

November 2016



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

Thanksgiving is one of the trinity of my favorite holidays. It's a reminder that causes me to stop and reflect on all I have to be thankful for. For what and whom are you thankful?

The district leadership team had its last quarterly meeting of the year this past Saturday. I looked around that room and a wave of thanksgiving swept over me for the people around the tables who give of their time and gifts to provide district leadership. Those leaders represent dozens of others around the district who also serve in various district ministries. Members of the district who interview and credential ministers, facilitate ministerial education, who respond to thorny problems that arise. Those who care for district finances and property. All of those who work in our service projects – canning meat, carrying out the disaster auction, building a Habitat house so that a family has a good place to live and strengthening community. And on it goes...

I want to express my special gratitude for five district servants who finish terms of service this year. Anna Poole of Bush Creek finishes six years of service as our district clerk – not only taking minutes at district conference, but Anna has taken district leadership team minutes since Terri Meushaw's death. Lois Ann Glessner of Welsh Run served the past two years as district moderator-elect and moderator, consecutively chairing as well the leadership calling and program and arrangements teams over those two years. Her focus on the Holy Spirit was a gift to us all. Peggy Mervine of Dranesville served on the program and arrangements team the past six years and cared for every little detail that become such big details in how we experience and value district conference. Teresa Albright of Long Green Valley finishes six years on the leadership team where her gentle

voice was always powerful in that she always had good questions to ask and something wise and encouraging to contribute. Chris Stockslager of Hagerstown is finishing six years on the leadership team, the past five as chair, while also serving on the district finance and property ministry team. His churchmanship, leadership, and steady hand have blessed the district far more than many district members may see. I am so thankful for each of these persons. Each of them served through significant challenges in their personal lives. Each of them gave hundreds of hours of their time, drove some thousands of miles, prayed many prayers, and did a ton of work on our behalf. Each of them has inspired, encouraged, and blessed me, and at Thanksgiving time and many other times I will think of them and be thankful that Christ brought us together on the journey.

Thankful to be Together With You on the Journey,

Gene Hagenberger
Mid-Atlantic District Executive Minister

District Conference 2016 Follow Up

Program and Arrangements would like to thank the conference Audio Visual Team: Chris and Kathy Blouch and Craig Stutzman, Dranesville COB; and Denny Mathews, Fellowship COB. Special appreciation is also expressed to Cathy Baker (MAD Admin Office) and Kim Middleton (Dranesville COB) who scanned 50 years of conference bulletins, making it possible to compile a visual history of District Conferences held in the Mid-Atlantic District. Conference slides (including the 50th Anniversary slides) can be viewed at: <http://happyservant.org/dc2016/>. The Internet connection on this site is not very fast, so the larger files can take several minutes to download. Please be patient.

Announcement

Hagerstown Choral Arts will present "Songs of Remembrance" on Sunday, November 13, 2016, at 4:00 PM at the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren. Admission is free. Free-will offering accepted.

PLACEMENT UPDATE

Bethany	Called Jody Gunn
Broadfording	Forming Search Committee
Easton	Searching
Frederick	Preparing profile
Friendship	Searching
Harmony	Called Karen Grossnickle
Ridgeley	Forming Search Committee
Welty	Called Mike Kenney
Woodbridge	Interviewing



Directory Update

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Please let the District office know of any changes in your mailing address or your phone number.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

November

- 3 P&A 4:30 pm, LCT 6:00 pm at the District Office
- 5 Farhney-Keedy Board Retreat
- 6 Re-Licensing Event at Union Bridge Church of the Brethren
- 8 Meat Canning Committee meeting at 10 am at the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren
- 12 ACTS Formation 9 am-12 pm at Westminster Church of the Brethren
- 15 OSMT, 5 pm at the Washington County Habitat for Humanity office

2017 Annual Conference
June 28-July 2, 2016
Grand Rapids, MI
Moderator Carol Scheppard

2017 Mid-Atlantic District Conference
October 13-14, 2017
Frederick, MD
Moderator Brian Bachman

Happy Thanksgiving!!

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