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event is designed for
congregational leaders to
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obtaining tools and resources
to develop strong, vital,
healthy congregations;
prepared to participate in the
mission of God in their
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May 14-16, 2015 At Frederick, MD



Schedule of events

Thursday: arrive, registration, opening plenary

Friday - Morning plenary,
2 workshop slots
Lunch
Afternoon - 2 workshops
slots
Dinner
Plenary

Saturday - 2 workshops, Closing worship

Workshops— For a complete listing of workshops offered look for us on Facebook as CODE Leadership

Fees (includes Friday lunch and dinner)

- 1-5 participants from the same congregation--\$75 per person
- 6-10 participants from the same congregation \$60 per person

More than 10 participants from the same congregation \$60 per person for the first 10; \$25 per person for each additional.

Registration--Online at our Facebook page (CODE Leadership) or at www.brethren.org

Hotels & Restaurants

A complete listing of area hotels and restaurants can be found on our Facebook page (CODE Leadership)

Plenary Speakers

JEFF CARTER, *President of Bethany Seminary* Jeff is a graduate of Bridgewater (Va.) College with a bachelor's degree in international studies. He earned a master of divinity degree from Bethany in 1998 and a doctorate in ministry with a concentration in practical theology and hermeneutics from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2006.

As a pastor, Carter has provided guidance and direction for the many facets of congregational life and ministry, emphasizing support of and involvement in the denomination and its programs. His earlier years involved the development and strengthening of Christian education and youth ministry, with increasing responsibility in administration of church programs and operations. He has worked with his congregation to acknowledge its needs and its potential, envision possibilities for growth, develop an effective strategic plan, and strengthen the church's fiscal position. Throughout his ministry, Carter has demonstrated the importance of communication and relationship building.



BELITA MITCHELL The first African American woman ordained in the Church of the Brethren and pastor of Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren in Pennsylvania, Rev. Mitchell, grew up in southern Illinois and Detroit. Belita also was moderator of the 2007 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren, the denomination's highest elected office.



LEE SOLOMON--Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Ashland Theological Seminary (Retired)

Lee is a gifted leader, administrator, and team builder. His experience at Ashland Theological Seminary has been one of offering a pastoral and practical voice to strategic discussion. Lee's smile and laugh are contagious. In his spare time, Lee enjoys reading, golfing, and traveling with his wife, Jane.