Institute - July 19 – 23

The Brethren Revival Fellowship will sponsor the 37th Brethren Bible Institute on the campus of Elizabethtown College. To register application forms are available at :
Brethren Bible Institute, 155 Denver Road, Denver, PA 17517
Your application process must be completed by **June 22, 102010**.

Developing Conflict Healthy Congregations

Part 3: Take Charge. Solve the Conflict.

Webinar Series for pastors and members! No pre-registration. No fee.

Date & Time: (note webinar start time by time zone; connect 10-15 minutes before start of webcast)

- Wednesday, May 5, 12:30-1:30pm Pacific / 3:30-4:30pm Eastern
- Thursday, May 6, 5:30-6:30pm Pacific / 8:30-9:30pm Eastern (repeat)

Link: <http://www.bethanyseminary.edu/webcast/transformation2010>

(Scroll page, click link for Celia Cook-Huffman webinar, instructions at sign-in page)

CEU: 0.1 *(Live session only; attend 1 hour session either Tuesday or Thursday)*

Description:

This webinar will focus on the problem solving and negotiation skills used to manage differences within the congregational contexts. Dr. Cook-Huffman will center on developing collaborative problem solving skills and engaging in healthy conflict processes.

This webinar concludes the three-part series, "Developing Conflict Healthy Congregations."

Presenter:

Celia Cook-Huffman, Ph.D is an educator and trainer. She is Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at Juniata College, Associate Director of the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, and Director of Baker Mediation Services. Dr. Cook-Huffman has worked as a consultant and trainer for over 20 years with private and public organizations, including her work with congregations in the Church of the Brethren. Her consulting work includes conflict transformation and change management, conflict resolution training, leadership training, assessing gender dynamics in conflict, and mediation.



More Information Prior to Event:

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The webinar is a collaborative resource by
Congregational Life Ministries—MMCOB, Bethany Theological Seminary, and Brethren Academy

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Program

The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, jointly funded by the Church of the Brethren and Bethany Theological Seminary, is offering a new series of Lilly Endowment Inc. funded educational experiences for Church of the Brethren pastors. New cohort groups will be started in August 2010 (Advanced Foundations for Church Leaders) and September 2010 (Vital Pastor). While open to all ordained pastors who have not previously participated in the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence program, special invitations will be extended to pastors who have served congregations 2-10 years. Interested pastors can contact Linda and Glenn Timmons, Coordinators for Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, at Bethany Seminary (800)287-8822 or by e-mail at: timmoli@bethanyseminary.edu or timmog1@bethanyseminary.edu or gtimmons1@woh.rr.com

2010 District Calendar

April

- 24 Leadership Team Meeting, District Office
- 25 District Executive Minister Installation, 3pm, Westminster CoB

May

- 1 MAD Disaster Response Auction, 9:00am, Westminster
- 3 P & A Meeting, 6:00pm, District Office
- 15 MITT Meeting, 9:00am, District Office
- 18 OSMT Meeting, 6:30pm, District Office

June

- 9 CEEMT Meeting, 10:00 am - 12:30pm, District Office
- 13 Annual Conference Delegate Briefing, Manassas CoB
- 19 MAD Men Breakfast, 8:00 - 9:45am, Union Bridge CoB
- 19 LT Meeting 9:00am - 3:00pm, District Office