



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

EVENTS

January 2026



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Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren 2026 Disaster Response Auction Booklet



Dear Pastors, Disaster Coordinators, Witness Chairs and Donors.

We deeply appreciate and thank you for your past support of the Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction Booklet.

If you have not advertised in the booklet previously we invite you to consider doing so this year.

The 45th Annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction will be held **Saturday, May 2, 2026**, beginning at 9:00 am at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, Maryland. Your support will enable us to provide even more assistance to more disaster survivors this year.

In 2025, a record high of \$96,000 was given to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the Church of the Brethren to help victims recover from many disasters all around our world.

During 2025 the Emergency Disaster Fund supported these efforts and more:

- California Wildfires
 - Israel-Hamas War response in Gaza and West Bank
 - Tennessee - Hurricane Helene Response – Rebuilding
 - Hurricane Melissa Response in Cuba
 - Summer 2022 Flooding Response in Kentucky
 - Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda Churches
 - Venezuela Flooding Response
 - Deportation Defense Response
 - South Sudan Church of the Brethren Mission
 - Ecuador Humanitarian Relief
 - Nigeria Crisis Response
 - Child Life Disaster Relief
 - Ukraine Response
- ...and much more!

Your local church is an important part of this effort!

- You can help by placing an ad in the booklet. We are once again offering the ad sizes below in black and white or color. The ad can include a photograph or artwork. Ad sizes and prices are as follows:

Full page...\$160 black/\$200 color	Eighth Page...\$25 black/\$35 color
Half page...\$85 black/\$105 color	Patron Listing...\$10, \$25, \$35, or more
Third Page...\$60 black/\$75 color	Donations of any amount
- Encourage your members to place business, personal or patron ads and print announcements about the auction in your newsletter and bulletin. **Links to forms and poster <http://www.madcob.com/disaster-response-auction/>**
- Please print the enclosed bulletin insert and put it in your bulletin by Sunday, January 4, 2026.
- You can also help by posting the flyer included that is requesting special sale items.

Here are more ways you can help make the auction a success.

- Create craft items
- Donate baked goods
- Donate plants, shrubs and trees
- Assemble gift baskets
- Hold a fundraiser to support the auction
- Donate high quality items to publish in the booklet
- Volunteer to help
- Publicize and attend the Auction!

Please return your advertising space reservation form by Friday, February 6, 2026!

Please call booklet designer Debbie Noffsinger at 847-714-4482 or email auctionbooklet@comcast.net if you have questions.

Thank you for your continued support of our Disaster Response Auction!



Blessed is the Body

A Conversation with author Tatum Tricarico

January 15 at 2:30 pm EST



Webinar: Blessed is the Body

Anabaptist Disabilities Network and Herald Press invite you to a webinar with Tatum Tricarico, author of *Blessed is the Body*, a Lenten devotional centered around disability justice.

During Lent, we often reflect on our limits—from dust we are, and to dust we will return. We remember that we will never be able to do everything we want to do, even and especially when what we want to do is love our neighbor well. In this daily devotional, Disability rights activist Tatum Tricarico helps us turn

the tables on Lent. Rather than a time of feeling condemned or guilty beyond help, Lent is when we can take a breath and finally say what we have been trying to hide all year: I am human. I can't do it all. And still, I am beloved by God.

During the webinar Tricarico will share insights from her book and have time to answer questions. Please join us on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 2:30 pm EST/ 1:30 pm CST via Zoom: <https://MCUSA.zoom.us/j/89439571091>

Tatum Tricarico is an activist, theologian, and Director of Christian Education at Wesley Memorial UMC in Charlottesville, Virginia. She has a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School and is a Disability Rights activist on Instagram (@blind_person_in_area), where she has curated a Disability cultural calendar.

Give to ADN

CAMP SCHEDULE 2026

AGE RANGES - WINTER:
CURRENT GRADE

WINTER RETREATS

STANDARD
CAMP
FEE

EARLY BIRD
(BEFORE
JAN. 1)*

FEB. 6-8	Jr. High Retreat - 6th-8th Grade	\$110	\$95
FEB. 21	Mini Day Retreat - 2nd-3rd Grade	\$35	\$30
MAR. 6-8	Twix Retreat - 4th-5th Grade	\$110	\$95

AGE RANGES - SUMMER:
GRADE COMPLETED JUNE 2026

SUMMER CAMPS

STANDARD
CAMP
FEE

EARLY BIRD
(BEFORE
MAY 1)*

JUN. 28-JUL. 3	Jr. High Camp - 7th-9th Grade	\$400	\$340
JUL. 5-7	Mini Camp - 1st-2nd Grade Overnight Day Only	\$250 \$125	\$215 \$107.50
JUL. 10-11	Me & You Camp - K-1st + 1 Adult	\$200	\$170
JUL. 12-16	Twix Camp - 3rd-4th Grade	\$350	\$300
JUL. 19-24	The Wild - 5th-7th Grade	\$400	\$340
JUL. 26-31	Creative Arts - 4th-6th Grade	\$400	\$340
	Youth Trip Camp - 8th-12th Grade	\$500	\$425
JUL. 27-31	Day Camp - 2nd-4th Grade	\$250	\$215

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: DAY CAMPS/RETREATS - 8 CAMPERS | OVERNIGHT CAMPS - 10 CAMPERS
CAMP REGISTRATION CLOSSES 14 DAYS BEFORE START OF CAMP.

Register online at www.campmardela.org/camp-programs



Song and Story Fest registration is now open. You can access all the info about this coming year's Song and Story Fest at:

[On Earth Peace Event Page for Song and Story Fest](#) (all the info is here, but you can also access things individually:

- [Brochure](#)
- [Registration Form](#)
- [Poster with all the leaders' names](#)

Please note: We've added more detail to the online registration form about which meals and nights you'll be present for. We always need to know that information so we can work out finances with the host camp, but having it on the form will reduce the time we spend figuring all of that out.

A request: If any members of your family will have slightly different arrival and departure times - therefore different numbers of meals and/or nights at the camp - *please have those individuals register separately*. It will help us a lot. Thank you!



BREAK
Isaiah 43:2
THROUGH
2026 FaithX

Registration is now open for the older adult trip at www.brethren.org/faithx and registration for summer trips will open on Jan. 14, 2026, at 7 p.m. (Eastern time).

Four trips will be available for junior and senior high youth, an older adult trip will take place in February, an adult international trip will be offered in June, and the We Are Able trip will be offered in July. Additional information and trip descriptions can be found at www.brethren.org/faithx.

National Youth Conference

Light within US

—Matthew 5:14-16



July 18 - 23, 2026



YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO



Registration opens January 5, 2026



www.brethren.org/nyc

National Youth Conference (NYC) provides young people in high school and the first year of college (or are age equivalent) and their advisors the chance to gather for a week of fellowship, worship, workshops, recreation, and more!



National Youth Conference 2026

Registration (which includes fun & faith-centered activities from 7 a.m. to midnight for 5 days – all in the heart of the Rocky Mountains!) opens January 5 and closes June 30, 2026.

Registration Fees

Early Bird (January and February): \$625

Regular (March & April): \$650

Late (May & June): \$675

Non-Refundable Deposit (due within 2 weeks of registering): \$325

Intercultural scholarships available

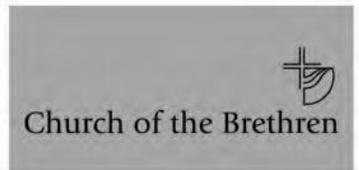


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Congregations, please note:

All youth must be accompanied by an adult advisor, age 22 or older. Please send at least one advisor; the advisor to youth ratio for your group should be one advisor per four youth. Due to housing supervision, please send female and male advisors if your group includes female and male youth. NYC cannot accommodate children of participants, advisors, and staff who are not eligible to attend as participants.

January Course to Focus on Compassionate Listening

The January offering from Ventures in Christian Discipleship will be “Building Bridges Between Brethren through Compassionate Listening: Let Thy Kingdom Come!” to be presented by Barbara Daté, Harriet Koscho, and Joe Vecchio. It will be held online in two sessions, Tuesdays, January 20 and 27, both at 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Central Time).

Course Description: This interactive workshop invites Brethren from across the denomination to strengthen relationships through deep compassionate listening. How we are going to accomplish this is via using the facilitated Daté Discernment Circle (DDC) process. We believe that sharing deeply with heartfelt understandings can be a catalyst to healing. Further, that any fresh understandings could foster stronger connections as we build up our beloved Brethren relationships by offering one another compassion and empathy.

Come prepared to listen. Come prepared to share if you wish. Each person who shares will begin with a “Prompt” designed to focus on what is meaningful about “being Brethren”, for example: “What ‘Being Brethren’ in this time and place means to me...” or “Pain I am recovering from...”. We will be coached to use the deep compassionate listening skill, micro-paraphrasing.* As we take turns sharing what is meaningful to us, we will also ensure that each person is listened to with respect and understanding by each “Special Listener” requested in turn by each “Speaker”. What is especially compelling about this DDC model is Barbara’s belief and witness to the “breaking through of the Spirit in our midst” so often that she nurtures the sacred space for that possibility!

Our hope is that a broad cross-section from across our denomination will participate. Then as we nurture compassionate understandings we will be able to turn together, shoulder to shoulder to: “Bring forth the kingdom of mercy! Bring forth the kingdom of peace!”: Thy Kingdom Come! Amen!

For those registering, an email with further information will be sent before the workshop. In addition, Barbara will offer an extra “Hot-tips” session about the DDC process a few days in advance for those who might want a little more preparation.

**For those curious or even anxious about the skill of micro-paraphrasing (which we will be utilizing to reach our goal of deeply understanding one another), feel free to be in touch to request more information. You can also check out Barbara’s Ventures session on “Deep Compassionate Listening” (April 15, 2023). In that previously recorded session, Barbara introduces and teaches the skill of micro-paraphrasing. Register for this course free in the Ventures course archives:*
<https://www.mcpherson.edu/ventures/archive-registration/>

Assisting **Barbara Daté** with the workshop will be **Harriet Koscho**, member of Olympic View Church of the Brethren, and **Joe Vecchio**, member of Restoration LA Church of the Brethren. All three facilitators work intensively nurturing intercultural relationships. Barbara and Joe have teamed up together for over 30 years, and Barbara began mentoring Harriet two years ago.

Continuing education credit is available for \$10 per course. During the registration process, you will have the opportunity to pay for CEUs and give an optional donation to the Ventures program.

To learn more about Ventures in Christian Discipleship and to register for courses, visit www.mcpherson.edu/ventures.

Presenter Bios:

Barbara Daté is “Hapa” (Hawaiian for “half”) Japanese-American (Sansei) and almost half English with a Great-Great-Great-Great Gilliam grandmother who was free but from a slave family in Virginia. Raised in the intercultural, interfaith residential York Center Co-op of 79 families founded by Church of the Brethren Bethany Seminary couples, Barbara witnessed firsthand diverse folks working through conflicts and living together in harmony. This early life experience from age 2 years old provided Barbara with the vision that “Peace and harmony is possible!” That foundational experience prepared her work with Brethren in 17 Church of the Brethren districts and with indigenous peoples in North America, the Pacific Islands and the Irish (in the Republic of Ireland and N. Ireland). She was invited by Brethren Press to be the process consultant (along with Mennonite raised/turned Brethren, Phyllis Sensei) to rescue the Hymnal Project after years of conflict, resulting in the publication of the 1989 Hymnal (with the Mennonites). Barbara wraps up her term on Mission and Ministry Board July 2026. She continues yet another decade on the Intercultural Ministries Advisory Team.

Barbara’s academic and community expertise is in the field of individual & cultural differences and deep compassionate listening. She was gifted with the innovative “Daté Discernment Circle” model in the midst of an intense district conflict in 1987. This unique procedure has been successfully used throughout the world, having first been facilitated by Barbara during an intensive teacher’s strike, and then in myriad contexts, including the 50th anniversary of the bombing at Pearl Harbor and at various denominational gatherings.

Barbara holds an Interdisciplinary Master’s Degree in Interpersonal and Small Group Communication and Conflict Resolution, as well as a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, specializing in Prosocial, Proactive Behavior. She taught at 9 colleges/universities and 3 seminaries. Barbara has been a member of the Springfield, Oregon Church of the Brethren and the Madtown Brethren Fellowship in Madison, WI. For fun and exercise Barbara has been blessed to play her cello in a dozen orchestras in North America, Mau’i and Salzburg.

Harriet Koscho is a member/leader of the Olympic View Church of the Brethren. She has an M.S. in Statistics/Computer Science from Purdue University, but her real education came when she started a youth group for at-risk minority children in Seattle. Career-wise, she excelled at finding, diagnosing, and eliminating difficult software problems - sometimes traveling to China or India to work out solutions. Meanwhile, on the weekends, she learned how to de-escalate tensions and inspire young people to create a beloved community. As a member of the Standing With People of Color coordinating committee she has taken up the co-leadership of the new role, Racial Justice Advocates for Brethren congregations and districts. Harriet loves engaging with all kinds of people and she hopes to help you bring out your most authentic self.

Joe Vecchio was a Church of the Brethren pastor in the 1980s and worked for the Pacific Southwest District Church of the Brethren as District Administrative Assistant for 30 years. He served almost three

decades with the Intercultural Ministries Advisory Team and 35 years as a camp leader at Camp Peaceful Pines. In the past he also worked as a school bus driver and a Union printing press and camera operator. Currently, Joe serves with Kids Church and Greeters Ministries at Restoration Los Angeles Church. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from California State University LA and a Master of Divinity from Fuller Seminary. Joe is a third generation Sicilian.

Roundtable 2026

Brethren/Mennonite Youth Conference

Bridgewater College

February 27th - March 1st



Roundtable is a senior high youth conference filled with worship, fun workshops, and opportunities to engage with one another (there will also be ice cream).

It is a weekend to remember.

Roundtable 2026 Speaker:

Rev. Keyon Williamson



Keyon Williamson is a traveling preacher, licensed minister, writer, and student at Duke University Divinity School, where he is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree with a focus on preaching.

He has been blessed to travel across the United States preaching and sharing the gospel, with a heart for encouraging young adults and youth in their faith. Keyon previously served on the pastoral and ministerial teams at Southeastern University and The Worship Center Orlando. He also helped launch a young adult worship night in Florida, creating space for his generation to gather in prayer, worship, and community.

He writes Seen and Saved, a Substack blog exploring life, faith, and culture from a Gen Z Christian perspective. He was a speaker at National Junior High Conference 2025 and will be a speaker at National Youth Conference 2026.

For more information about Roundtable, follow us on Instagram, Facebook, or check out our website. Registration is available through our website starting December 1st.



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<https://iyroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc>

WORKSHOPS

Information on workshops will be available online at iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc in early January.

Registrations done before workshop info is available will receive an email once they are available online, with instructions on how to sign up for workshops. Once workshops are available, all of registration (workshop sign up included) will be done online.

Workshops do often fill up, so the sooner your register, the better chance you will have of getting your first choice.

OFFERING PROJECT

This year's offering will go towards **Vine and Fig**, a Harrisonburg-based nonprofit that supports projects that focus on social justice and ecological healing. Their current projects include sustainable farming, providing fresh locally-grown food for food banks, conservation education, and providing households with solar power. Donations to Vine and Fig will stay in the local community and go towards making the Shenandoah Valley a cleaner, more affordable, and more sustainable place to live. Vine and Fig is part of New Community Project.



VARIETY SHOW

Roundtable offers you a chance to show what you are good at: songs, skits, and pretty much anything appropriate for the audience. We will check content at a mandatory organizational meeting, so prepare something ahead of time and help us have some fun!

BRETHREN & MENNONITE!!!

Roundtable has been a Brethren youth conference since 1944. This year, we are excited that Roundtable will be a cooperative venture between regional Brethren youth and local Mennonite youth.

DIRECTIONS

To **Funkhouser Center**: from I-81, take exit 240 (Mt Crawford/Bridgewater). Go west on 257, crossing Route 11, then into Bridgewater. Turn left onto College View Drive, just before the college walls. The Funkhouser Center is on that corner.

REFUNDS

Refunds will be granted upon request (less \$10) if the request is made by April 1, 2026

REGISTRATION TIME/PLACE

Friday - 6:30-9:00 pm, Funkhouser Center
Saturday - 8:00-9:00 am, Funkhouser
Sunday - 9:15-10:00 am, Cole Hall

ROUNDTABLE PLANNERS

The Roundtable Planners/Interdistrict Youth Cabinet is a group of Bridgewater College students that meet weekly to plan Roundtable. They are fun-loving, goofy group that loves Christ and is excited to worship and grow with all the youth at Roundtable!



Georgia Metz
Jordan Hall

Stephen Layton
Steve Spire

More information about Roundtable at:
iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc



ROUNDTABLE 2026

Brethren/Mennonite
Youth Conference

BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE

Bridgewater, Virginia

February 27 – March 1,
2026

featuring:

Keyon Williamson

ROUNDTABLE 2026 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 6:30pm Registration Opens, Funkhouser
- 8:15 Opening Worship, Boitnott Room
Friday Night Fun & Snack, Funkhouser
- 10:30 Connections, Funkhouser
Advisor Meeting, Funkhouser
Social Time, Funkhouser
- 12:00 Quiet Time & Lights Out

SATURDAY

- 7:00am Rise and Shine
- 7:15 Morning Watch, Aerobics Room
- 7:30 Breakfast, KCC Dining Hall
- 8:45 Morning Worship, Boitnott Room
- 10:00 Group Picture, Bowman Hall
- 10:15 Small Groups
- 11:00 Morning Workshops
- 12:00pm Lunch
Variety Show signup/check-in
- 1:15 Afternoon Workshops
- 2:15 Recreation / Free time
- 3:45 Afternoon Worship, Boitnott Room
- 5:00 Small Groups
- 5:45 Supper
- 6:45 Advisor Meeting
- 7:30 Evening Program/Variety Show
- 9:30 Vespers
- 10:45 Snack / Social Time
- 11:45 Quiet Time & Lights Out

SUNDAY

- 7:30am Rise and Shine / Pack up
- 7:45 Morning Watch
- 8:00 Breakfast - Funkhouser
- 9:00 Small Groups
- 10:00 Closing Worship, Boitnott Room

God Bless and Drive Safely!

INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER!!

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NOTES FOR THE WEEKEND

Advisor Notice! Each youth should have an advisor at Roundtable who is responsible for them over the weekend, whether from their own church or they find an advisor from another church who is willing to serve in this role. We strongly suggest that all advisors attend the Advisor Meeting and assist Interdistrict Youth Cabinet members in maintaining the conduct of the participants.

Advisors (and all adults) Notice #2: in order to comply with state law regarding contact with minors, you are required to have a background check, watch some videos, and sign a form. Details will be sent to you upon your registration.

Things to Bring: Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, towel, and toiletries.

Note: You will be sleeping on the floor in the Funkhouser gym.

REGISTRATION

Please complete a separate registration form (enclosed in this brochure) for each person attending Roundtable, or register online at iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc

You can also reach online registration via this QR code.



Registration is limited to mature 9th - 12th graders and advisors.

If there are any questions about Roundtable or registration, please send an e-mail to iycroundtable@gmail.com

Roundtable 2026 REGISTRATION

Name _____ Sex: () Male Role: () Youth
(please print) First Last () Female () Advisor

Email Address: _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Personal or Home Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Relation: _____

Emergency phone number: (_____) _____

Local Congregation: _____ District: _____

If youth: my Birth Date: ____/____/____ Year graduating High School: _____

my Advisor at Roundtable: _____

() I will need special services (interpreter, dietary, etc.)
Please indicate service _____

() I will participate in the Variety Show (continued below)

Type of act: _____ Description of act: _____

(Acts will be checked for content at the Variety Show Meeting. If you are singing, you must provide a copy of the lyrics.)

Workshops (available online at yroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc in early January):

Please indicate your first, second and third choices by their number on the brochure.

Morning:

Afternoon:

First Choice _____

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

Third Choice _____

Please read the following statement carefully. You **MUST** sign this to attend Roundtable.

While at Roundtable, I recognize that I am a guest. I will act in a manner fitting a mature Christian.

- 1) I will treat all property with respect and will follow all rules of Bridgewater College.
- 2) I will remain on campus, except with the permission of IYC.
- 3) I will attend all worships, workshops, and small groups.
- 4) I will refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and vaping products.
- 5) I will respect the desire of others to get a good night's sleep.
- 6) I will refrain from the use of all electronic devices during all worships, workshops, and small groups, except as needed to take notes, read scripture, or as otherwise directed.

My signature implies that I have read the above statements and agree to abide by them for the duration of Roundtable. It also allows IYC to use my likeness for publicity purposes.

signed _____

Participant



DON'T FORGET THE BACK!!!
Registrations postmarked after **February 15**
or received on site will cost \$10 more

←Or, you can use this QR code to
go to online registration.

REGISTRATION FEE (insurance included)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration for entire weekend (t-shirt included)	\$45
or	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday registration	\$12
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday registration	\$19
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday registration	\$12
<input type="checkbox"/> t-shirt cost (if not registering for entire weekend)	\$11

ROUNDTABLE T-SHIRT
 Size: XS ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___

MEALS (select either plan A or B) \$ _____

<input type="checkbox"/> A. Package Plan (includes 4 meals: Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner; Sun. Breakfast)	<input type="checkbox"/> B. Separate Meal Plan (check wanted meals)
\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat. Breakfast \$9
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat. Lunch \$11
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat. Dinner \$12
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun. Breakfast \$5

REGISTRATION after **February 15, 2026** \$10 \$ _____
 (not applicable if attending Sunday only)

ROUNDTABLE GROUP PICTURE (optional) 5x7 photo \$3 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Partial Registration Fees: Roundtable is designed to be a cohesive learning experience. You are encouraged to participate in the entire conference. However, we realize that some of you will be unable to do so. If you are going to be present for only part of the conference, you will be expected to pay the partial registration fee listed above.

Waiver & Medical Release Statement

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, acknowledge that I am aware of my child's participation in Roundtable. Furthermore, I release and forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Bridgewater College, its employees, and the organizers of the Conference from and against any and all liability and loss, except in the case of gross negligence, for any injuries that my child might sustain during the Conference. I also agree to assume full financial responsibility for any damages that my child might inflict upon the facility or any person during the Conference, and I will indemnify and hold harmless Bridgewater College against any such loss. I will provide transportation if the leaders of the Conference determine that my child must be sent home early for any reason.

I certify that my child is in good health and able to participate in all athletic activities without restriction. I authorize the leadership of the Conference, in the event of a health-related emergency, to secure proper treatment for my child if such occasions occur. I understand that the leadership of the Conference will make reasonable attempts to contact me if a situation does arise. I give permission to the physician selected by the leadership of the Conference to administer treatment, including hospitalization, for my child.

As the parent/guardian of my child, I have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms as stated above and support the participation of my child in the Conference.

Signed _____ Date _____
 Parent or Guardian

To complete your registration, mail this form with check or money order payable to "Interdistrict Youth Cabinet" (by **February 15, 2026** for early deadline) to:
Interdistrict Youth Cabinet -- Bridgewater College Box 192 -- Bridgewater VA 22812

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PROVIDE MEALS

The Mid-Atlantic District will be partnering with some of the SO PA District congregations who are willing to prepare a meal for approximately 30 people for lunch with a light snack.

Please contact your district office if your congregation is willing to provide a meal or funds.

The Meat Canning Committee is very grateful to the congregations that provide the meals and funds.

Disclaimer: All info is as of the date of publication; times, needs, restrictions, etc. may change between now and April. Please volunteer and know that we will contact you with updates if necessary. Thanks!

HOTELS IN CAM AREA

Econolodge

2031 N Reading Rd,
Denver 717-336-7000

Comfort Inn

1 Denver Rd, Denver
717-336-7541

Hampton Inn & Suites

380 E Main St., Ephrata
717-733-0661

2026 Meat Canning Committee

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Directions to Christian Aid Ministries

2412 Division Highway, Ephrata, PA

717-354-2434

From Lancaster: Go north on Rt. 222 to Rt. 322. Go approximately 4 miles east on Rt. 322 to Christian Aid Ministries. Facility is on the left.



From York: Take Rt. 30 east to Rt. 222 North, then follow the above directions.

Meat Canning Project



4 Days

April 6 - 9

Processed at:
Christian Aid Ministries

Sponsored by:
**Southern PA &
Mid-Atlantic Districts COB**

“I was hungry and you gave Me food”

Matthew 25:35



This quote from Jesus’ story about the last judgment is a reminder that we render service to God even as we respond to human need. The spirit of generous sharing, and the hunger that exists in many parts of the world comes together in our Meat Canning project.

For the 48th year, the Mid-Atlantic and SO PA Districts are co-sponsoring a Meat Canning project which previously has enjoyed a generous response and enthusiastic support. The project is scheduled for April 6 - 9, 2026 at the Christian Aid Ministries facility.



Starting funds are good, but we need to raise money if we intend to meet our goal; excess money is held for next year’s event. Expenses include the cost of the chicken, use of CAM’s facility, labels, boxes, miscellaneous supplies, as well as shipping costs, when applicable. Congregations are encouraged to take offerings during January, February, March and April for this ministry of sharing and to forward these funds to their respective District Office.

The Meat Canning Project is a great way for us to minister to those in need during these difficult economic and disaster-ridden times.

As in the past, a portion of the meat from this project will be provided to both Districts to be shared with local food banks and meal programs. The Meat Canning Committee has decided to wait until Spring 2026 to determine how a donation of meat or funds will be made to denominational ministries.

In order for the committee to provide adequate help for each shift, it is important that you inform your District Office ASAP when you will be available to volunteer.

- Mid-Atlantic District 443-960-3052
- Southern PA District 570-295-9879
717-778-2254

Shift assignments will be made by the District Offices on a first-come-basis. Once you have pledged volunteers,

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING REPLACEMENTS

if you are unable to fulfill your commitment.

No shows create schedule problems and an increase in inspector fees.



Daily Work Schedule & Responsibilities

Shift #1 - 7:15 a.m. to NOON

Assist in starting the day’s process, participate in the cutting, canning and labeling. (15 volunteers needed)

Shift #2 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Participate in the total process of the program. (10 volunteers needed)

CAM Requirements

First and foremost, it is the desire of CAM to honor and glorify God. We appreciate all the people that are volunteering their time and effort at the Ephrata warehouse. We kindly request that the following guidelines be respected.

- Parents should share with CAM the responsibility for the safety of their youth.
- Proper use and respect for equipment and reasonable care for the building.

Girls/women must wear a dress or skirt at the knee. No low-cut tops. Skirts are provided if you wear pants, it can be worn over your pants.

Men/boys must wear long pants and shirts with sleeves. No shorts or Tank Tops!

Note: Room temperature is 55 degrees, dress accordingly.

- NO SMOKING or TOBACCO use.
- NO CHEWING GUM.
- NO use of foul language.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

UPCOMING EVENTS/ PROGRAMS



Aug.
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YOUNG ADULT STEERING COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS DUE

The Young Adult Steering Committee, open to those age 18 - 35, plans and hosts Young Adult Conference annually. The YASC also produces one edition of Bridge, the young adult newsletter. Apply at <https://forms.gle/2KrREaz9uvyvMKch6>



Sept.
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NATIONAL YOUTH CABINET NOMINATIONS DUE

Adults are welcome to nominate outstanding youth to serve on the next National Youth Cabinet! This cabinet will provide significant leadership for National Youth Conference 2026. Nomination form at <https://forms.gle/tNSosJ7NmBEjBX6R7>



Nov.
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NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY

Encourage your junior high youth to take the lead in worship! Resources will be posted this fall at www.brethren.org/yya/jr-high-resources/



April
5 - 9

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

CCS gives high school students a chance to explore the relationship between their faith and a particular social justice issue, culminating in legislative visits on Capitol Hill. Find out more at www.brethren.org/yya/ccs



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