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*Together on the Journey with your District Executive Minister . . .*

I pray a blessed new year for the congregations, members and ministers of the Mid-Atlantic district. Even more, I pray that as a district -- congregations and ministers -- we may keep our mission in mind and live into it more intentionally this coming year.

**We the people of the Mid-Atlantic district declare this mission to be ours**

**to proclaim the faithfulness of God**  
**to promote spiritual growth**  
**to foster unity and fellowship**  
**to call, equip and support leaders**  
**to strengthen all our congregations**  
**for vigorous mission as we extend ourselves to a broken world and**  
**to affirm and be guided by the principles of peace making.**

Such resolution would dedicate the coming year to God, and issue in blessing to ourselves and our neighbors.

In Mission Together,



Gene Hagenberger



NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE

THE 15TH OF  
 EACH MONTH

## Volunteer, Former Fahrney-Keedy Board Member Graff Honored



**Caption for photo:** Florence Graff, center, stands with Megan Kula, left, and Keith Bryan. Kula is president of the Western Maryland Chapter of the Association of Fundraising and Bryan is president/CEO of Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village, Boonsboro. They were attending the National Philanthropy Day luncheon at Ceresville Mansion in Frederick, where Mrs. Graff was honored.

Florence Graff, a volunteer and former Board member at Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village,

Boonsboro, was honored on November 4 as a Distinguished Volunteer during the National Philanthropy Day luncheon at Ceresville Mansion in Frederick, MD.

At the event, the Western Maryland Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals lauded area volunteers for their work in the community.

Mrs. Graff, of Hagerstown, served on the Fahrney-Keedy Board of Directors from 1994 to 2007 and was nominated as someone who has supported and volunteered her time to make Fahrney-Keedy a better place for its residents. She received a medallion and certificate at the luncheon.

Keith Bryan, President and CEO, said of Mrs. Graff, "Fahrney-Keedy is blessed to have been the recipient of Dr. (Henry) and Mrs. Graff's generosity both through endowments and volunteer efforts over many years. She is tireless in her dedication and hard work and we wish to express our deep thanks on behalf of the facility and its residents for her service to the board."

Bryan also described her as "devoted" in the volunteer booklet with the following: "Mrs. Henry F. Graff's energetic devotion and service to Fahrney-Keedy is evident in many ways. She has set the example of philanthropy with her own actions of support and by challenging her fellow board members. We are blessed to have been recipient of her generosity through an endowment. After her many years of service on the Board of Directors she continued her involvement through volunteering."

A continuing care retirement community, Fahrney-Keedy is along Route 66 a few miles west of Boonsboro. With nearly 180 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.

To learn about single-family residence opportunities in this community, call Mike Leiter at 301-671-5015, and for skilled nursing and assisted living information, call Barbara Weber at 301-671-5007. Also, visit [www.fkhv.org](http://www.fkhv.org).

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**URGENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

**January 2012 at the new project in Arab,Alabama.**

Open dates: January 8-14; and January 29– February 4

**Come help rebuild a home and a family in Alabama.**

Please contact BDM!!!

Janey Giles– [janeygiles@gmail.com](mailto:janeygiles@gmail.com) or 301-471-1368

**MARK YOU CALENDARS.....**

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JR/SR HIGH YOUTH**

**January 21-22, 2012– JR High**

**Lock-in, Manassas COB, Manassas, VA**

**Registration will be \$50/person**

**January 27-29, 2012**

**Winter Retreat, Camp Hashawha, Westminster, MD**

**February, 2012**

**Winter Youth Camp at Camp Mardela...watch for the mailing  
“The Journey”**

**March 16-18, 2012**

**Southeastern Regional Youth Roundtable– Bridgewater College**

**April 14-18, 2012**

**Christian Citizenship Seminar, New York, NY and  
Washington, DC**

**Visit [www.madyouth.org](http://www.madyouth.org) for more information!!**

# Meat Canning Time!

**April 9-12, 2012**  
**April 16-18, 2012**

**Looking for Volunteers!!**



**Stepping out: Our relationship with**

**CARBON**

Christian Citizenship Seminar

*April 14-19, 2012*

*New York City & Washington D.C.*

Registration opens:

December 1, 2011 @ 6pm

*On-line registration– [www.brethren.org/ccs](http://www.brethren.org/ccs)*

# RENOVARE`

You are invited to a

*Renovare`*

*Essentials Conference*

To discover how we can  
Personally and corporately  
Grow in our spiritual vitality

Featuring a team from **RENOVARE`**

Including Dr. Richard J. Foster,  
Founder of Renovare` and author of  
Celebration of Discipline

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**

**8:00 a.m.– 5:30 p.m.**

Elizabethtown College  
Leffler Chapel and Performance Center  
College Ave, Elizabethtown, PA

*See next page for registration*

# Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work or Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(for confirmation receipt)

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

*Early Registration (postmarked by March 1, 2012) - \$40 per attendee*

*After March 1- \$50 per attendee*

\_\_\_ CEU (.65)- \$10 additional fee

\_\_\_ Signing for Hearing Impaired

\_\_\_ Spanish Translation

**Children- \$5 each**

\_\_\_ #Grades 1-6 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ # Kindergarten or younger Age \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: Atlantic Northeast District Church of the Brethren

Mail with this completed form to:

**Atlantic Northeast District Church of the Brethren**

**Attn: Renovare`**

**500 East Cedar Street**

**Elizabethtown, PA 17022 717-367-4730**

# 2012 National Workcamps

## **JUNIOR HIGH**

**(Completed Grades 6-8)**

**Harrisburg, Pa– June 20-24**

**Indianapolis, IN– June 27-July 1**

**Springfield, Illinois - July 11-15**

**Richmond, VA– July 18-22**

**Roanoke, VA– July 25-29**

**New Windsor, MD– July 30-August 3**

**Elgin, Illinois– August 1-5**

## **SENIOR HIGH**

**(Completed Grades 9-Age 19)**

**Innisfree– Crozet, VA– June 11-17**

**Castaner, Puerto Rico– June 19-25**

**Disaster Response– June 24-30**

**Caimito, Puerto Rico– June 26– July 2**

**Washington, DC– July 11– July 17**

**Rockford, Illinois– July 16-22**

**St. Croix– July 17-23**

**North Fort Myers, Florida– July 22-28**

**Chicago/Lombard, Illinois– July 30– August 5**

**Camp Colorado– July 30– August 5**



# NYAC 2012

## **NATIONAL YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

**“Humble yet Bold, Being the Church”**

**Matthew 5:13-18**

***JUNE 18-22***

***University of Tennessee,***

***Knoxville, TN***

***For More Information and***

***Register on January 6th:***

**[www.brethren.org/yac](http://www.brethren.org/yac)**

# Announcing a Change

in the

Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership

TRIM/EFSM Orientation

In 2012, we will return to the practice of having one annual Orientation.

**2012 TRIM/EFSM Orientation:**

**Thursday August 9 – Sunday August 12, 2012**

Registration Deadline: June 25, 2012

Registrations are welcome anytime before the June registration deadline!

With the help of technology, after a student is fully registered for the 2012 Orientation (paperwork completed and registration fee received), he/she will receive individual consultations with the TRIM Coordinator or Brethren Academy Director to begin their ministry training program before attending Orientation.

For additional information, please contact Marilyn Lerch (TRIM) or Julie Hostetter (EFSM).

# SR. HIGH WINTER RETREAT

**Place:** Hashawha Environmental Appreciation Center, Westminster, MD

**Leader:** Interdistrict Youth Cabinet (IYC)

[Jesse Winter, Logan Eliassen, Katie Farrow, JJ Krehbiel, Tyler Goss, and Jessie Houff]

**Date:** January 27 - 29, 2012

**Cost:** \$65.00 per participant

*Once again this year you may either register by mail or on-line (if registering on-line, please pay close attention to the instructions on the website [www.madyouth.org](http://www.madyouth.org))*

**If your church pays part, please pay the church or youth group and have them send one check.**

**FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO WINTER RETREAT, EVEN IF THE CHURCH IS PAYING WITH ONE CHECK!** *Cost includes meals, lodging, snacks, and dance with DJ.*

**Details:** We begin with registration on Friday from 7:00 - 8:00 pm; end Sunday ~1:00 pm. (lunch provided. Advisors meeting Friday night at 10:30pm for **ALL** advisors!

Variety show, DJ & dance on Saturday evening

(Variety show sign up included on registration form)

Bring your sleeping bag (or bedding), toiletries, and lots of energy with you. A Bible and pen/pencil might not be a bad idea to include also. Since seating is on the floor, you may want to bring a pillow or cushion to SIT on during the sessions.

**Guidelines: Read these and then sign the covenant on the registration form.**

*The MAD Youth Cabinet has developed the following guidelines for those attending the Winter Retreat.*

*These guidelines will be strictly adhered to:*

In cabins and lights out promptly at times designated on the schedule.

If any vandalism occurs, you will pay for the damages and will be requested to leave at the expense of your parents. No food or drinks in the cabins.

Anyone arriving after 8:00 pm Friday, or leaving prior to 1:00 Sunday, must have written permission from their parents and a telephone number where they can be reached for verification. There will be no exceptions. NO one is allowed to leave without DISTRICT advisor permission.

You are to attend and participate in all sessions and activities.

No smoking, use of alcohol or illegal substances will be tolerated.

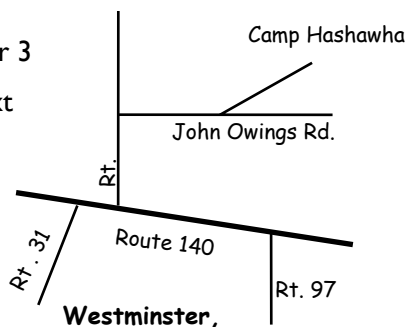
No males in females cabins and no females in males cabins!

No manipulation of cabin or building heating systems.

Turn off/silence cell phones during group sessions and activities.

Violation of these guidelines will result in suspension. Parents will be called to pick you up at their expense. **This event is for Senior High Youth (9th grade - 1st yr out of high school) and advisors ONLY.** Those not meeting the age guidelines will not be permitted to stay. Strict adherence to the guidelines will be followed.

**Directions:** Camp Hashawha is near Westminster, MD. From Rt. 140 in Westminster, take the Rt. 97 North exit. Proceed for 3 miles on Rt. 97 North. Make a right onto John Owings Rd. (next to the Carroll County Sports Complex). Proceed 1.5 miles on John Owings Rd to Hashawha Road (and the Camp Entrance) on the left. The sign will read “Bear Run Nature Center/ Camp Hashawha”. This small road leads directly into the Camp Hashawha Center.



Plan now to join other youth from around the District for this weekend event. Remember your sleds and warm weather/snow gear if the forecast calls for it. We have had a great time sledding and playing football in the snow in the past.

**Space is limited! Sign up early...register by January 15, 2012.**

# Registration Form—2012 M.A.D. Youth Winter Retreat

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE—USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (circle): Male / Female Role: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Grade (2010-11) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor

Youth Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Variety Show Entry? Yes No If yes, give a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

(Both youth and advisors: Complete the Covenant Agreement and Hashawha Environmental Center Release.)

AMOUNT for Youth and Advisor **\$65.00. Make checks payable to M.A.D. Youth. Full payment must accompany EACH form.**

## Covenant Agreement

I have read the Winter Retreat guidelines and promise that I will abide by them during my stay at Camp Hashawha. I recognize that the Winter Retreat is a time for educational and spiritual growth as well as being an event that is fun and fellowship. I am qualified by my age AND school grade to attend. If I am an advisor, I

understand that this is for Senior Highs ONLY and will not bring under-age youth or children to this event. I agree to attend the Winter Retreat in a positive spirit and be responsive to those in leadership positions.

Registrant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Release

I, the undersigned, give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to attend and participate in activities sponsored by the Church of the Brethren Mid-Atlantic District Youth on Jan. 27-29, 2012. I authorize an adult in whose care my child has been entrusted, to consent to any necessary medical diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care.

Medical Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant, if over age 18)

**Hashawha Environmental Center Release**

In return for the admission of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of visitor) into the Hashawha Environmental

Appreciation Center, I hereby release and hold harmless, Carroll County and its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from all actions, causes of action, damages, claims, or demands which I, for myself or on behalf of another, or my successors may have against them for any personal injuries or illnesses which occur while attending the Hashawha Environmental Appreciation Center.

I have read this release and understand the Hashawha policies and regulations and understand the terms. I executed it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

I have executed this release on the day and year written below.

Date of visit: January 27-29, 2012

Signature of Visitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If the participant is a minor, then the signature of the parent of legal guardian).

**Register on-line at [www.madyouth.org](http://www.madyouth.org) and send completed forms and checks payable to MAD Youth by January 15, 2012 to: Jan Walker, 14746 Peddicord Rd., Mt. Airy, MD**

# 2012 DISTRICT CALENDAR

2012

## JANUARY

- 21-22 JR HIGH LOCK-IN MANASSAS COB  
 22-26 CODE WINTER MEETING,  
 COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA  
 28 LEADERSHIP TEAM RETREAT  
 29-30 WINTER MINISTERS RETREAT  
 SHEPHERD'S SPRING  
 27-29 WINTER RETREAT, CAMP HASHAWHA

## FEBRUARY

- 8 AREA 1 DENTON—PASTORS BOOK  
 GROUP 10-NOON  
 21 AREA 2 DUNDALK 10-NOON  
 23 AREA 3/4 WOODBRIDGE 10-NOON  
 28 AREA 5/6 PIPE CREEK 10-NOON

## MARCH

- 3 AREA 7/8 LONG MEADOW 10-NOON  
 16-18 SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL YOUTH  
 ROUNDTABLE— BRIDGEWATER  
 COLLEGE

## APRIL

- 9-12 MEAT CANNING

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
 The District Office is  
 now open  
 Monday—Thursday  
 8:30am—3:30pm

### KEY:

- CCMT Calling & Credentialing Ministry Team  
 CETT Continuing Education Task Team  
 DEM District Executive Minister  
 MITT Ministry Interview Task Team  
 CEEMT Church Extension & Evangelism Ministry Team  
 FPMT Finance & Property Ministry Team  
 OSMT Outreach & Service Ministry Team  
 SCLMT Spirituality & Congregational Life Ministry Team  
 LT Leadership Team  
 LCT Leadership Calling Team  
 P&A Program & Arrangements  
 PJTT Peace & Justice Task Team  
 CODE Council of District Executives

## PASTORAL OPENINGS

- Bethany— Interviewing  
 Dranesville— Interviewing  
 Meadow Branch— Profile Prepared  
 Sharpsburg— Profile in Progress  
 Washington City— Profile Circulating



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