



59th Annual Mid-Atlantic

District Conference

October 9 & 10, 2026

Camp Mardela

301 Deep Shore Rd., Denton, MD 21629-3408



Conference Emblem by CJ Bowman

Based on Roman's 14:10-13

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." 12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable. 13 Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister.

Friday Evening, October 9

FRIDAY PASTOR'S DINNER 5:30pm

Denton Church of the Brethren

FRIDAY CAMPFIRE WORSHIP 7pm

Campfire Songs • Inspirational Stories •
S'mores!

Many thanks to Eder Financial for providing Friday evening snacks.

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2026 MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Camp Mardela

Times are approximate

8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Krabill Hall
	Registration	
	Exhibits – until 3:00 pm	Krabill Hall Porch
8:50 am	Gathering / Singing	Krabill Hall
9:00 am	Seating of Head Table and Greeting	
	Seating of Delegates	
9:10 am	Message, Dennis Beckner, COB Moderator	
9:25 am	Communion	
9:45 am	Business Session 1:	
	Call to Order / Roll Call	
	Presentation of Slate	
	Slate Approval	
	DEM Report	
	Regional Ministry Associates Reports	
	Leadership Team Report	
	Standing Committee Report	
	Church of the Brethren Report	
	Bethany Theological Seminary Report	
	2027 Budget Proposal and Approval	
	Proposed Change to District Constitution and	
	Bylaws Discussion and Approval	
12:25 pm	Announcements / Prayer / Directions	
12:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30	Workshops	Designated Areas
2:30 pm	Business Session 2	Krabill Hall
	Reports: Eder Financial	
	On Earth Peace	
	SVMC	
	Shepherd's Spring	
	Camp Mardela	
3:00 pm	Announcement of Slate	
	Consecration of New Leadership	
	Transition of DC Leadership / Passing of the Gavel	
3:10 pm	Closing	

CONFERENCE PERSONNEL

Conference Officers

Frank Lezotte	Moderator
Sandi Evans Rogers	Moderator-Elect
Suzanne Bowdle	Clerk

Program and Arrangements Committee

Laura Frye	Doris Grossnickle
Britnee Linton	

On-site Coordinator Team

Suzanne Bowdle, Denton	Stacey Layton, Bethany
Amy Hutchison, Fairview	Tom Schuyler, Ridgely
Ellen Wile, Easton	

Lunch - Fairview Church of the Brethren

Tech - Tom Schuyler

Musician - Stacey Layton

Parliamentarian

Calvin Park

Timekeeper

Doris Grossnickle

District Staff

Doug Veal, District Executive Minister
Jo Ann Landon, Administrative Assistant

Thank you to the staff and many volunteers at Camp Mardela and also the Denton, Fairview, Bethany, Ridgely and Easton congregations for their time and tremendous effort to provide a welcoming and comfortable home for the Mid-Atlantic District Conference. Thank you to Fairview Church of the Brethren for preparing today's lunch.

WORKSHOPS 1:30 – 2:30pm

What Can We Learn From AI?

The rise of Artificial Intelligence has led to a lot of uncomfortable questions. What does it mean to be human in light of superintelligence? How is human thought different from machine thought? What will work look like? In this workshop, we'll focus on what God could be warning us about through our fears, and how to live confidently, faithfully, and obediently in a time of panic.

Presenter: Joey Moss, Pastor, Dranesville Church of the Brethren

Be SMART

is a Campaign that was launched in 2015 as a framework that parents, caretakers, and community leaders can follow to help keep their communities safer from gun violence with a focus on safe gun storage. This session with equip you to present to others; your congregation, local school, local parent organization the Be SMART presentation showing how they can use Be SMART with families in their congregations, organizations and/or community. You will hear the presentation and could be certified to share with others.

Presenters: Sandi Evans Rogers, Intentional Interim Minister, Westminster Church of the Brethren and Mandy Park, Co-Executive Director, Director of Development – On Earth Peace

Thou Shalt Go Camping

Church camp has been a major part of discipleship in the global Christian church for many years, but where did the idea come from, and why is it significant? There are Biblical passages that stress the importance of taking time away from our daily lives to slow down and fellowship with God and with our Christian communities, and church camps are a wonderful place for this to happen! If you are interested in learning the Biblical foundations of church camps, and how you can use Outdoor Ministry to aid in Christian discipleship for all ages, come join Jennifer Williams-Summy - Administrator of Camp Mardela - to learn more about this topic!

Presenter: Jennifer Williams-Summy

Tour of Camp Mardela (limited to the first 40 registrants)

A wagon ride tour of Camp Mardela will be offered. There will be a 30-minute loop around the property, seeing spots along the way, like the swimming hole, the labyrinth, RV site, etc. There will be two trips offered on the wagon, 20 spots available per ride. Those waiting for their ride will explore the buildings within walking distance from the starting point of the wagon ride and short stroll to Watt's Creek. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. More details will be provided at conference.

Presenter: Jim Summy

EXHIBITS

Friday from 5:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Visit the following exhibits on the porch of Kraybill Hall:

Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Bethany Theological Seminary

Brethren Disaster Ministries

Brethren Volunteer Service/FaithX

Church of the Brethren

Eder Financial

On Earth Peace

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC)

Mid-Atlantic District Conference Guidelines **For Exhibit Space and Literature Distribution**

PURPOSE: District Conference exhibits are primarily for the purpose of information and interpretation of District, denominational and related agencies.

While District Conference is a forum bringing together Brethren with a variety of interest and opinions, it is not a public forum like the “public square” where practically no limits on speech and activity are permitted. We come together as a Christian communion – that part of Christ’s Body called “The Church of the Brethren” – which calls for some discipline as to the kinds of activity and information permitted. In academic and secular settings, constitutional rights and the need for stimulation of clashing ideas will be protected. At District Conference, we come as those already affirming that Christ is Lord, and we are convened as the faithful people of God.

In light of traditional views about non-resistance, for example, it would be inappropriate to extend exhibition space to the Army recruitment office or events urging war or military action. Nor would it be appropriate to provide space and a forum for persons promoting atheism or the banning of Bibles. Clearly, some limitations for use of space are appropriate.

As the group charged with responsibility for planning and organizing District Conference activities each year, the Program and Arrangements Committee is faced with trying to establish appropriate limits. It has adopted the following statement of policy as to limits:

All information and literature distributed by exhibitors should be compatible with authorized District Conference activities and in support of the unity of the body. District Conference Program and Arrangements Committee reserves the right to restrict the distribution of information or literature which it judges threatens the unity of the body.

In some cases, like the examples used above, there is such clear Church of the Brethren statements or traditions that the correct decisions are easily made. In other cases, the decisions are not as clear.

The following guidelines will be applied by the Program and Arrangements Committee as it seeks to evaluate requests for space.

1. Priority will be given to exhibits of District and denominational programs and agencies which are directly connected to those programs which support the ideals, purposes, and principles of the Church of the Brethren.
2. All printed material will be distributed to the delegates and to others within the arena where business is being conducted only by Conference appointed tellers and ushers and with the approval of the Conference officers.

3. No person or group, other than District Conference Officers and Ministry Teams and District Leadership Team is to distribute literature or use space in the Conference facilities except by authorization of the Program and Arrangements Committee.
4. No person or group having authorization for space or distribution of literature shall extend the use of that authorization to others or use it for the distribution of literature of others without prior consent of the Program and Arrangements Committee. Unauthorized use of space may cause the forfeiture of the right of the authorized user.
5. Unless literature or other information is clearly similar to materials or information traditionally distributed by Exhibitors at District Conference, it must be cleared by Program and Arrangements Committee.
6. Program and Arrangements Committee may restrict or exclude exhibitors or materials which:
 - a. Conflict with Annual and District Conference statements;
 - b. Appear to lobby for particular action on business pending at District Conference (this is not intended to prevent the distribution of information on the issues);
 - c. Disrupts or threatens to disrupt the Bond of Peace, the Unity of the Body, by personal criticisms, disparagement of others, or lack of kindness to those with differing views;
 - d. Goes beyond the scope of activities for which the particular exhibitor or organization is authorized.
7. Sales are limited by those groups meeting the above standards and special approval from Program and Arrangements Committee 60 days prior to District Conference. Groups selling articles will accept full responsibility for the security of the items and any monies involved.
8. Any objection to decisions of the Program and Arrangements Committee can be appealed, in writing, to the District Leadership Team. The decision of the Leadership Team is final.

Adopted by Program and Arrangements Committee
March 4, 1997

Affirmed by Program and Arrangements Committee
March 28, 2005

Prior Conference Moderators

Harry M. Gardner	1967	C. Henry Hunsberger	1997
Earl M. Zigler	1968	Ann Eberly	1998
DeWitt L. Miller	1969	John Earl Hutchinson	1999
Paul W. Kinsel	1970	Scott Duffey	2000
Carl F. Smith	1971	Linda Barkdoll	2001
Glenn F. Timmons	1972	Ken Wenger	2002
C. Henry Hunsberger	1973	Jim Benedict	2003
Ralph L. Detrick	1974	Charlotte Bear	2004
Byron Berkey	1975	John Thompson	2005
Mary Smeltzer	1976	Jeffrey Carter	2006
Floyd R. Mason	1977	Gretchen Zience	2007
Edward K. Ziegler	1978	Dale Posthumus	2008
Louise D. Bowman	1979	Michael Staubs	2009
J. David Eberly, Jr.	1980	Cinda Showalter	2010
Paul L. Groff	1981	James Lohr	2011
Wendell Flory	1982	Kimberly McDowell	2012
Sue Snyder	1983	Kathy Benedict	2013
Wayne F. Buckle	1984	Craig Stutzman	2014
James S. Flora	1985	Glenn McCrickard	2015
Carol Spangler	1986	Lois Ann Glessner	2016
David Fouts	1987	Brian Bachman	2017
Paul D. Steiner	1988	Linda Lambert	2018
Beverly W. Kline	1989	Sona Wenger	2019
J. Paul Wampler	1990	Allen O'Hara	2020
J. David Eberly, Jr.	1991	Allen O'Hara	2021
Connie B. Davis	1992	Ellen Wile	2022
John Thompson	1993	Melvin Cheshire	2023
Donna F. Steiner	1994	Calvin Park	2024
Mary Louise Dotterer	1995	Sharon Linton	2025
Fred Wilhelm	1996		

Alphabet Soup / Glossary

As with any good-sized organization, the Church of the Brethren has defined some acronyms we use to simplify the way we talk about ourselves. For those new to our church, it can be a bit confusing. Below is a list of some of the acronyms we use in our denomination, as well as some that are specific to the Mid-Atlantic District.

ACRONYM	ORGANIZATION
AC	Annual Conference
ACC	Annual Conference Council
BDM	Brethren Disaster Ministries
BP	Brethren Press
BPF	Brethren Peace Fellowship
BSC	Brethren Service Center
BVS	Brethren Volunteer Service
CCMT	Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team
CETT	Continuing Education Task Team
COB	Church of the Brethren
CODE	Council of District Executives
CORE	Church Outreach, Renewal and Evangelism
EFSM	Education for Shared Ministry
EYN	Church of the Brethren in Nigeria
FPMT	Finance and Property Ministry Team
HPI	Heifer Project International
LCT	Leadership Calling Team
LT	Leadership Team
MAA	Mutual Aid Association
MITT	Ministry Interviewing Task Team
MRF	Ministry Report Form
NCP	New Community Project
NOAC	National Older Adult Conference
NYC	National Youth Conference
OSMT	Outreach and Service Ministry Team
OEP	On Earth Peace
OMA	Outdoor Ministries Association
PATT	Program and Arrangements Task Team
PJTT	Peace and Justice Task Team
RfM	Readiness for Ministry
SCLMT	Spirituality and Congregational Life Ministry Team
SS	Shepherd's Spring, Inc.
SVMC	Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
TRIM	Training in Ministry

Business Conduct

No one shall speak more than twice on the same question. The first speech shall be limited to three minutes and the second to two minutes. This shall not include the explanation of a report or a paper called for by the Moderator.

All appeals from the rulings of the Moderator shall be decided by the voting body.

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the standard for any point not covered by these rules.

Parliamentary Procedures in Brief

In order that the delegate body may participate readily in the parliamentary aspects of the business sessions, the following summary of the more common kinds of action may be helpful.

When you want to bring before the Conference for its consideration a particular subject or item of business:

The proper motion is: MAIN MOTION – A main motion requires a second, is debatable, is amendable, and requires a majority vote to pass (or two-thirds vote if previously agreed on by Conference action.)

FORM: "I move that...." Or "I move the adoption (acceptance, approval) of this report."

When you want to modify or in some way appropriately dispose of a matter of business, you may (motions listed in ascending order of precedence):

MOVE TO LAY ON THE TABLE, OR TAKE FROM THE TABLE

(Requires a Second, is not debatable, is not amendable, simple majority to pass)

OBJECT: to lay aside business in such a manner that its consideration may be renewed later.

FORM: "I move that this matter be laid on the table" or "I move to take from the table...."

MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

(Requires a Second, is not debatable, is not amendable, two-thirds vote to pass)

OBJECT: to stop debate on the immediately pending question.

FORM: "I move the previous question." Please note that merely calling "question" from the floor is not the same as a motion for the previous question and does not obligate the moderator take a vote.

MOVE TO POSTPONE TO A SET TIME

(Requires a Second, is debatable, is amendable, simple majority to pass)

OBJECT: unlike tabling, the business is considered at a later time without needing to be "taken from the table."

Business Conduct *(continued)*

FORM: "I move that this matter be postponed to...."

MOVE TO COMMIT, REFER, OR RECOMMIT

(Requires a Second, is debatable, is amendable, simple majority to pass)

OBJECT: to place the business in the hands of a few for later reporting to the Conference (for major changes)

FORM: "I move that this matter be referred to a committee of ...to be names by... with instruction..."

MOVE TO AMEND

(Requires a Second, is debatable, is amendable, simple majority to pass)

FORM: "I move to amend the motion by striking out...."

"I move to amend the motion by inserting...between...and..."

"I move to amend the motion by adding....after...."

"I move to amend the motion by striking out....and inserting...."

"I move to amend by striking out... and substituting this (read or state the substitute.)"

When you want to take an action governing the conduct of business, you may *introduce*:

PRIVILEGED AND INCIDENTAL MOTIONS

Although they are not related to the pending question, these motions take precedence over the current business. These motions are not debatable.

MOVE TO ADJOURN OR RECESS

OBJECT: to dismiss a meeting or to provide for an intermission

FORM: "I move that we adjourn... (recess while...or until...)"

RAISE A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

OBJECT: to get the attention of the moderator at once, to ask a question, or to attend to some matter that cannot wait.

FORM: "I rise to a question of privilege."

RISE TO A POINT OF ORDER

OBJECT: to raise the question as to whether there has been a breach of order.

FORM: "I rise to a point of order."

Guidelines for Sacred Sharing

Conversation is a key building block of relationships. Genuine conversation isn't about persuading others to our point of view. It is about sharing our story and perspective with others, and respectfully listening to the stories and perspectives of others. It is about developing empathy for another human being who has had different life experiences. Genuine conversation can help us move beyond conflict, placing it in perspective as we discover shared pain and shared passions, shared hurts and shared hopes.

Such sharing must be approached with care and delicacy. We are called to witness with compassion and care in our conversations. To that end, here are a few guidelines for sacred sharing:

Transparency – Create an environment of transparency in these conversations by sharing with honesty, allowing others to get to know you as well as God knows you.

Use "I" Statements – It's easy to talk about the Church or others around you, but in the interest of building relationships, we want you to put yourself out there. Try to use "I" statements rather than "you", "they", "the conservatives", "the liberals", or "the church,"

Don't Name Names – It is important to speak from personal experience; however, wherever possible, talk about situations or events in your life without naming names. This allows our experiences to be instructive while avoiding gossip.

Don't Convince – We encourage you to share your opinion. A difference in opinion is welcome; unity does not equal uniformity. However, remember that the purpose of conversation is not to convince others to your way of thinking, but to seek understanding.

Listen – Be sure to listen while others are speaking. Resist the temptation to think about what you want to say next and don't have a side conversation with someone else. Really listen. This is an expression of value and respect.

Pause – After a person shares, leave a pause to allow the entire group to feel the weight of what was shared. No one should feel rushed to get their thoughts out during the discussion time.

Don't Fix or Rescue – When someone is sharing a deeply personal or painful story, we often rush to offer advice or make them feel better about the situation. Resist this temptation. This usually stops people from sharing any further and hinders them from going deeper than they might have gone. Simply sit with and listen to them as they share. If you feel led to reach out, ask for permission to enter in, to offer an expression of comfort, to pray with them.

DEDICATION OF DELEGATES

2026 Mid-Atlantic District Conference

Moderator-Elect: Today we will prayerfully consider the ministry of the Mid-Atlantic District.

Delegates: We commit to continue our discernment and prayers as we work together.

Moderator-Elect: Trust has been given to each one of us from our congregations, our families of faith have entrusted their voices, their perspectives for us to share.

Delegates: We are here to carry their voices and to listen to the Spirit as we listen and discern today.

Moderator-Elect: May we each come with an open heart to listen to one another, to ask good questions, to hold each word shared with tendered grace.

Delegates: We acknowledge that the work ahead may be difficult and challenging, but always rewarding when done with authentic respect and love.

Moderator-Elect: For the work in front of us this day, may all we say and do bring honor and glory to God.

Delegates: We call upon God's love and power to strengthen and prepare us for the ministry before us.

IN UNISON

Gracious God,

We have been asked to; *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."* [Proverbs 3:5-6] May we all live this out today as we have gathered to do your work together. May we be strengthened by your Spirit, lifted by the love of one another, filled with compassion and grace. May we serve with all of who we are that we might model what it means to live like Jesus, love like Jesus, serve like Jesus. May we BE Jesus in this neighborhood of siblings in Christ. Amen

SLATE AND NOMINEE INFORMATION

SLATE / BALLOT
2026 MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE

For terms beginning in 2027

October 10, Camp Mardela

Candidates	Affirm ✓	Do Not Affirm ✓
Moderator Elect:		
Doris Grossnickle (Grossnickle) 2027		
Leadership Team:		
Area 2 - Barbara Cuffie (First Church) 2029 (1)		
Area 5 - Dawn Weller (Bush Creek) 2029 (2)		
Leadership Team At- Large:		
Jan Flora (Westminster) 2029 (2)		
Laurene Holsinger (Thurmont) 2029 (1)		
Leadership Calling Team (called by Leadership Team)		
Area 1 - Phyillis Dodd 2029 (1)		
Area 3 - Vacant 2029 (1)		
Area 4 - Rhonda Stutzman, Unexpired Term 2027 (1)		
Area 6 – Vacant 2029 (1)		
Area 7 – Vacant 2029 (1)		
Camp Mardela Board, At-Large		
Rusty Curling – Unexpired Term 2027 (1)		

Geographic Areas for District Representation

Area	Member Congregations
1	Bethany, Community of Joy, Denton, Easton, Fairview, Greenhill, Ridgely
2	GraceWay, First Baltimore, Friendship, Long Green Valley, Reisterstown, Woodberry
3	Arlington, Flower Hill, University Park, Washington City
4	Dranesville, Hollywood, Manassas, Midland, Nokesville, Oakton, Woodbridge
5	Bush Creek, Edgewood, Glade Valley, Meadow Branch, Piney Creek, Sam's Creek, Union Bridge, Westminster
6	Frederick, Grossnickle, Harmony, Locust Grove, Monocacy, Pleasant View, Thurmont
7	Beaver Creek, Broadfording, Brownsville, Downsville, Hagerstown, Longmeadow, Manor, Sharpsburg, Welty
8	Allensville, Fellowship, Johnsontown, Moler Avenue, Mountain View

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHURCHES IN THE
MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT = 53

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Doris Grossnickle

SLATE/BALLOT POSITION: Moderator-Elect

CONGREGATION: Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

VOCATION: Media Specialist

NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: N/A

Present: N/A

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: Program and Arrangements committee for the past four years.

Present: Program and Arrangements Committee

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Present and past: Present-Deacon (10 years), Ministry commission (6 years)

Past-Youth leader, Sunday School Teacher, VBS director

OTHER ACTIVITIES related to church or community that would be of interest to the delegate body - Present and Past:

Currently teaching sewing to beginners at the YMCA, Bible Study, Coach for Girls on the Run

SPECIFIC MINISTRIES or areas of ministry within the life of the church of interest to you:

Deacon ministries are rewarding because it allows me to serve all ages of God's children from visiting nursing homes to helping at Vacation Bible School. Serving on the Programs and Arrangements committee has allowed me to experience the wider Brethren body and the ministries that unite us as one.

YOUR VISION FOR THE CHURCH :

Stand firm in our belief that Christ is our savior who was sent to redeem our sins and we are to be the non-judgemental light and love of Jesus in this broken world. We need to continue to be Jesus in the neighborhood, loving all people that God places on our journey.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Barbara G Cuffie

SLATE/BALLOT POSITION: Leadership Team Area 2 Representative

CONGREGATION: First Church of the Brethren, Baltimore

VOCATION: Retired Federal Employee

NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: Served 5 years on the General Board of the Church of the Brethren

Present: None

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: Served several terms on Mid Atlantic District Board many years ago

Present: None

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Present and past: Church Board Chair since 2020

OTHER ACTIVITIES related to church or community that would be of interest to the delegate body - Present and Past: I am the Chair of the Board of Directors of Securityplus Federal Credit Union and have served on that board for over 30 years.

SPECIFIC MINISTRIES or areas of ministry within the life of the church of interest to you:

I am interested in church growth and increasing our denomination's appeal to other Christians especially in urban areas and among people of color.

YOUR VISION FOR THE CHURCH :

A more welcoming church with a new, more inclusive name for our denomination.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Dawn A. Weller

SLATE/BALLOT POSITION: Leadership Team Area 5

CONGREGATION: Bush Creek COB

VOCATION: Pastor

NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Past:

Present:

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: Leadership Team

Present: Leadership Team

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Present and past: Pastor at Bush Creek COB, also youth Sunday School Teacher

OTHER ACTIVITIES related to church or community that would be of interest to the delegate body - Present and Past: In the past I was a Deacon at my home church, filled the pulpit, and was on all the commissions at one time or another. My present church has a Children's Church and Sunday School for all ages. We have a Bible Study on Wednesday mornings that is open to the community. Also a Thursday evening Bible Study. Our Church is involved in many outreaches within our community, also we have many activities through our Christian Ed to encourage young children to follow the Lord. I try to be a part of as many activities as I can.

SPECIFIC MINISTRIES or areas of ministry within the life of the church of interest to you: I try to involve myself in all areas of the church, so that I can help to bring unity within the whole congregation.

YOUR VISION FOR THE CHURCH : My vision for the church would be to allow the Spirit of Christ to be a guide and to help us to become one in Christ. By us living through Christ Spirit will give us the wisdom and knowledge of how to reach out to our communities, and to guide them with their walk with Christ.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Janet (Jan) Flora

SLATE/BALLOT POSITION: Leadership Team At Large

CONGREGATION: Westminster

VOCATION: Retired (formerly Aging Services)

NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Past:

Present:

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: Leadership Team, Calling and Credentialing Team,
Communications Team, Records Retention

Present: Leadership Team, SCLT Liaison

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Present and past: Leadership Council Chair, Teams - Worship,
Personnel Relations, Witness, Finance, Timber Ridge Board, Loaves
and Fishes Food Pantry, Deacon, Delegate to Annual Conference and
District Conference, Gifts Discernment

**OTHER ACTIVITIES related to church or community that would be
of interest to the delegate body - Present and Past:** Piney Creek CoB
Moderator, Carroll Arts Council, Board and Exec. Com, Friends of the
Library

SPECIFIC MINISTRIES or areas of ministry within the life of the church
of interest to you:

YOUR VISION FOR THE CHURCH :

My vision for the church, at all levels, holds the following:

Providing opportunities to study and learn about the life of Jesus, his words and
actions, in the context of his time with relevance for today

Creating a safe place/space – free of bias and judging; accepting everyone as
who they are in any given moment. Living out our message of peace in our
churches, in our relationships and in our communities

Standing up for those who are disenfranchised/marginalized wherever, whoever
they are Being Jesus in the Neighborhood in any of the many forms it can take
Being open to those who share different beliefs with respect for their freedom of
thought and expression and based on an authentic desire to better know and
understand them

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Laurene Holsinger

SLATE/BALLOT POSITION: Leadership Team At-Large

CONGREGATION: Thurmont

VOCATION: Retired

NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Present: CDS Volunteer, BDM Volunteer

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: District Board

Present: Auction Committee

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Present and past: Past Sunday School teacher, youth leader, founded and directed Flower Hill Christian Day Care Center, present lead for Children's Church

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Volunteer at local hospital's cancer center, lead Bible Study at Faith House (restorative home for homeless women with children), Taught GED classes & led local enrichment experiences for the Samaritan Women (restorative home for women who had been sex trafficked), leader community Bible Study.

SPECIFIC MINISTRIES or areas of ministry within the life of the church of interest to you:

Family ministry, developing ministry programs that reach outside the walls of the church and model Jesus through Word and Deed.

YOUR VISION FOR THE CHURCH :

Boldly proclaim Jesus love, Grace, and desire for Peace. As Nehemiah modeled and Jesus taught – Go out instead of staying and expecting people to come to Us.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Phyllis Y. Dodd

SLATE/BALLOT POSITION: Leadership Calling Team, Area 1

CONGREGATION: Ridgely Church of the Brethren

VOCATION: Bilingual Licensed Clinical Social Worker

NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: Translator – English/Spanish – several Annual Conferences in the past, Church World Service – Cuban Entrant Processing Center – Ft Indiantown Gap 1980, Representative for Church of the Brethren/CWS to El Salvador during ceasefire 1992, Author - ***The TEN Commandments of Wellness – Curriculum*** 2008 Church of the Brethren -

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: Refugee Resettlement Coordinator (1980's), Peace and Justice Committee – Chairperson (1990's), Camp Caretaker – Camp Woodbrook (1983-86)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Present and past: Deacon & Deacon Chair – University Park Church of the Brethren, Various commissions & Sunday School Teacher – University Park COB, People of the Covenant Facilitator – University Park COB, Music leadership: Song/Piano/Organ/Guitar – Ridgely COB

OTHER ACTIVITIES related to church or community that would be of interest to the delegate body - Present and Past: Graduate of Juniata College 1978, Brethren Colleges Abroad – Spain – 1976, Peace Corps – Ecuador 1978-79, Member of Brethren Peace Fellowship, I have attended over 50 Annual Conferences in my life, Author – ***Love Has No Borders*** – 2025

SPECIFIC MINISTRIES or areas of ministry within the life of the church of interest to you: I am interested in serving as an advocate for immigrants, refugees, and those without a voice. I am interested in Peace and Justice issues and in building community in a broken world.

YOUR VISION FOR THE CHURCH :

My primary focus is that we serve, promote peace, and minister through our collective lives. My vision is for the church to serve as a model to others by embracing our unique gifts, our dedication to love, and forgiveness, both within the local community and in the wider society. My hope is that we collectively unite and collaborate in mission and ministry through our church, our nation, and the global community.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME: Rhonda (Fike) Stutzman

SLATE/BALLOT POSITION: Leadership Calling Team, Area 4

CONGREGATION: Dranesville

VOCATION: Part-Time Piano Teacher

NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: Global Women's Project Committee, Delegate to Annual Conference

Present:

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Past: Ministry Interviewing Task Team, Delegate to District Conference

Present:

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Present and past: Pianist, Music Leader, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Small Group Leader, Worship Team, Discipleship Team, Service & Outreach Team, Gifts Discernment Team

OTHER ACTIVITIES related to church or community that would be of interest to the delegate body - Present and Past: Board member and volunteer at a community thrift store, Volunteer at local food pantry, Meals on Wheels driver

SPECIFIC MINISTRIES or areas of ministry within the life of the church of interest to you: I am very interested in the service and outreach ministries of the church, both local and beyond. I also enjoy working with music and worship, and I'm interested in learning new ways the church can minister in these areas.

YOUR VISION FOR THE CHURCH:

The Church is the Body of Christ, and one of the ways that Christ challenges, encourages, inspires and blesses each of us. On our own, we are weak. But together, we can support and encourage each other, as we listen to the Spirit leading us.

DISTRICT STAFF AND MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

District Executive Minister Report 2026 District Conference

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you, rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves." (Luke 22:24-27 NRSV)

At the end of June, I completed my second year as your district executive minister. I continue to appreciate God's ongoing call to me in this role and working with the wonderful people across our district. I continue to work to be a servant leader among you, to be the one who serves, the one who seeks to support our local congregations and pastors to enable them to continue the work of Jesus, to be "Jesus in the Neighborhood."

I set a goal of worshipping with every congregation in the district within two years of beginning my ministry among you. While I did not quite hit this goal, in July of this year I was able to visit the last few congregations I had not yet been to see. While I have finished this goal, I continue to be committed to being present in congregations around the district.

I continue to connect with my district executive colleagues through the Council of District Executives. I attended our annual winter meeting this year from January 27 to February 2. This year, we met in Miami, FL rather than our regular location of Melbourne, FL. This was due to participating in an intercultural training event coordinated by the Atlantic Southeast District. I had the wonderful opportunity to visit and worship with the Miami Haitian congregation.

We held our second in-person meeting prior to Annual Conference from June 26 to 28. This meeting focused on our regular work of hearing updates from all of the districts, discussing ongoing work of various CODE committees, and meeting with agency and denominational staff.

I continue to serve on the Ministry Advisory Committee for the denomination. This group is made up of representatives from institutions having educational and/or administrative oversight regarding the set-apart ministry in the Church of the Brethren. Our primary work currently revolves around updating the Ministerial Leadership polity for the denomination.

Pastoral placement work continues to be a joy while facing ongoing challenges. The number of open congregations in our district, and across the denomination, far outstrips the supply of pastors currently. As of the submission of this report, there are currently ten congregations in the search process.

District Executive Minister Report (continued)

Since last year's District Conference, we have licensed one person to the set-apart ministry, Terrie Cox. We have ordained two persons, Joey Moss of the Dranesville congregation and Erika Clary of the Brownsville congregation.

In April, I attended the annual benefit dinner for the Mid-Atlantic Disaster Auction at Bush Creek. I then attended the Mid-Atlantic Disaster Auction in early May. These events continue to be a wonderful witness for our district.

Another significant aspect of my work is meeting with various committees and task teams of the district. These include (but are not limited to) the Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team, the Spirituality and Congregational Life Ministry Team, the Leadership Calling Team, the Program and Arrangements Committee, the Personnel Relations Team, the Leadership Advisory Team, and the planning committee for the Dunker Church service.

In conjunction with the Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team, we completed the five year ordination and commissioning renewal process last year. I want to extend my special thanks to the Calling and Credentialing Team for their hard work in completing this important process. The next renewal cycle will come up in 2030.

In February, we called Britnee Linton as our third and final Regional Ministry Associate, joining Charlotte Bear and Rusty Curling in that role. It is my hope and prayer that their ministry will continue to enhance the ministries of our local congregations and pastors.

I have continued to be very involved in the work around departing congregations. While this work is sad and challenging, it remains an important part of the work of the district.

This is of course a very short snapshot of the work that I am doing as your new district executive minister. I am glad to be here, and to be working with you all in the important ministries of our district. I continue to pray that our congregations, our pastors, and our members, will be renewed in their faith and are inspired to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, and together.

In Christ,
Doug Veal
District Executive Minister

Regional Ministry Associate Charlotte Bear
Report to 2026 District Conference

It is both my responsibility and my desire to connect with and learn to better know the congregations and individuals within my RMA community. Whether I am sitting in a pew, preaching, or serving in some other way, it is always a joy to visit and worship with my Brethren brothers and sisters in the Mid-Atlantic District.

This past year I have met with individual pastors to learn more about them and their church families, have been invited to share in congregational celebrations, and have been asked to recommend resources for leadership events. I have also assisted congregations with problem solving as needed for challenging issues and offered support for clergy and congregations as several pastors dealt with medical issues. I was especially blessed to have been a part of Terrie Cox's licensing process and Erika Clary's ordination.

I continue to encourage and welcome anyone – whether pastor, laity, or district leadership – to reach out to me with any concerns relevant to my assigned congregations, or with any suggestions or ideas that might help me serve more effectively as a district RMA.

Blessings to all as we continue the work of Jesus... together!
Charlotte Bear

Congregations w/ Charlotte Bear as Regional Ministry Associate (updated 2026)		
Arlington	Woodbridge	Allensville
Dranesville	Brownsville	Fellowship
Manassas	Bush Creek	Johnsontown
Midland	Locust Grove	Moler Avenue
Nokesville	Union Bridge	Mountain View
Oakton	Hollywood	

Regional Ministry Associate Rusty Curling
Report to 2026 District Conference

At the time of this writing, I am working on getting to the two congregations I haven't been to yet and starting to make second and in a few cases third visits to congregations.

This work continues to be inspiring to me. Frankly I didn't really expect to find congregations so faithfully doing the work of Jesus in their neighborhoods as I have found. There are certainly struggles, most of my congregations are down in attendance and membership from what they were five or ten years ago, Covid was a big hit on most of us, but I have found faithful, committed people everywhere I go. I have found solid ministry in local communities everywhere I go. I have also been welcomed as a representative of our district everywhere I go.

My first year I saw as mostly listening to the congregations, hearing what they were doing, what they needed and how they felt about their relationships with the Mid-Atlantic District. I'm hoping we can start to have some sharing between congregations, and some fellowship between congregations. What are the opportunities for the District to be more involved in helping the health and vitality of our congregations and how can our congregations better join in district ministries?

I'm also open to ideas from anyone.

BTW, this is a fun job! Visiting good Brethren folk from Somerset County to Westminster and this is a job, who'd a thunk it!

Submitted with love and deep respect,

Rusty Curling

Regional Ministry Associate Eastern Shore, DC area (north of the river),
Baltimore and beyond.

Regional Ministry Associate Britnee Linton
Report to 2026 District Conference

I began this position in March of 2026. Growing up in the Washington County area it was a familiar transition as I started getting in touch with pastors from congregations I have often driven by. While the role is still relatively fresh it has been enjoyable getting to know a face to names I have often heard mentioned when attending district events.

So far, I have made a few congregation visits, stepped in as pulpit supply while a pastor is out of town, and consulted with a congregation exploring opportunities as they move forward. I have been contacted by pastors or leadership chairs with random questions that I found answers to if I did not know right away. It has been such a joy getting to know more people around the district while seeing a lot of familiar faces I met during my time at Shepherd's Spring.

A lot of this job has been a lot of thinking creatively of how to engage with my 17 congregations. It has been fascinating hearing how the Spirit is inspiring these congregations. From intentional worshipful work to being Jesus in the neighborhood there are big moves happening. Some of these moves are the hard conversations recognizing the worshipping body is small, where do they go from here. These conversations are just as spirit-led and intentional as the congregations trying new ideas to meet people where they are. It has been a blessing walking with these congregations thus far and I look forward to seeing how this role continues to develop as the district does intentional work embracing the congregations in our district!

District Leadership Team 2026 Report

“For who has known the mind of the Lord?” Isaiah 40:13; 1 Corinthians 2:16

The 2025-26 term of the Mid-Atlantic District Leadership Team has been one of challenging situations, gratifying accomplishments, and fulfilling connections. The team gathered – in person and online - for their regular meetings on November 1, March 21, June 13, and August 15. As usual, the November meeting served as the transition point for those joining or concluding their time serving the district. The new members to District Leadership Team were: Moderator-Elect Sandi Evans Rogers (Westminster), Area 1 representative Kenneth George (Ridgely), and Area 7 representative Shalom Lane (Beaver Creek). After faithfully serving the district, the fall meeting was the conclusion for: Moderator Sharon Linton (Union Bridge), Area 1 representative Doug Potvin, and Area 7 representative Chris Mohler (Broadfording). Gretchen Zience (Oakton), who graciously and competently took and distributed minutes the past three years as the recorder – after serving six years as a voting representative – passed along that responsibility to Joyce Cummings (Woodbridge) who has capably taken on that role. Ben Bear (chair) and Lindsay Wenger (vice chair) were selected by the voting members to continue in their respective roles for another year.

By the time the March 21 meeting arrived, there was another new Leadership Team member to welcome: Britnee Linton. She joined Charlotte Bear and Rusty Curling as the third Regional Ministry Associate (RMA) for the district. As part-time staff (5-10 hours per week, compensated via regular stipend and mileage reimbursement), the three of them serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the Leadership Team. The 53 congregations of the district have been divided among them so that each RMA now has 17 or 18 congregations under their care for support and building relationships.

The district continues to benefit from the expertise and institutional knowledge provided by the Administrative Assistant, Jo Ann Landon, and the Treasurer, Barb Watt. They both put in the extra effort to ensure that the District Office and Leadership Team have the resources needed, even if that means working remotely with a broken bone (Jo Ann) or keeping an ear on a meeting while attending a grandchild's party so they can jump back on Zoom to answer questions (Barb). They both continue to be wonderful assets to the district and its ministries.

It is the practice of the Church of the Brethren's Office of Ministry to facilitate the initial review of a newly placed District Executive Minister.

District Leadership Team 2026 Report (continued)

Nancy Sollenberger Heishman, who retired this past June, provided the Leadership Team with a Google Form to complete prior to the evaluation regarding a thorough range of topics and priorities relating to Doug's work since he began in June 2024. She compiled the responses into a single document then met with available members of the Leadership Team over Zoom on May 5 this year to go through the questions and results. Comments gleaned from the compiled document and meeting were largely positive. Team members found Doug to be likable, authentic, prepared, accessible, and generally well-suited for his role. It was noted the juxtaposition of seeking to be amicable and approachable while still commanding attention and consistent forward progress in meetings, a challenge that Doug has worked on and made noted improvements. A number of team members noted that there had not been much of an opportunity to allow Doug to utilize his background in exploring the options for church planting due mostly to finances and needing to prioritize other matters above this one. A great deal of thanks is owed to Nancy for guiding the district through this process; it has laid some excellent foundation stones for seeking how Doug's skills and gifts might dovetail with the ministries of this district.

One unusual issue that the Leadership Team needed to deal with this past year was the question of whether or not it would be appropriate for the district to pursue legal means for ensuring the current Frederick Church of the Brethren follow and actively engage in the district's withdrawal process. The idea of the district taking one of its own congregations to court was not a route that anyone wanted to take. However, without that option, it would be possible for a congregation to simply ignore any and all district policies and/or move towards creating a new congregation with no ties to the Church of the Brethren. Should that happen, there would legally be no remaining Brethren congregation for the district to engage in conversation or support. After a great deal of deliberation, prayer, and seeking alternatives, Doug as the District Executive Minister was approved to move forward with engaging the district's counsel, Troy Brown, in beginning that process. Impressively, the Leadership Team vote was 12 in favor and one abstention. To have the breadth of perspectives represented among the team all recognize the gravity of the situation and move forward as one cohesive body was heartening and a beautiful example of a group recognizing the necessary steps for the greater good of the church. The formal request would be for the court to provide "declaratory and injunctive relief," meaning that the

District Leadership Team 2026 Report (continued)

congregation would need to cease forward progress with separating from the district and denomination, and that a court would determine ownership and legal rights to the assets of the congregation. Upon receiving notice from the district's legal counsel that the district was prepared to take this step, the current Frederick congregation's leadership decided to acquiesce and engage in the withdrawal process. After an initial district-supervised vote on May 17 that met the necessary threshold of support, it was determined in July that there was a viable remnant of members wanting to remain. As of the end of August, preliminary terms of settlement had been reached and the withdrawal process was nearing completion.

One silver lining of so many difficult and sensitive discussions is that the Leadership Team gained a much better appreciation for how to ensure confidential information remained confidential in meeting minutes. If anyone ever wanted to join for part or all of one of the regular meetings during the coming year, they might need to step out of the room (physically or virtually) at times if the team votes to move into executive session. Please know that anyone is permitted – and even welcomed – to join for any other parts of Leadership Team meetings!

The two camps in our district – Camp Mardela and Shepherd's Spring – were created by this district and originally operated as part of the district's staff and property. Both camps have now been incorporated as their own distinct 501(c)3 non-profit organizations. In order to help continue and strengthen the current ties between the camps and the district, two new roles were created for that purpose: Camp Connectors! Terrie Cox volunteered as the initial contact for relating to Shepherd's Spring and Rusty Curling keeps in touch with Camp Mardela. They both provide updates and news about what is happening at their respective camps at Leadership Team meetings along with the Ministry Team reports.

The district's website has been due for an update for quite some time now, and it's finally on its way! After considering a couple options, the Leadership Team has chosen to work with Gray Sizemore to transition away from the current WordPress platform. The new site should be easier to navigate and have updated information after both of those being problems with the current site for a while.

Looking ahead, there is still plenty to do within the ministries of this district. There is always room for more voices on the various ministry

District Leadership Team 2026 Report (continued)

teams in the district. Church Outreach, Renewal, and Evangelism (CORE) is one in particular that has languished for a few years now and could use some enthusiasm. If you feel called to be more involved – or want to call out the gifts of someone else – there is certainly a role for you amongst the ministries of this district.

May we continue forward, seeking the mind of Christ and serving one another with the same extravagant love Jesus demonstrated for us throughout his ministries.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben Bear".

Ben Bear
Leadership Team Chair

Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team 2026 Report

CCMT is regularly engaged in the process of assisting new candidates that are beginning the discernment process into ministry. Our work continues as discerners may choose to advance into the licensing process. This process then culminates with an individual completing the educational and interview requirements to finally become either ordained or commissioned into the ministry in the Church of the Brethren. On November 7th, our team as well as the Ministry Interview Task Team and our District Executive participate in the relicensing process for our licensed ministers. This day is a series of interviews with every licensed but not ordained minister to establish if they remain on track for ordination/commissioning and to ensure the licensees are continuing to reach ministry goals..

Over the last 3 years CCMT has seen a tremendous surge in our licensed ministers completing their work and moving toward or completing ordination. Over the past few years this team has been over inundated with credentialing tasks. And it is a great joy that we celebrate 2 newly ordained ministers just over the course of this year. We are preparing to engage in a new push to work with our district congregations to encourage creating cultures of calling within our churches. This will help us work toward addressing our critical shortage of new ministers in our district. And will be a key focus for this committee in 2027. To that end, we have been working with SVMC on developing and will hold a Calling the Called Event next year in the district. We have invited the Southern Pennsylvania and the Middle Pennsylvania Districts to join us for an event where we would like to have conversations about what it means to be called and the various ways in which we can serve and live out our calling. This is a great time to look around at anyone in your congregation that you think might have a calling on their lives and speak to those individuals about this.

I would also like to write a word of appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our CCMT members- Jenn Flora (secretary), Rachel Black, Janet Myers, and Calvin Park. Your prayers are appreciated as we continue the work we have been called to perform on this team.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Scott Linton, CCMT Chair

Communications Ministry Team (CMT)

September 2025–August 2026

The goals of the CMT are to develop ways to connect with all the Mid-Atlantic District (MAD) churches, to promote MAD events, and to improve communications among our churches. The team was originally formed in 2012 and made significant progress in achieving these goals in the years that followed formation. The team previously made strides in redesigning the MAD website, creating and subsequently updating the MAD Facebook page, and developing informational materials describing the work of the MAD.

For the past two years, the team comprised John Fleming, Adam Lane, Louise Scalzi, and Gretchen Zience. However, John needed to drop off the team in early 2026. Shalom Lane is our liaison to the MAD LT.

During 2025/2026, our main focus has been to compile and distribute the MAD newsletter, *The Journey*, to all the churches every couple of months. Everyone on the team participates in writing articles, interviewing folks, reaching out to churches about their interesting activities, resourcing pictures to accompany articles, and formatting the document. Jo Ann Landon assists us throughout the process by sending us news events that she receives and by distributing the newsletter to the MAD churches.

There are other projects we would like to assist with, like updating the MAD Facebook page and helping Jo Ann maintain the MAD website. However, we just do not have the resources to tackle those tasks along with the newsletter.

If you share our view of this team's importance to the District and would like to help us make a difference, please contact any of the members listed below. We are actively looking for new members and with an ever-expanding team, we can continue to improve communications among the MAD churches.

CMT Membership—Adam Lane (Beaver Creek), Shalom Lane (Beaver Creek; liaison to the MAD Leadership Team), Louise Scalzi (Westminster), and Gretchen Zience (chair) (Oakton).

Finance and Property Ministry Team 2026 Report

Blessings to all from Finance and Property!

This year we have once again put together a budget that shows a deficit. This is realistic for several reasons:

- The District finances remain strong, so we are able to use both some existing funds as well as interest from investments to reach our goals.
- Income from the congregations is still low, which is expected, and we continue to not want to overburden the churches for our budget.
- Sustainability is the concern, but fortunately the strength of our investments and church sale income remains strong.
- We always see some savings through the year and continue to reach out to individuals for donations to the district.

In other areas, we have entered into a relationship with John T. Cecil CPA to review our books and to aid us in possibly streamlining our accounts for easier processing in the future. We are presenting a bylaw change this year to allow for using the review process on a yearly basis as opposed to an expensive “full audit” because it is prudent and fulfills our needs adequately for our size of operation.

We continue to welcome new members with knowledge and foresight to the Finance and Property team.

Thank you from the Finance and Property Ministry Team!

Outreach and Service 2026

Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Coordinator's Report

We sincerely thank all the volunteers who continue to give of their time and talents supporting Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM)! Your willingness to help provide childcare, rebuild homes, provide household support, cook meals, or help support BDM and its volunteers through your prayers, encouragement, donations, or other means, have made a tremendous difference to those whose lives have been impacted by natural disasters and other tragic events, as well as to those who volunteer.

The Mid-Atlantic District (MAD) was well represented in 2025 by 60 volunteers who served 471 volunteer workdays on BDM rebuild project sites in Letcher County, southeastern KY (flood response) and Johnson County, North Carolina (Hurricane Helene flood response); and 1 Children's Disaster Services (CDS) volunteer who served 7 volunteer workdays responding to the terrorist attack in New Orleans, Louisiana. Several MAD volunteers have helped clean up and inventory damaged homes following the May 13, 2025, rain event which brought over 5 inches of rain in a very short period and caused flash flooding in Westernport, MD and other areas of Allegany County, MD.

MAD volunteers served 227 workdays through August 31, 2026, in Letcher County, KY (flood response); and Ashe County, NC; Yancy Co., NC; and Buncombe Co, NC, (Hurricane Helene flood response) and are scheduled to serve 185 workdays through November 2026 in Ashe Co, NC for an estimated 412 total workdays in 2026.

Brethren Disaster Ministries provides help to people in need of childcare and/or assistance to regain full use of their home after it has been damaged or destroyed by natural disasters. The program provides a helpful and safe environment for volunteers to assist in the repair or rebuilding of homes and childcare, and hope to the homeowners. This is a great opportunity for people to use their talents and gifts, teach others construction and household skills, learn new skills, enjoy the comradery of fellow volunteers, and help those who are hurting. Volunteer housing is provided, often at local churches or community buildings, where weekly volunteers and leaders stay, eat, and become more connected with the community. Volunteers DO NOT have to be COB members. If you have a heart for service and disaster relief and recovery or a desire for a new challenge, please contact us and we can acquaint you with what to expect during a volunteer week and get you started toward a very rewarding experience. If you wish to volunteer, please contact your church BDM advocate or Jeffrey McKee, Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Coordinator, by email: jeffmckee26@gmail.com or cell phone: 443-547-5958. More information on BDM and on current work locations may also be found online at: <http://www.brethren.org/bdm/> or by calling 800-451-4407.

CDS has met the needs of children since 1980 by setting up childcare centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers across the nation. Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence during the chaos created by tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, wildfires,

Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Coordinator's Report (continued)

and any natural or human-caused disaster. Volunteers must take the 25-hour CDS training before being able to volunteer with CDS. The next training sessions will be held October 9-10, 2026, in Virginia Beach, Virginia and October 16-17, 2026, in Manassas, Virginia. For opportunities to volunteer with Children's Disaster Services, please contact Ms. Laurene Holsinger, MAD CDS Area Coordinator, at lholsinger162@comcast.net; Mr. Adam Lane, CDS Program Manager, at alane@brethren.org; CDS at 800-451-4407, email cds@brethren.org; or check out the CDS website for information and training opportunities at <http://www.brethren.org/cds/>.

Volunteers are still needed for the following weeks in 2026:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Group Size</u>
Oct 25-31	Buncombe County, NC	7
Dec 13-19	Buncombe County, NC	7

Weeks not listed above have already been assigned, but there may be openings for individuals or small groups within those weeks. If you have the desire to volunteer for a specific week, please let me know and I'll check on availability.

We have not received assignments from BDM for volunteer weeks in calendar year 2027 as of August 31, 2026. The 2027 schedules will be distributed as soon as they are received.

Peace and Blessings,
Jeff McKee
Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Coordinator

Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response Auction
Committee Report

The Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response Auction (MADDR) Committee held its annual Benefit Dinner on April 6 and Disaster Response Auction on May 2, 2026. The Benefit Dinner was attended by 115 people and raised a total of \$6,830: \$4,605 from the dinner and \$2,225 from the delicious baked goods auctioned at the dinner. We thank all of those who attended, donated baked goods and other items for the dinner Auction, and especially the volunteers from Bush Creek and Union Bridge COBs who continue to host and prepare the scrumptious dinners!

The MAD Disaster Response Auction was very successful as well, raising \$72,682! The Auction Booklet raised an additional \$21,300. We continue to be amazed by so many who attend the Auction and continue to donate their time, talents, and financial resources to support the Mid-Atlantic District and Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM). Thanks to all who give generously and support the

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Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response Auction

Committee Report (continued)

Auction through purchases, Auction Booklet and Patron Ads, and donations. Thanks to you we donated \$88,000 to the BDM Emergency Disaster Fund in 2026, which brings the total amount donated to BDM over the last 46 years to \$2,461,616! An additional \$5,000 was donated to the MAD Disaster Response Travel Fund. Your contributions make a huge difference in the lives of those impacted by natural and man-made disasters!

The MADDRA Committee thanks those who continue to make and donate auction items, including quilts, comforters, wall hangings, and other pieces, theme baskets and specialty items, and food items; patrons and advertisers in the Auction booklet; participants who make financial donations and purchase items; and the many volunteers who help at the Auction and Benefit Dinner. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to those who served on the Auction Committee: Lester Boleyn, Doretta and Jim Dorsch, Lou Gloyd, Bruce Hollenberg, Laurene Holsinger, Alice Houck, John Laudermilch, Jim Lohr, Daryl Long, Frances Miller, Brenda Palsgrove, Arnold Platou, Dorothy Saville, Myrtle Sturtz, Jimmy Weller, Matt Weller, Connie Welsh, and Robert Wilson.

The Committee needs churches/volunteers who would be willing to take over the Smoothies/Pretzel Booth, Popcorn/Water/Candy Booth, and Ice Cream Booth at the Auction. The Committee is always in need of volunteers and fund-raising ideas and welcomes new members to work on advanced planning for the Auction and other activities. We also need help on the Friday before the Auction and the day of the Auction to set up, clean up, and help move auction items. Please contact me at jeffmckee26@gmail.com or 443-547-5958 if you know of anyone who is interested in volunteering.

We look forward to seeing you at the following 2027 events. Please mark your calendars!

- MADDRA Benefit Dinner at Bush Creek COB – April 10, 2027, at 6:00 pm
- MADDR Auction – May 1, 2027, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Carroll County Agricultural Center, Shipley Arena, Westminster, MD

Peace and Blessings,

Jeff McKee

Chairperson, Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response Auction Committee

Outreach and Service 2026 *Continued*

Meat Canning Report 2026

Since 1978, the meat canning project has been a joint effort of the Mid-Atlantic and Southern Pennsylvania Districts. The goal of the project is to help feed people experiencing food insecurity, both locally and overseas. Through your generous donations of time and money during that time, tens of thousands of cans of chicken have been produced and distributed all over our districts, our country and the world.

The canning portion of the 2026 project took place April 6 – 9 at Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) in Ephrata, PA. Volunteers from both Districts, approximately 105 for the week, had a good time working and fellowshiping together. Mid-Atlantic District volunteers had a good turnout. This we are grateful for and thankful to those who came.

Through the generosity of congregations, Mid-Atlantic's total contribution to the Meat Canning Fund for the 2026 project was \$15,500. Thank you for those donations that help to make this project happen. This year's distribution was approximately 132 cases (3,168 cans) each to Mid-Atlantic and Southern PA Districts and to Brethren Disaster Ministries, for distribution at their response sites.

We'd like to thank Brethren Disaster Ministries for their tremendous contribution to this program. They've provided support by transporting the canned chicken from Christian Aid Ministries to the Brethren Service Center. We'd also like to thank the staff of the center for their support of the project by storing and assisting churches with loading cases of chicken for distribution to their communities. The Mid-Atlantic District's portion has been used by 13 congregations to help supply their own food pantries or food pantries they work with in their areas.

Due to increased costs and declines in donations and volunteers, the Meat Canning Committee has made the decision to transition the project to every other year. The need is still great; this transition will help to ensure financial sustainability and continue to provide food for those in need. The goal is for the next canning and distribution to take place in 2028. *Please continue to send your generous donations, which cover the costs of chicken, supplies and facility use.*

This coming year, the committee urges individual churches to participate in canning at Christian Aid Ministries as a service project. Groups that would like to join meat canning at CAM may call CAM's scheduler Melissa Mast at 717-354-2434 to schedule days to work.

The team thanks you for all you do to support the Meat Canning Project to feed hungry people. Donations for the project are welcome all year round.

Meat Canning Committee Mid-Atlantic members,
Lou Gloyd, Steve Horr, Brenda Thomasson
Doug Veal, DEM
Jo Ann Landon, Administrative Assistant

Spirituality & Congregational Life Ministry Team (SCLMT) 2026

The Spirituality and Congregational Life Ministry Team continues to meet regularly to work toward its overall goals of assisting congregations with resources and District-wide, inter-congregational opportunities for leadership development.

We continue to sponsor a workshop at District Conference centered around learning how to have “fearless conversations” with one another around confusing or uncomfortable topics. In 2026, the topic was “What Can We Learn from AI?” led by SCLMT member Joey Moss. If you have an idea for a future workshop to address a “Fearless Conversation” you want to have, we would love to hear from you.

The weekend of June 12-14, twenty youth and advisors met at Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministry Center for a District Youth Retreat with the theme “In the Wilderness.” The District youth coordinators, Jan Walker, Missy Gallihugh Sumbly, and Britnee Linton led the time together with Bible Studies focusing on Moses, Esther, Peter, and others in their times of wilderness; evening devotions, including a night hike and communion; as well as group games, camp activities such as a lunch cookout, time at the pool, and a service project. We hope to see more youth and churches represented at future events as we rebuild our youth program. Stay tuned for more details.

National Youth Conference was held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO on July 18-23, for the senior high youth; the theme was Light within Us. In addition to the youth and advisors from our various churches who attended, Mid-Atlantic was well represented by those in leadership for the conference: National Youth Cabinet member Kayleigh Chapman (Beaver Creek), Worship Coordinator Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey (Oakton), Spiritual Director Gabe Dodd (Beaver Creek), Small Group Coordinator Erika Clary (Brownsville), youth workers/support staff Katie Hardy (Hagerstown) and Hannah Smith (Brownsville), and worship speaker Calvin Park (Brownsville).

The team continues to plan and promote a Fall 2026 Pastor's Retreat, which will be held on October 23-24 at Shepherd's Spring. The retreat, “A Pathway to Healing,” will be led by Rev. Darlene Meyers, certified Gestalt Pastoral Care minister and trainer, and is open to all ministers at Church of the Brethren congregations. Participants will have the opportunity to both learn about and to experience Gestalt Pastoral Care as a pathway to healing through guided meditation and various exercises.

In the remainder of 2026 and in 2027, SCLMT will continue to discern how it can best support our district and its congregations in their life together.

Blessings,

The Spirituality and Congregational Life Ministry Team

Mandy Park (Chair), Matt Welch, Dylan Rinehart, Joey Moss, Darlene Meyers, Jan Walker (District Sr. High liaison), Missy Sumbry (District Jr. High liaison), Jan Flora (Leadership Team liaison), Doug Veal (District Executive Minister)

2026 Standing Committee Report

The Annual Conference Standing Committee met June 25th-June 27th, just prior to the start of the 2026 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren meeting in Fort Wayne, IN. As representatives from Mid Atlantic District, we joined delegates from 23 districts in the denomination; our meetings were led by officers Don Fitzkee (Moderator), Dennis Beckner (Moderator-Elect) and David Shumate (Secretary). In addition to handling our committee business, we also participate as district delegates to the full Annual Conference meetings.

The Standing Committee reviews and makes recommendations on business items ahead of the Annual Conference sessions, hears reports from staff and agencies, and serves as the judicial authority for the Church of the Brethren. Later, the entire Annual Conference delegate body, with representation from all denominational congregations and districts, then acts on business by voting to reject, amend, or accept the recommendations that come from Standing Committee.

Each Standing Committee session began with a time of worship led by several of our members. After some time of getting to know one another, Standing Committee delegates shared joys and challenges from their districts — out of which emerged common struggles related to churches discerning departure from the denomination and districts maintaining connection. We also shared stories of creative partnership and calling new ministry models. This year we were able to spend time worshipping at local Church of the Brethren congregations on Sunday and were hosted on Thursday evening by Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren.

During its meetings, Standing Committee received several reports from its subcommittees and task teams addressing a variety of topics.

Standing Committee considered and made recommendations on a variety of old and new denominational business items. The Annual Conference later:

- Received the Review and Evaluation Interim Report.
- Approved a resolution statement on Weapons transfer speaking toward our stance as a peace church and to use our voice as advocacy toward a biblical call to peace making and discourage the continued expansion of the defense industry.
- Approved Recommendations for Adjustments to the 2014 Ministerial Leadership Paper. This process allows for licensed ministers to have a

2025 Standing Committee Report *Continued*

“provisional credential status” allowing for them to fulfill various ministry responsibilities that would be expected to be normally carried out by credentialed ministers. Additionally, a simplified path for Commissioned ministers to qualify for ordination was approved.

- Approved a Resolution statement for Walking Together: Immigration, Peacemaking, Conscience, and Supporting our Neighbors. This resolution advised how we can engage in radical discipleship, biblical peace making, and civil disobedience grounded in both biblical and theological perspectives.

- Adopted a 4.2% Cost of Living Adjustment to the Minimum Cash Salary Table for Pastors.

This year Standing Committee held a zoom session with Eder Financial and Everence Financial over their intent to have Eder transfer the pastoral compensation fund to Everence Financial. This process has not been completed but is ongoing.

Serving on Standing Committee is a privilege as we discern the mind of Christ amidst our beloved denomination. Please continue to hold the work of the Standing Committee, the Annual Conference, our district, and the entire denomination in your prayers!

Thank you!

Scott Linton (1st term with final AC in 2027)
Calvin Park (1st term with final AC in 2028)
Standing Committee representatives



CAMP MARDELA

Programs: We had a wonderful season of camp this summer! Our theme was "In the Wilderness" and every camper got to experience God's creation in new, hands-on ways. We had over 100 summer campers, 50 winter retreat campers, 50 volunteers, and 14 staff. We were able to give over \$10,000 in camp scholarships and through Church Pays Half discounts to 52 campers! Thank you to those donors and church supporters - you helped make camp possible for many of our campers!

Campers got to learn about animals that live in the forests of the Eastern Shore, learn about gardening, and some campers got to travel to see new wilderness in North Carolina! It was a gift to take time this summer to meditate on the beauty of God's creation. This summer's campers were deeply spiritually enriched. During camps, we got to teach campers about the character of God, the promise of Jesus, and the fruit of the Spirit shown in loving, Christian community. Some campers shared that they made decisions to publicly declare their faith in Jesus through baptism. Others asked deep and curious questions about how the narrative of the whole Bible fits together. The Holy Spirit was stirring in hearts at camp, and it was a blessing to get to steward that.

Anyone who has worked at a camp for even a few hours knows that bumps in the road inevitably happen. Thunderstorms that change plans, behavior challenges, homesickness, illness and injury. However, as one camper parent shared with us, "The injury will heal, but I pray that this camping trip experience will never fade away." It is the grace of God that allows us to overcome the challenges with wisdom and love to show grace, joy, and peace to all who are a part of camp. That is His promise in the wilderness - no matter what storms or struggles that may come that make us feel like we are alone in the wilderness, we are never alone. God - the creator of that wilderness - is always with us, guiding our steps, teaching us, and bringing us to deeper faith to trust in Him.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." - Isaiah 43:19

Projects: This year, with the help of MANY volunteers and generous gifts, we were able to accomplish many projects. We received funds to redo flooring in the King Retreat Center, build new custom bunks for King dorm rooms, replace ovens in Krabill kitchen, and many other smaller projects around camp. With the help of several summer-long maintenance volunteers, we were able to catch up on a backlog of

2026 Camp Mardela Report *Continued*

projects with their dedicated attention, energy and support. A big thank you to Doug, Anita, & Jordan Soliday and Jim Summy for their help with these projects, as well as our faithful Thursday volunteers, Schrock plumbing, Electric by Miller, Marvel Construction, and Chris Elliot & family for their support with these many projects.

Support: While we've had steady income from rental groups, donations, and fundraisers, this has not made up for the rising costs of running camp. Our camper attendance has stayed consistently around 150 for the past couple years, the auction and valentine's dinner also came in under budget, and we had to postpone our Camp Supper from September to November. We would greatly benefit from some more generous donors.

Camp is an incredibly valuable ministry in the lives of the individuals who come here, and it is worth sustaining. It is immersive discipleship, and a sacred space in God's creation for all who enter into it. We are incredibly grateful for the support we have that has sustained us for over 75 years, and this support plays a vital role in maintaining and growing the ministry of Camp Mardela. We thank those who already support us, and if you are not currently involved, we prayerfully ask you to consider supporting this ministry.

Stay in the Loop: If you would like to hear regular updates about what Camp Mardela is doing, you can follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/campmardelacobmd, follow us on Instagram [@camp_mardela](https://www.instagram.com/camp_mardela), visit our website at www.campmardela.org, or come visit us at 301 Deep Shore Road, Denton, MD 21629

SHEPHERD'S SPRING REPORT

A Year of Transition and Renewal



Our Mission



Shepherd's Spring provides a hospitable, faith-centered environment where people of all ages can rest, grow, and connect. Through transformative camps, diverse retreats, and immersive global learning experiences, we hope to inspire renewal, nurture compassion, and equip people to live with purpose in the world.

A Season of Transition and Renewal



Submitted by Kelly Rumpf, Executive Director

2026 has been a year of transition and renewal at Shepherd's Spring. I am honored to serve as the new Executive Director and look forward to leading this ministry into its next chapter.

As we strengthen our operations and plan for the future, we remain committed to faithful stewardship of the blessings God has entrusted to us. We are grateful to David Rogers for his service as Interim Executive Director during this season of transition.

We are excited to welcome several new staff members, including a new chef, housekeeper, and Retreats and Global Village Director. Together, we are working to strengthen our presence in the community and refine our programs.



While we did not offer our full summer camp schedule, three programs served more than 100 campers, continuing meaningful ministry and building momentum toward a full return in 2027.



We also celebrate the completion of a new deck that expands our outdoor gathering space and the continued success of our Global Village program, which welcomed students from across the country for transformative learning experience

Looking Ahead



Thank you to the Mid-Atlantic District, our churches, volunteers, and supporters for your prayers and partnership. We are grateful for your continued support as Shepherd's Spring grows into this exciting new season of ministry.



Shepherd's Spring | 16869 Shepherd's Spring Rd. | www.shepherdsspring.org | (301) 223-8193



July 23, 2026

Greetings COB friends!

Fahrney-Keedy Memorial Home continues to advance its mission of providing compassionate, faith-based care while investing in the future of our community and strengthening our connection with the Church of the Brethren. One of the most significant milestones this year was the groundbreaking for a new single-family independent living cottage. This exciting addition reflects the continued demand for independent living options and our commitment to providing seniors with high-quality housing in a caring, Christ-centered community.

We also celebrated the success of our 2025 Annual Golf Tournament, which raised significant support for our Benevolence Fund. These funds are vital to our mission, ensuring that residents who outlive their financial resources can continue to receive the care and services they need without interruption. Another highlight was our Second Annual Apple Fest and Car Show. This well-attended community event not only brought residents, families, and neighbors together for fellowship but also generated important funding for the Fahrney-Keedy Auxiliary.

We are especially grateful for the revitalization of the Fahrney-Keedy Auxiliary in 2025 after a lengthy hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The renewed enthusiasm of the Auxiliary has already made a meaningful impact through volunteer service, community engagement, and fundraising. We warmly invite members of the Church of the Brethren to consider joining the Auxiliary and partnering with us as we continue to support the ministry and mission of Fahrney-Keedy Memorial Home.

Current fundraising efforts remain focused on growing our Benevolence Fund. This fund is an essential expression of our commitment to Christian stewardship and compassionate care, enabling us to continue serving seniors who have exhausted their financial resources while ensuring they receive the dignity, security, and quality care they deserve.

We thank the Church of the Brethren for its continued prayers, encouragement, and support. Together, we remain committed to honoring our shared heritage of service while meeting the evolving needs of older adults with compassion, excellence, and faith.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Coetzee, LNHA President/CEO

NEW BUSINESS

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Proposed Budget Summary 2027 Pg 1

Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren Proposed Budget Summary 2027					
	2026 Budget	Budget	Explanation	% of Change	\$ Change
Income					
4011 Outreach	137,292	120,000		-12.6%	(17,292)
4021 Interest/Dividend Income	-	12,000			12,000
4023 Eder Financial Admin Fee					-
4025 Interest Income from Loan GG	28,235	27,063		-4.1%	(1,172)
4029 Interest Income From Loan St John		10,924			
4034 In Kind Donations					-
Transfer from Funds	50,000	60,000	Funds from Myersville & Greater Grace Loan Principals		
Total Income	223,027	229,987	-	3.1%	6,960
Expense					
Staff Services & Office Operation					
500 DEM (Executive) Salary & Housing	104,643	102,850	Salary includes Housing COLA AC 4.2%	1.7%	(1,793)
502 DEM (Executive) Pension 11% & RCWF 1%	12,557	12,342		1.7%	(215)
503 DEM (Executive) Insurance	1,098	9,300	Medical Insurance pulled from salary 2/3 MAD, Vision 2/3 MAD, ST & LTD paid by MAD	-88.2%	8,202
504 DEM (Executive) Prof Growth	500	500		0.0%	-
505 Sabbatical Fund	500	500		0.0%	-
Regional Ministry Associates					
550 (3) RMA Stipend	24,000	25,008	AC 4.2% COLA	-100.0%	1,008
Admin Asst Salary Pkg					
530 Admin Assistant Salary	41,277	43,011	AC COLA 4.2%	4.2%	1,734
531 Admin Assistant Pension & RCWF	4,953	5,161	11%	4.2%	208
534 Social Security/ Medicare	3,158	3,290	7.65% of Salary	4.2%	132
Insurance					
5411 Liability/Renters Insurance	1,750	1,900		8.6%	150
5412 Worker's Compensation	650	625		-3.8%	(25)
Office Expenses					
5422 Computer Services	500	720		44.0%	220
5423 Office Fees/Subscriptions	500	500		0.0%	-
5425 Office/Warehouse Rent	5,000	5,000		0.0%	-
5426 Postage	300	100		-66.7%	(200)
5427 Supplies & Copies	1,500	1,500		0.0%	-
5428 Telephone	750	700		-6.7%	(50)
5430 Website	400	1,500	Maintenance new web site	275.0%	1,100
5433 PayPal Expense	-			100.0%	-
5434 Interest Expense/Bank Fees					-
5435 Background Checks					-
5436 Conferencing/zoom meetings	400	400		0.0%	-
6560 Direct Deposit Charges		200		#DIV/0!	200
Professional Services					
5431 Treasurer/Financial Services	7,325	7,400		1.0%	75
5432 Attorney Services					-
Travel & Conferences					
5441 Travel, Meals & Conferences	6,000	6,000		0.0%	-
54415 DEM Mileage	4,000	5,000		25.0%	1,000
54412 RMA Travel	1,000	1,500		100.0%	500
54413 Travel for Others	250	250		0.0%	-
5443 CODE Dues	700	749		7.0%	49
Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren Proposed Budget Summary 2027					
	2026 Budget	Budget	Explanation	% of Change	\$ Change
Sub-total Staff Services &					-

Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren

Proposed Budget Summary 2027 Pg 2

Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren Proposed Budget Summary 2027					
	2026 Budget	Budget	Explanation	% of Change	\$ Change
Office Operation	223,711	236,006		5.5%	12,295
					-
Other Expenses					-
5454 CORE Grants	500	-			(500)
Sub-total Other Expenses	500	-			(500)
Total Operation Expenses	224,211	236,006		5.3%	11,795
					-
MINISTRY TEAMS					-
Calling & Credentialing					-
601 Program	300	1,000		233.3%	700
602 Ministerial Scholarship	500	-			-
603 Susquehanna Valley Satellite	5,000	5,000		0.0%	-
604 TRIM Coordinator/ EFSM	1,500	1,500		0.0%	-
605 Readiness for Ministry	665	350		-47.4%	(315)
Sub-totals	7,965	7,850			(115)
					-
Finance & Property					-
632 CPA Review	4,000	5,000		25.0%	1,000
Sub-totals	4,000	5,000		25.0%	1,000
					-
Outreach & Service					-
641 Program	100	100		0.0%	-
Sub-totals	100	100		0.0%	-
					-
District General					-
651 Leadership Team	800	500		-37.5%	(300)
653 District Directory	150	150		0.0%	-
654 Standing Committee Delegates	4,200	4,200		0.0%	-
671 Annual Conference Assessment	5,500	5,000		-9.1%	(500)
Sub-totals	10,650	9,850		-7.5%	(800)
					-
Church Extension & Evangelism					-
682 CORE	-	-		100.0%	-
Sub-totals	-	-		100.0%	-
					-
Spirituality & Congregational Life					-
692 Senior High	500	500		0.0%	-
699 NYC	500	500		0.0%	-
Other	200	200		0.0%	-
Sub-totals	1,200	1,200		0.0%	-
					-
Communications					-
710 Program	500	300		-40.0%	(200)
Sub-totals	500	300		-40.0%	(200)
					-
Ministry Teams Total	24,415	23,100			(1,315)
Total Operations & Ministry Teams	248,626	259,106		4.2%	10,480
					-
Profit/Loss	(25,599)	(29,118)			-

Proposed changes to District Constitution and Bylaws

Amend Article V: Qualifications and Duties of District Conference Officers, Delegates, and Appointees as follows:

E. The **treasurer** shall be custodian of all District funds, disbursing them as authorized by District Conference and the District Leadership Team. He/she shall be an ex officio member (without vote) of the Leadership Team and the Finance & Property Ministry Team. The treasurer shall prepare reports of giving from member shall be made available to the Leadership Team and the Finance & Property Ministry Team. The treasurer shall make written financial reports to the Leadership Team and the District Conference and shall submit the accounts for ~~annual audit~~ **an annual financial review**.

F. The **financial secretary** shall receive all current District funds, acknowledge receipt of such, and deposit said funds promptly in a depository designated by the Leadership Team. The accounts shall be submitted for ~~annual audit~~ **an annual financial review**.

Amend Article VI: Leadership Team and Legal Officers as follows:

A11: Provide for an annual ~~audit~~ **financial review performed by an outside certified public accountant** of the District financial records of the District treasurer, financial secretary, and such other agencies handling District funds. The results of the ~~audit~~ **financial review** shall be submitted to District Conference.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Accrual Basis

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Statement of Financial Position/Bal. Sheet 26/25
As of July 31, 2026

	Jul 31, 26	Jul 31, 25
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1 · CASH ACCOUNTS		
101 · ACNB Checking	59,184.24	9,845.58
104 · ACNB Money Market (GG Loan Payments)	111,831.90	71,260.42
13 · Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Total 1 · CASH ACCOUNTS	171,116.14	81,206.00
Total Checking/Savings	171,116.14	81,206.00
Total Current Assets	171,116.14	81,206.00
Fixed Assets		
18 · FIXED ASSETS		
181 · FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT		
1811 · Furn. Fixtures & Equip. Cost	13,908.91	13,908.91
1812 · Furn. Fixtures & Equip. Deprec	-13,908.91	-13,908.91
Total 181 · FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00
Total 18 · FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00
Other Assets		
14 · LOANS RECEIVABLE		
143 · Greater Grace Loan \$900,000 (Loan to Greater Grace Church for Good S...	702,367.28	732,896.56
145 · St. John Baptist Loan \$204,062 (St John Baptist Antichain Orthodox Churc...	201,768.42	0.00
Total 14 · LOANS RECEIVABLE	904,135.70	732,896.56
17 · INVESTMENTS		
171 · EDER FINANCIAL (BBT)		
1711 · Don Rowe Endowment	94,032.16	86,325.85
1713 · General Investment Fund	247,999.04	229,273.93
Total 171 · EDER FINANCIAL (BBT)	342,031.20	315,599.78
190 · ACNB WEALTH ADVISORS (ACNB Wealth Advisors - Cetera)		
1902 · ACNB Mutual Funds		
1902-1 · Mutual Funds Principal	0.00	50,000.00
1902-2 · Mutual Funds Dividend/Reinvest (Reinvestment of dividends & I...	0.00	3,581.95
1903 · Cash Account Investment ACNB	0.00	115,058.47
Total 1902 · ACNB Mutual Funds	0.00	168,640.42
Total 190 · ACNB WEALTH ADVISORS (ACNB Wealth Advisors - Cetera)	0.00	168,640.42
195 · Triple J Financial INC		
195-01 · Mutual Funds- Principal	369,422.67	0.00
195-02 · Mutual Funds Interest	6,672.74	0.00
195-03 · Mutual Funds Realized/Unrealid	-7,279.99	0.00
Total 195 · Triple J Financial INC	368,815.42	0.00
Total 17 · INVESTMENTS	710,846.62	484,240.20
Total Other Assets	1,614,982.32	1,217,136.76
TOTAL ASSETS	1,786,098.46	1,298,342.76

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
2 · LIABILITIES		
20 · SHORT TERM LIABILITY		
203 · PAYROLL PAYABLE		
2022 · Pension Payable	0.21	0.00
2025 · Medical Insurance	0.16	0.04
2031 · Federal Taxes Payable	334.00	688.00
2032 · Medicare Payable	99.74	194.44
2033 · Social Security Payable	426.52	831.44
2034 · Maryland Taxes Payable	831.22	767.90
2035 · Life & LTD Insurance	1.76	0.04
Total 203 · PAYROLL PAYABLE	1,693.61	2,481.86
Total 20 · SHORT TERM LIABILITY	1,693.61	2,481.86
Total 2 · LIABILITIES	1,693.61	2,481.86
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,693.61	2,481.86
Total Current Liabilities	1,693.61	2,481.86
Total Liabilities	1,693.61	2,481.86
Equity		
9000 · COB Memeber Closing - Treasury	240,000.00	0.00
9002 · COB Member Closing - Property	265,254.06	0.00
3 · FUNDS		
30 · TEMP RESTRICTED		
301 · AUCTION FUND		
301-4 · AUCTION INCOME HISTORICAL		
301-401 · Interest Income	839.39	839.39
301-402 · Other Income - Auction	940,542.35	895,531.26
301-403 · Quilts	258,885.00	237,810.00
301-404 · Benefit Dinners	46,930.37	40,100.37
301-405 · Booklet Donations	405,404.75	381,103.53
301-406 · Auction Donations	137,008.44	125,940.44
Total 301-4 · AUCTION INCOME HISTORICAL	1,789,610.30	1,681,324.99
301-5 · AUCTION EXPENES HISTORICAL		
301-501 · Admin. Fee	-57,754.38	-53,884.87
301-502 · Postage & Supplies	-7,786.70	-7,775.00
301-503 · Printing/Booklet	-117,118.37	-111,217.81
301-504 · Quilts	-16,467.08	-16,467.08
301-505 · Rent	-48,440.58	-44,327.78
301-507 · Contribution to Program	-1,533,369.00	-1,445,369.00
Total 301-5 · AUCTION EXPENES HISTORICAL	-1,780,936.11	-1,679,041.54
Total 301 · AUCTION FUND	8,674.19	2,283.45
302 · MEAT CANNING FUND		
302-4 · MEAT CANNING HISTORICAL INCOME		
302-401 · Interest Income	832.56	832.56
302-402 · Meat Canning Income	477,588.79	462,662.80
Total 302-4 · MEAT CANNING HISTORICAL INCOME	478,421.35	463,495.36
302-5 · MEAT CANNING HISTORICAL EXPENSES		
302-501 · Admin. Fee & Postage	-25,244.78	-24,590.03
302-507 · Contribution to Program	-469,855.05	-456,855.05
Total 302-5 · MEAT CANNING HISTORICAL EXPENSES	-495,099.83	-481,445.08

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302 · MEAT CANNING FUND - Other	19,361.07	19,361.07
Total 302 · MEAT CANNING FUND	2,682.59	1,411.35
375 · Designated Donation FUND (Donation that are designated for a reaso...	0.00	-3.11
304 · NOAC Activity (NOAC Activity)		
304-401 · NOAC Income	12,867.00	12,867.00
304-501 · NOAC Expenses	-12,755.43	-12,755.43
Total 304 · NOAC Activity (NOAC Activity)	111.57	111.57
305 · NEW PASTOR RETREAT ACTIVITY		
305-401 · New Pastor Retreat Income	11,894.47	11,894.47
305-501 · New Pastor Retreat Expenses	-11,468.24	-11,468.24
305 · NEW PASTOR RETREAT ACTIVITY - Other	-1.85	-1.85
Total 305 · NEW PASTOR RETREAT ACTIVITY	424.38	424.38
310 · Salt & Light Ministry	100.00	100.00
311 · Leadership Team Books (Money for books for Leadership Team)	293.80	293.80
Total 30 · TEMP RESTRICTED	12,286.53	4,621.44
33 · MINISTRY TEAM DESIGNATED FUNDS		
330 · NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE FUND	4,956.55	4,456.55
331 · DISTRICT CONFERENCE FUND	4,089.52	2,872.39
332 · CONT.EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND	2,040.86	2,040.86
333 · DISASTER FUND	19,031.91	22,264.37
334 · MINISTERIAL TRAINING EVENT FUND	2,466.25	2,443.97
336 · DON ROWE STUDENT ENDOWMENT FUND		
3361 · Unrealized Gain/Loss Don Rowe (BBT Student Endowment)	69,602.50	63,505.02
336 · DON ROWE STUDENT ENDOWMENT FUND - Other	25,481.14	24,437.31
Total 336 · DON ROWE STUDENT ENDOWMENT FUND	95,083.64	87,942.33
338 · JR. HIGH CONFERENCE FUND	1,681.81	1,681.81
339 · SENIOR HIGH PROGRAM FUND	1,995.80	1,995.80
340 · YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM FUND	146.54	146.54
343 · PEACE & JUSTICE FUND	123.92	123.92
347 · DISTRICT HABITAT FUND	150.00	150.00
Total 33 · MINISTRY TEAM DESIGNATED FUNDS	131,766.80	126,118.54
35 · LEADERSHIP DESIGNATED FUNDS		
351 · OPERATING RESERVE FUND		
351-1 · Operating Reserve Fund (Yr. End Surplus/Deficit held by Leade...	306,186.42	149,798.76
351-2 · GG 25% Operating Reverse (25% Operating Distribution from Gr...	7,125.78	3,558.21
Total 351 · OPERATING RESERVE FUND	313,312.20	153,356.97
353 · EQUIPMENT & SECY FUND	18,217.53	14,533.30
354 · STAFF SABBATICAL FUND	1,000.00	500.00
355 · CHURCH EXTENSION FUND		
3551 · Dundalk Restart (Restart of Dundalk Church Of the Brethren)		
3551-20 · 2020 GraceWay Support	-22,000.00	-22,000.00
3551-19 · GraceWay Support 2019	-39,916.05	-39,916.05
3551-10 · Dundalk Restart Support 2018	-33,833.09	-33,833.09
3551-9 · Dundalk Restart Support 2017	-29,256.64	-29,256.64
3551-12 · Dundalk Restart Support 2016	-6,696.58	-6,696.58
Total 3551 · Dundalk Restart (Restart of Dundalk Church Of the Brethren)	-131,702.36	-131,702.36
355 · CHURCH EXTENSION FUND - Other	191,971.70	178,907.77
Total 355 · CHURCH EXTENSION FUND	60,269.34	47,205.41

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	Jul 31, 26	Jul 31, 25
356 · SPECIAL MINISTRIES FUND	2,421.12	2,889.12
370 · GREATER GRACE FUND (50% of loan payments of Good Shepherd Ch...	248,723.03	224,970.33
371 · MYERSVILLE COB CLOSING FUND (MONEY LEFT IN THE TRESURY ...	106,684.41	0.00
380 · Congregation Departing Fees (Money collected for use to help remaini...	17,206.00	17,206.00
390 · ERTC Tax Credit (ERTC Credit from COVID19 IRS)	9,128.77	11,605.08
405 · GRANT		
4051 · Frederick COB Acct- Restrited (Gift as a grant from the Patrick & S...	-3,179.50	0.00
Total 405 · GRANT	-3,179.50	0.00
376 · Good Shepherd Mortgage Principa	721,149.00	0.00
377 · Myersville Mortgage Principal F	204,062.00	0.00
378 · Legal Fund	11,995.00	0.00
Total 35 · LEADERSHIP DESIGNATED FUNDS	1,710,988.90	472,266.21
Total 3 · FUNDS	1,855,042.23	603,006.19
3900 · Net Assets	-505,254.06	776,721.64
Net Income	-70,637.38	-83,866.93
Total Equity	1,784,404.85	1,295,860.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,786,098.46	1,298,342.76

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	Jan - Jul 26	Jan - Jul 25	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4 · INCOME			
401 · CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH			
4011 · Outreach giving/Pledges	58,321.75	54,626.65	3,695.10
Total 401 · CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH	58,321.75	54,626.65	3,695.10
402 · INTEREST INCOME			
4021 · Interest/Dividend Income	10,231.42	5,471.39	4,760.03
4023 · Admin Fee Eder Financial	-971.06	-913.07	-57.99
4025 · Interest Greater Grace Loan	19,252.43	12,356.67	6,895.76
4029 · Interest St John Baptist (Inteest from St John Baptist Loan)	6,478.26	0.00	6,478.26
Total 402 · INTEREST INCOME	34,991.05	16,914.99	18,076.06
404 · OTHER BENEV. GIFTS			
4042 · Individual Contr.	1,980.00	2,180.00	-200.00
Total 404 · OTHER BENEV. GIFTS	1,980.00	2,180.00	-200.00
Total 4 · INCOME	95,292.80	73,721.64	21,571.16
Total Income	95,292.80	73,721.64	21,571.16
Gross Profit	95,292.80	73,721.64	21,571.16
Expense			
5 · EXPENSES			
50 · DEM SALARY PKG			
500 · DEM · Salary	49,375.62	44,882.18	4,493.44
501 · DEM · Housing	11,666.62	11,666.62	0.00
502 · DEM · Pension	7,325.08	6,781.80	543.28
503 · DEM · Insurance	590.72	595.64	-4.92
504 · DEM · Prof. Growth	23.36	0.00	23.36
505 · DEM · Sabbatical Fund	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total 50 · DEM SALARY PKG	69,481.40	64,426.24	5,055.16
51-1 · INTERIM DEM SALARY PACKAGE (SALARY PACKAGE FOR I...			
51-4 · Interim DEM HOUSING	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 51-1 · INTERIM DEM SALARY PACKAGE (SALARY PACKAGE ...	0.00	0.00	0.00
53 · ADMIN. AST. SALARY PGK			
530 · Admin. Asst. Salary	24,078.32	23,467.92	610.40
531 · Admin. Asst. Pension	2,889.46	2,820.10	69.36
534 · Company S/S & Medi- Admin	1,842.00	1,795.29	46.71
Total 53 · ADMIN. AST. SALARY PGK	28,809.78	28,083.31	726.47
55 · REGIONAL MINISTRY ASSOCIATES (Regional Ministry Associa...			
550 · REM Stipend	12,999.87	3,999.96	8,999.91
Total 55 · REGIONAL MINISTRY ASSOCIATES (Regional Ministry As...	12,999.87	3,999.96	8,999.91
54 · DAILY OPERATIONS			
541 · INSURANCE			
5411 · Renters/Liability/vehicle Ins	1,928.00	1,737.00	191.00
5412 · Worker's Compensation Insurance	612.00	518.00	94.00
Total 541 · INSURANCE	2,540.00	2,255.00	285.00

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	Jan - Jul 26	Jan - Jul 25	\$ Change
542 · OFFICE EXPENSES			
5422 · Computer Services	420.00	420.44	-0.44
5425 · Office/Warehouse Rent	2,928.10	2,927.66	0.44
5426 · Postage	129.30	235.89	-106.59
5427 · Supplies/Copies	1,298.81	1,063.52	235.29
5428 · Telephone	402.86	398.31	4.55
5430 · Web Site (Internet)	369.39	293.82	75.57
5435 · Background Checks	0.00	-711.50	711.50
5436 · Confering/Zoom Meetings	229.90	219.00	10.90
6560 · Payroll Exp. QuickBook Fees (QB Fee for Direct Deposit)	114.62	0.04	114.58
Total 542 · OFFICE EXPENSES	5,892.98	4,847.18	1,045.80
543 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
5431 · Accountant/Treasurer	4,229.19	4,229.19	0.00
5432 · Attorney			
5432-01 · Reimb Lawyer Fee/Churches (Reimbursment fro...	650.00	0.00	650.00
5432 · Attorney - Other	3,622.50	0.00	3,622.50
Total 5432 · Attorney	4,272.50	0.00	4,272.50
Total 543 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	8,501.69	4,229.19	4,272.50
544 · TRAVEL & CONFERENCES			
5441 · Travel, Meals, & Conference	2,543.97	5,130.09	-2,586.12
54412 · REM Travel (Travel & Mileage, Meals etc. for Regional...	568.77	133.00	435.77
54413 · Travel for Others (Travel & Mileage reimbursement for...	238.22	0.00	238.22
54414 · DEM Mileage	2,844.90	2,613.30	231.60
5443 · CODE Dues	659.00	643.00	16.00
Total 544 · TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	6,854.86	8,519.39	-1,664.53
Total 54 · DAILY OPERATIONS	23,789.53	19,850.76	3,938.77
Total 5 · EXPENSES	135,080.58	116,360.27	18,720.31
6 · MINISTRY TEAMS			
60 · CALLING & CREDENTIALING			
601 · Program	65.61	815.67	-750.06
603 · Susquehanna Valley Ministry Ce	2,500.10	3,750.00	-1,249.90
604 · TRIM/EFSM	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
605 · Readiness for Ministry	-666.64	0.00	-666.64
Total 60 · CALLING & CREDENTIALING	3,399.07	6,065.67	-2,666.60
64 · OUTREACH & SERVICES			
641 · Program	0.05	0.00	0.05
Total 64 · OUTREACH & SERVICES	0.05	0.00	0.05
65 · DISTRICT GENERAL			
651 · Leadership Team	79.64	2,545.97	-2,466.33
654 · Standing Committee Delegates	1,712.14	1,788.97	-76.83
671 · Annual Conference Assessment	5,047.70	5,263.88	-216.18
Total 65 · DISTRICT GENERAL	6,839.48	9,598.82	-2,759.34
69 · SPIRITUALITY & CONGREGATIONAL			
6912 · S&C Other	14.94	0.00	14.94
692 · Senior High	0.00	0.05	-0.05
699 · NYC	500.00	500.00	0.00
69 · SPIRITUALITY & CONGREGATIONAL - Other	0.10	0.00	0.10
Total 69 · SPIRITUALITY & CONGREGATIONAL	515.04	500.05	14.99
Total 6 · MINISTRY TEAMS	10,753.64	16,164.54	-5,410.90
Total Expense	145,834.22	132,524.81	13,309.41
Net Ordinary Income	-50,541.42	-58,803.17	8,261.75

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	Jan - Jul 26	Jan - Jul 25	\$ Change
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
701 · TRANSFERS/ INTERFUND INCOME (Funds transfer internally)			
4028 · Triple J Unrealized Gain/Loss	-7,279.99	0.00	-7,279.99
4022 · Unrealized G /L Eder General (General Operating Account)	7,324.53	6,761.75	562.78
4027 · ACNB Unrealized G/L Mutal Funds	0.00	1,428.20	-1,428.20
7003 · Interfund Transfers In & Out	-20,140.50	-33,253.71	13,113.21
Total 701 · TRANSFERS/ INTERFUND INCOME (Funds transfer internally)	-20,095.96	-25,063.76	4,967.80
Total Other Income	-20,095.96	-25,063.76	4,967.80
Net Other Income	-20,095.96	-25,063.76	4,967.80
Net Income	-70,637.38	-83,866.93	13,229.55

Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through July 2026

	Jan - Jul 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4 · INCOME			
401 · CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH			
4011 · Outreach giving/Pledges	58,321.75	137,292.00	-78,970.25
Total 401 · CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH	58,321.75	137,292.00	-78,970.25
402 · INTEREST INCOME			
4021 · Interest/Dividend Income	10,231.42		
4023 · Admin Fee Eder Financial	-971.06		
4025 · Interest Greater Grace Loan	19,252.43	28,235.00	-8,982.57
4029 · Interest St John Baptist (Inteest from St John ...	6,478.26		
Total 402 · INTEREST INCOME	34,991.05	28,235.00	6,756.05
404 · OTHER BENEV. GIFTS			
4042 · Individual Contr.	1,980.00	7,500.00	-5,520.00
Total 404 · OTHER BENEV. GIFTS	1,980.00	7,500.00	-5,520.00
Total 4 · INCOME	95,292.80	173,027.00	-77,734.20
Total Income	95,292.80	173,027.00	-77,734.20
Gross Profit	95,292.80	173,027.00	-77,734.20
Expense			
5 · EXPENSES			
50 · DEM SALARY PKG			
500 · DEM- Salary	49,375.62	104,643.00	-55,267.38
501 · DEM- Housing	11,666.62		
502 · DEM - Pension	7,325.08	12,557.00	-5,231.92
503 · DEM - Insurance	590.72	1,098.00	-507.28
504 · DEM - Prof. Growth	23.36	500.00	-476.64
505 · DEM - Sabbatical Fund	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total 50 · DEM SALARY PKG	69,481.40	119,298.00	-49,816.60
53 · ADMIN. AST. SALARY PGK			
530 · Admin. Asst. Salary	24,078.32	41,277.00	-17,198.68
531 · Admin. Asst. Pension	2,889.46	4,953.00	-2,063.54
534 · Company S/S & Medi- Admin	1,842.00	3,158.00	-1,316.00
Total 53 · ADMIN. AST. SALARY PGK	28,809.78	49,388.00	-20,578.22
55 · REGIONAL MINISTRY ASSOCIATES (Regional Mini...			
550 · REM Stipend	12,999.87	24,000.00	-11,000.13
Total 55 · REGIONAL MINISTRY ASSOCIATES (Regiona...	12,999.87	24,000.00	-11,000.13
54 · DAILY OPERATIONS			
541 · INSURANCE			
5411 · Renters/Liability/vehicle Ins	1,928.00	1,750.00	178.00
5412 · Worker's Compensation Insurance	612.00	650.00	-38.00
Total 541 · INSURANCE	2,540.00	2,400.00	140.00

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through July 2026

	Jan - Jul 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget
542 · OFFICE EXPENSES			
5422 · Computer Services	420.00	291.69	128.31
5423 · Office Fees/Subscription	0.00	291.69	-291.69
5425 · Office/Warehouse Rent	2,928.10	2,916.69	11.41
5426 · Postage	129.30	175.00	-45.70
5427 · Supplies/Copies	1,298.81	875.00	423.81
5428 · Telephone	402.86	437.50	-34.64
5430 · Web Site (Internet)	369.39	233.31	136.08
5435 · Background Checks	0.00		
5436 · Confering/Zoom Meetings	229.90	233.31	-3.41
6560 · Payroll Exp. QuickBook Fees (QB Fee for D...	114.62		
Total 542 · OFFICE EXPENSES	5,892.98	5,454.19	438.79
543 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
5431 · Accountant/Treasurer	4,229.19	4,272.94	-43.75
5432 · Attorney			
5432-01 · Reimb Lawyer Fee/Churches (Reimb...	650.00		
5432 · Attorney - Other	3,622.50		
Total 5432 · Attorney	4,272.50		
Total 543 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	8,501.69	4,272.94	4,228.75
544 · TRAVEL & CONFERENCES			
5441 · Travel, Meals, & Conference	2,543.97	3,500.00	-956.03
54412 · REM Travel (Travel & Mileage , Meals etc. ...	568.77	583.31	-14.54
54413 · Travel for Others (Travel & Mileage reimb...	238.22	145.81	92.41
54414 · DEM Mileage	2,844.90	2,333.31	511.59
5443 · CODE Dues	659.00	700.00	-41.00
Total 544 · TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	6,854.86	7,262.43	-407.57
Total 54 · DAILY OPERATIONS	23,789.53	19,389.56	4,399.97
Total 5 · EXPENSES	135,080.58	212,075.56	-76,994.98
6 · MINISTRY TEAMS			
60 · CALLING & CREDENTIALING			
601 · Program	65.61	300.00	-234.39
602 · Ministerial Scholarship	0.00	500.00	-500.00
603 · Susquehanna Valley Ministry Ce	2,500.10	5,000.00	-2,499.90
604 · TRIM/EFSM	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
605 · Readiness for Ministry	-666.64	665.00	-1,331.64
Total 60 · CALLING & CREDENTIALING	3,399.07	7,965.00	-4,565.93
63 · FINANCE & PROPERTY			
632 · Review/Audit	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00
Total 63 · FINANCE & PROPERTY	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00
64 · OUTREACH & SERVICES			
641 · Program	0.05	100.00	-99.95
Total 64 · OUTREACH & SERVICES	0.05	100.00	-99.95
65 · DISTRICT GENERAL			
651 · Leadership Team	79.64	800.00	-720.36
653 · District Directory	0.00	150.00	-150.00
654 · Standing Committee Delegates	1,712.14	4,200.00	-2,487.86
671 · Annual Conference Assessment	5,047.70	5,500.00	-452.30
Total 65 · DISTRICT GENERAL	6,839.48	10,650.00	-3,810.52

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through July 2026

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69 - SPIRITUALITY & CONGREGATIONAL			
6912 - S&C Other	14.94	200.00	-185.06
692 - Senior High	0.00	500.00	-500.00
699 - NYC	500.00	500.00	0.00
69 - SPIRITUALITY & CONGREGATIONAL - Other	0.10		
Total 69 - SPIRITUALITY & CONGREGATIONAL	515.04	1,200.00	-684.96
70 - COMMUNICATIONS TEAM			
710 - Program	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total 70 - COMMUNICATIONS TEAM	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total 6 - MINISTRY TEAMS	10,753.64	24,415.00	-13,661.36
Total Expense	145,834.22	236,490.56	-90,656.34
Net Ordinary Income	-50,541.42	-63,463.56	12,922.14
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
701 - TRANSFERS/ INTERFUND INCOME (Funds transfer inte...			
4028 - Triple J Unrelatd Gain/Loss	-7,279.99		
4022 - Unrealized G /L Eder General (General Operating A...	7,324.53		
7003 - Interfund Transfers In & Out	-20,140.50		
Total 701 - TRANSFERS/ INTERFUND INCOME (Funds transf...	-20,095.96		
Total Other Income	-20,095.96		
Net Other Income	-20,095.96		
Net Income	-70,637.38	-63,463.56	-7,173.82

Outreach Donations					
as of July 2026					
Congregation	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	2026 to date
Allensville					
Arlington	3,937.50	3,150.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Beaver Creek	4,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Bethany	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Broadfording	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,250.00	3,500.00	1,850.00
Brownsville	10,284.00	8,997.00	2,332.00		
Bush Creek	1,845.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Columbia United	500.00				
Comm. Of Joy		2,774.95			
Denton	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Downsville	450.00	750.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Dranesville	2,600.00	3,000.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	800.00
Dundalk					
Easton	3,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,400.00	2,400.00
Edgewood	500.00	500.00			
Fairview	5,700.00	5,700.00	5,700.00	5,700.00	
Fellowship	2,400.00	2,450.00	2,500.00	3,400.00	
First Baltimore	1,100.00	900.00	1,500.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Flower Hill					
Frederick	10,000.00	10,000.00	3,500.00		
Friendship				350.00	
Glade Valley	1,230.00	1,230.00	1,230.00	1,832.00	1,000.00
Greenhill	1,750.00	1,750.00	900.00	800.00	
Grossnickle	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	5,075.00
Hagerstown	6,300.00	4,875.00	6,700.00	6,700.00	3,350.00
Harmony	500.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	100.00
Hollywood					
Johnsontown	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,600.00
Locust Grove					
Long Green Valle	1,150.00	1,100.00	920.00	920.00	460.00
Long Meadow	400.00				
Manassas	16,059.00	11,571.75	10,680.00	11,050.00	2,750.00
Manor	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	500.00	
Meadow Branch	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	
Midland	2,992.59	2,806.47	3,880.98	4,029.81	759.25
Moler Avenue	1,600.00				
Monocacy	100.00			100.00	
Mountain View	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Nokesville	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Oakton	5,200.00	3,900.00	3,925.00	4,050.00	2,025.00
Piney Creek	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Pleasant View					
Reisterstown					
Ridgely	6,000.00	1,000.00	250.00	500.00	
Sam's Creek	500.00				
Sharpsburg	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00
Thurmont	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Union Bridge	11,750.00	11,750.00	11,750.00	13,806.42	8,062.50
University Park	3,500.00	2,400.00	4,400.00	4,400.00	4,400.00
Washington City	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
Welty	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	500.00
Westminster	13,750.00	11,500.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	6,000.00
Woodberry	1,000.00	1,000.00			
Woodbridge	4,938.00	4,160.00	5,544.00	5,730.00	2,940.00
TOTALS	149,711.09	130,940.17	116,686.98	116,593.23	58,321.75

INDIVIDUAL DONORS Sept 2025 – August 2026

Many thanks to the individuals who have generously donated to the district for outreach, meat canning, the Disaster Fund and designated funds.

Albert and Charlotte Bear
Rachel Black
Jeanne Dussault and Mark Woodworth
Everett Fisher
Hilda Gordon
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Fred V Wilhelm
Tracy Wiser
Gretchen Zience

Many thanks to the numerous individuals who supported the Disaster Response Auction by purchasing booklet ads, attending and supporting the benefit dinner and auction and all your purchases and donations at the auction.

Together we can work to share the good news of God's love and to serve our neighbors.

**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Leadership Team

The District Board of the Mid-Atlantic District of the Church of the Brethren
Westminster, Maryland

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the District Board of the Mid-Atlantic District of the Church of the Brethren (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2025, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

The accompanying supplementary information included in the Schedule of Revenues and Expenses by Fund are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

John T. Cecil, Jr., CPA

John T. Cecil, Jr., P. A.

August 12, 2026

**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2025**

ASSETS		2025
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	193,767
Prepaid Expenses		650
Notes Receivable		925,211
Total Current Assets		<u>1,119,628</u>
Property and Equipment		
Office and Operating equipment		13,909
Accumulated Depreciation		(13,909)
Net Property and Equipment		<u>-</u>
Investments		<u>697,339</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>\$ 1,816,967</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses and Liabilities	\$	3,966
Total Current Liabilities		<u>3,966</u>
Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>3,966</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions		1,660,869
Without Donor Restrictions - Board Designated		132,970
With Donor Restrictions		19,162
Total Net Assets		<u>1,813,001</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u><u>\$ 1,816,967</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Congregational Support	\$ 116,093	\$ -	\$ 116,093
Benevolent Gifts - Individuals	6,940	-	6,940
Other Income - Legal Fund	-	16,000	16,000
- Myersville Property Proceeds	265,254	-	265,254
- Myersville Treasury Proceeds	240,000	-	240,000
Contributions	-	122,083	122,083
Revenue from Board Designated Activities	29,283	-	29,283
Investment Income - Net	46,930	-	46,930
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	<u>704,500</u>	<u>138,083</u>	<u>842,583</u>
 Net assets released from restrictions	 <u>125,955</u>	 <u>(125,955)</u>	 <u>-</u>
EXPENSES			
Activity Funds	134,351	4,005	138,356
Support Services	233,242	-	233,242
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>367,593</u>	<u>4,005</u>	<u>371,598</u>
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	 462,662	 8,123	 470,985
NET ASSETS			
Beginning of Year	1,330,977	11,039	1,342,016
 End of Year	 <u>\$ 1,793,839</u>	 <u>\$ 19,162</u>	 <u>\$ 1,813,001</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	ACTIVITY FUNDS	SUPPORT SERVICES	TOTAL
Administrative Fees	\$ 3,924	\$ -	\$ 3,924
Calling and Credentialing Expense	-	8,592	8,592
Conference Expense	3,128	-	3,128
District General Expense	-	10,854	10,854
Finance and Property Expense	-	4,782	4,782
Insurance expense	-	2,255	2,255
Office expense	1,256	3,571	4,827
Outreach & Services Expense	115,137	-	115,137
Printing Expense	5,918	-	5,918
Professional Services Expense	-	14,435	14,435
Rent Expense	3,700	5,019	8,719
Salaries and Benefits Expense	-	168,897	168,897
Scholarships Expense	470	-	470
Senior High Expense	-	500	500
Training Expense	818	-	818
Travel Expense	-	14,337	14,337
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 134,351	\$ 233,242	\$ 367,593

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Change in net assets	\$ 470,985
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Investment income -unrealized gains	(15,891)
Net change in operating assets and liabilities:	
Prepaid expenses	(182)
Accrued expenses and liabilities	1,832
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>456,544</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Note Receivable - Investment	(204,062)
Note Receivable - Proceeds	23,210
Investments - Purchases	(214,176)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(395,028)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>-</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	61,516
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>132,251</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 193,767</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES	
Income taxes paid	<u>\$ -</u>
Interest paid	<u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2025

1 - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The District Board of the Mid-Atlantic District of the Church of the Brethren (the "Organization") operates as a religious corporation and serves its member churches within the District, currently totaling 53 member churches, spanning a geographical region which includes portions of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. The affairs of the Mid-Atlantic District are managed by the District Leadership Team, and individual congregations are served by the District Executive who assists and gives oversight to the pastors and congregations, and guidance related to pastoral placement, evaluations, etc., in accordance with the denominational policy.

2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Organization's financial statements are prepared using the accrual method of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of The District Board of the Mid-Atlantic District of the Church of the Brethren are presented in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities: Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*, which significantly amended previous standards for the presentation and accompanying disclosures of the financial statements of nonprofit organizations.

In accordance with ASU 2016-14, the Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets that are based upon the existence or absence of restrictions on use that are placed by its donors - net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Net assets without donor restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization's management and board of directors.

Net assets with donor restrictions: Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

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2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Donor restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the Statement of Activities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Organization has a number of financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes. The Organization estimates that the fair value of all financial instruments at December 31, 2025 does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying statement of financial position. The estimated fair value amounts have been determined by the Organization using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies.

Investments

The Organization carries investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the Statement of Financial Position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in investment income in the accompanying Statement of Activities.

Property and Equipment

Acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$1,000 are capitalized. Computer equipment, which is deemed immaterial, is expensed. Property and equipment are carried at cost and depreciation is computed using primarily the straight-line method. Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2025 was \$-0-.

Contributions

Contributions received are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Donations to Board Designated activities are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions.

A special event of the Organization that is restricted to raising funds for a specific purpose is reported as net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, the

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Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2025

2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

net asset with donor restriction is reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Contributed Services

The Organization receives a substantial amount of services donated by its members in carrying out the Organization's ministry. No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for those services since they do not meet the criteria for recognition.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization defines its cash and cash equivalents to include all monies in banks and highly liquid investments with original maturity dates of less than 3 months. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value because of the short maturities of those financial instruments.

3 – AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY

The following represents the Organization's financial assets at December 31, 2025:

Financial Assets at Year-End:	2025
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 193,767
Notes Receivable	925,211
Investments	697,339
Total Financial Assets	1,816,317
Less Amounts Not Available to be Used Within One Year:	
Notes Receivable	888,572
Net Assets With Board Designations	132,970
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	19,162
	1,040,704
Financial Assets Available to Meet General Expenditures Over the Next Twelve Months	\$ 775,613

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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4 – NOTES RECEIVABLE

During June 2018 the Organization sold the property known as Good Shepherd to Greater Grace Christian Fellowship, Inc. (GGCF) for the sum of \$1,000,000. The Organization received \$100,000 in cash and a \$900,000 note from GGCF. The note bears interest at 4% per annum for the first five years, requiring monthly payments of \$4,751. After the fifth year GGCF has an option to pay off the loan in full or in part. If not paid in full, interest will be renegotiated every five years until the loan is paid in full. The balance of the loan as of December 31, 2025 is \$721,149.

During December 2025 the Organization sold the property known as Myersville Church of the Brethren to Saint John the Baptist Antiochian Orthodox Church, Inc. (SJB) for the sum of \$280,000. The Organization received proceeds of cash (net of closing costs) and a \$204,062 mortgage note from SJB. The note bears interest at 5.5% per annum with a maturity date of February, 2051. The balance of the loan as of December 31, 2025 is \$204,062.

5 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at December 31, 2025 consists of the following:

Asset Category	Estimated Life	2025 Amount
Office Furniture & Equipment	5 - 7 years	\$ 13,909
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(13,909)
Net Property and Equipment		\$ -

6 – INVESTMENTS

The Organization's investments at December 31, 2025 are as follows:

	2025	
	Cost Basis	Market Value
Brethren Foundation:		
Balanced Fund	\$ 140,110	\$ 299,131
Short Term Bond Fund	24,248	28,508
Treasury Money Market Fund	369,700	369,700
	<u>\$ 534,057</u>	<u>\$ 697,339</u>

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6 – INVESTMENTS (continued)

The Organization applies Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and requires certain disclosures about fair value measurements. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to observable inputs (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three tiers of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820-10 are described as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity's own assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The Organization's investments are considered as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the Statement of Activity for the year ended December 31, 2025:

	2025
Interest and Dividends	\$ 32,905
Investment Fees	(1,866)
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	<u>15,891</u>
Total Investment Income - Unrestricted	<u>\$ 46,930</u>

7 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Effective June 1, 2016, the Organization entered into a lease agreement with the Westminster Church of the Brethren with adjusted current monthly payments of \$410. Upon expiration of the initial term, the lease automatically renews each year unless either party gives written notice of intent not to renew. Total rent for the year ended December 31, 2025 was \$4,200.

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8 – RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

Net assets available for the following purposes at December 31, 2025:

	2025
Without Donor Restrictions:	
Church Extension Fund	\$ 53,144
Congregation Departing Fund	17,206
Continuing Education Scholarship Fund	2,041
Disaster Fund	20,482
District Conference Fund	4,450
District Habitat Fund	150
Don Rowe Student Development Fund	91,323
Equipment and Secretary Fund	14,633
Greater Grace Fund	236,847
Junior High Conference Fund	1,682
Ministerial Training Events Fund	1,626
Myersville Closing Fund	109,213
National Youth Conference Fund	4,457
Operating Reserve	1,231,397
Peace and Justice Fund	124
Senior High Program Fund	1,996
Special Ministries Fund	2,421
Staff Sabbatical Fund	500
Young Adult Program Fund	147
	<u>\$ 1,793,839</u>
With Donor Restrictions:	
Auction Fund	\$ 2,274
Legal Fund	11,995
Meat Canning Fund	3,964
NOAC Activity Fund	111
Pastor Retreat Fund	424
Salt & Light Ministry Fund	100
Leadership Team Book Fund	294
	<u>\$ 19,162</u>
Release From Restrictions:	
Auction Fund	\$ 108,446
Meat Canning Fund	17,509
	<u>\$ 125,955</u>

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9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through August 12, 2026, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Schedule of Revenues and Expenses by Funds – Continued
Year Ended December 31, 2025

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	Without Donor Restrictions	W/O Donor Rest Board Designated	Without Donor Restrictions	Total	With Donor Restrictions	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Expenses and Losses						
Calling and Credentialing	8,592	-	8,592	-	-	8,592
District General	10,854	-	10,854	-	-	10,854
Finance and Property	4,782	-	4,782	-	-	4,782
Spirituality and Fellowship	500	-	500	-	-	500
Staff Services and Office Operation	208,514	-	208,514	-	-	208,514
Expenses for Board Designated Activities						
Disaster Fund	-	1,782	1,782	-	-	1,782
District Conference Fund	-	3,128	3,128	-	-	3,128
Don Rowe Student Endowment Fund	-	1,031	1,031	-	-	1,031
Equipment and Secretary Fund	-	919	919	-	-	919
Junior High Conference Fund	-	125	125	-	-	125
Ministerial Training Events Fund	-	818	818	-	-	818
Senior High Program Fund	-	125	125	-	-	125
Special Ministries Fund	-	488	488	-	-	488
Expenses for Donor Restricted Activities						
Auction Fund	108,446	-	108,446	-	-	108,446
Meat Canning Fund	17,509	-	17,509	-	-	17,509
Legal Fees Fund	-	-	-	-	4,005	4,005
Total Expenses	<u>359,197</u>	<u>8,396</u>	<u>367,593</u>	<u>4,005</u>	<u>4,005</u>	<u>371,598</u>
Change in Net Assets from Operations	<u>441,975</u>	<u>20,887</u>	<u>462,862</u>	<u>8,123</u>	<u>8,123</u>	<u>470,985</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>1,218,894</u>	<u>112,083</u>	<u>1,330,977</u>	<u>11,039</u>	<u>11,039</u>	<u>1,342,016</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u><u>1,660,869</u></u>	<u><u>132,970</u></u>	<u><u>1,793,839</u></u>	<u><u>19,162</u></u>	<u><u>19,162</u></u>	<u><u>1,813,001</u></u>

See independent accountants' review report.

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT OF THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Schedule of Revenues and Expenses by Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Without Donor Restrictions	W/O Donor Rest Board Designated	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE					
Congregational Support					
Benevolent Gifts - Individuals	\$ 116,083	\$ -	\$ 116,083	\$ -	\$ 116,083
Other Income	6,940	-	6,940	-	6,940
Total Congregational Support	123,033	-	123,033	16,000	139,033
Investment Income - Net					
Other Income - Myersville Property Proceeds	46,930	-	46,930	-	46,930
- Myersville Treasury Proceeds	265,254	-	265,254	-	265,254
	240,000	-	240,000	-	240,000
Revenue from Board Designated Activities					
Church Extension Fund	-	14,252	14,252	-	14,252
Disaster Fund	-	212	212	-	212
District Conference Fund	-	4,705	4,705	-	4,705
Don Rowe Student Endowment Fund	-	5,638	5,638	-	5,638
Equipment and Secretary Fund	-	3,176	3,176	-	3,176
Ministerial Training Events Fund	-	100	100	-	100
National Youth Conference Fund	-	500	500	-	500
Staff Sabbatical Fund	-	500	500	-	500
Revenue From Temporarily Restricted Activities					
Auction Fund	-	-	-	108,346	108,346
Meat Canning Fund	-	-	-	13,737	13,737
Total Support and Revenue Before Release From Restrictions	675,217	29,283	704,500	138,083	842,583
Release from Restrictions	125,955	-	125,955	(125,955)	-
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$ 801,172	\$ 29,283	\$ 830,455	\$ 12,128	\$ 842,583

See independent accountants' review report.

**RELATED DENOMINATIONAL, AGENCY, AND ORGANIZATIONAL
REPORTS**



Church of the Brethren

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the Mid Atlantic District,

I am grateful to send you greetings as you prepare for your District Conference. Each year, we hear reports and process business of the work being undertaken by our local congregations, districts, agencies, and denomination. Sometimes that work seems routine. And yet, with each new year comes new opportunities to think creatively and pray that God will continue to renew our church and grow our ministries.

I am excited to welcome each of our sisters and brothers who will gather together for the 240th recorded Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida, July 28 – August 1, 2027. We will return to our typical Wednesday-through-Sunday format, while meeting later in July than usual. Ocean Center in Daytona Beach lives up to its name, located only 400 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. But most importantly, we will experience the great cultural diversity present among our brothers and sisters in the Atlantic Southeast District.

The Hartford Institute for Religion Research reported in late April 2026 that, for the first time in two decades, Christian congregations were growing overall. If we look worldwide, we see many of our congregations in the Global Church of the Brethren and other denominations growing and thriving. What do we need to do in our North American Church of the Brethren congregations to see growth and renewal?

Much of my ministry over the past three decades has focused on the youth of the church. I have seen young children who listened intently to a Sunday School teacher become young adults who volunteered at their district summer camp teaching other children about Jesus. I have served alongside youth at Annual Conference senior high activities, Christian Citizenship Seminar, FaithX, and National Youth Conference who have gone on to become leaders in our denomination. This is where we see growing faith continue in our church.

May we be energized and encouraged as we anticipate gathering together next summer in Daytona Beach, continuing to support the growing faith of those in our congregations, districts, and denomination.

Your Brother in Christ,
Dennis Beckner
2027 Annual Conference Moderator

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Church of the Brethren

Together as the Church of the Brethren

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I bring greetings to you during your district conference—gratitude for your ongoing work as the hands and feet of Jesus in your local communities and for the work of denominational staff on your behalf. You will find information about denominational mission and ministries reflected in two resources available to you on the Church of the Brethren website (www.brethren.org). The *Church of the Brethren Annual Report* offers a glimpse of the ministries over the last year, and the *Advocating Generosity* booklet invites you to partner with us in our current ministries. Your conference may have these resources printed and available onsite as well.

We are living in times marked by uncertainty and strain. Across our communities and around the world, we witness conflict, division, economic pressure, and deep human suffering. Public discourse is often shaped more by outrage than understanding, and many feel isolated, overwhelmed, or weary. In such a time as this, the witness of the Church of the Brethren is both urgent and essential.

Bonded to Jesus Christ, we move together toward God's new creation. This shared journey grounds us when the world feels fractured. In our diversity, we celebrate our unity in the person and work of the Savior, praising the God who makes us one. We remember that we are not simply individuals navigating difficult times alone—we are the people of God, formed into one body through Christ.

In a culture that often elevates independence, self-interest, and going it alone, we choose a different way. We choose interdependence and community. The church is called to embody a life together that resists isolation and fear, offering instead belonging, mutual care, and shared purpose.

The early church in Acts 4 gives us a vision for faithful living in uncertain times. They devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, prayer, and the breaking of bread. Their life together was marked by a radical generosity, gladness, and awe—and even amid uncertainty, God was at work, adding to their number and strengthening their witness. This was not a perfect community, but a faithful one, shaped by devotion to Christ and love for one another.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians that the church is one body with many members, carefully arranged by God. Each part matters. Each person belongs. God's

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desire is that there be no division within the body, but that the members have the same care for one another. When one member suffers, all suffer together; when one is honored, all rejoice together. This shared life calls us to notice one another, to bear one another's burdens, and to celebrate one another's gifts.

Let us live out this calling together within the Church of the Brethren. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, may we seek to follow Jesus faithfully, trusting that every expression of the church—local and trans-local—has a role in God's reconciling and renewing work. May our faith legacy live on as we risk adventuresome acts of radical discipleship reflecting Christ's body at work in the world: united, compassionate, and alive with hope. Together, let us venture forth boldly serving others and bearing witness to the God who makes all things new.

With gratitude for our shared journey in Christ,

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David A. Steele
General Secretary

Resources located at www.brethren.org/annualreport for the *Church of the Brethren Annual Report* and www.brethren.org/greatthing for the *Advocating Generosity* booklet.



Church of the Brethren

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

... Serve one another humbly in love (Gal. 5:13 NIV)

... Love your neighbor as yourself... (Mark 12:31 NRSVUE)

Serve the Lord with Gladness.... (Psalm 100:2 NRSVUE)

These verses exemplify the love and service that flow from the volunteers, supporters, and partners of Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) as we bring hope and healing to survivors of disasters in the US and around the world. We are grateful for all who support our ministry in varied ways: leaving home to serve in a different community, providing practical support at home to enable others to travel, praying for our ministry and those who serve and are served, providing financial or in-kind donations, advocating for the work that we do—there are so many ways that your compassion and dedication are indispensable to our ministry.

The primary 2025 location for the BDM Rebuilding Program was in Eastern Kentucky helping families impacted by the 2022 flooding in the area. Volunteers repaired homes and built new homes on reclaimed mining land in higher ground communities. This work, with partner HOMES Inc., was completed in March 2026, ending BDM's three-year plus work in Kentucky in response to flooding and tornadoes. Two 2025 short-term responses served survivors of 2024's Hurricane Helene in North Carolina and Tennessee. Hurricane Helene recovery will be the main focus for the Rebuilding Program during 2026 and possibly longer. The need is still great, and recovery is expected to last for years.

In December 2025, a new Construction Assessment Team was formed after the initial team training was held in Allegany County, Md., in an area that experienced flooding in May 2025. This team of five is now equipped to deploy to disaster impacted areas where they can perform damage assessments on homes to determine the work and cost needed to complete repairs. The training also led to a partnership with the long-term recovery group, resulting in a one-week BDM response in April/May 2026.

Children's Disaster Services (CDS) responded to seven disasters in 2025, sending 61 volunteers to care for a total of 759 children. Critical Response Childcare Teams cared for children in January after a truck attack in New Orleans, La., and in July after catastrophic flooding in Texas. When wildfires devastated large areas of the Los Angeles, Calif., region in January, CDS sent three volunteer teams to serve in Multiagency Resource Centers (MARC)s and one team to a Local Assistance Center (LAC). They cared for 515 children in five weeks. After multiple tornadoes passed through Missouri in April and May, CDS responded with four teams to three MARCs, a shelter, and a Disaster Assistance Center. In mid-September, a CDS team from La Verne, Calif., responded for one day to a LAC after a fire in Sonora. In December, after heavy rains caused flooding and evacuations in Washington, CDS responded with a local team, serving in two shelters for a total of four days.

BDM's international disaster response supports relief and recovery for global churches and partners following natural and human-caused disasters, including in conflict areas. In 2025, nearly 16 percent of global Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF) grants (\$163,350) were in response to natural disasters, including flooding and storm damage in Venezuela and Uganda. When Hurricane Melissa brought extensive damage in the Caribbean in the fall, a unique opportunity emerged to support churches in Cuba with emergency relief through their relationship with the Church of the Brethren in Venezuela. An EDF grant also supported agricultural recovery programs of the Church of the Brethren in Haiti following the storm, in areas that received little international attention.

The majority of international grants in 2025 supported responses to conflict by Global Church of the Brethren Communion members in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Nigeria, and the Church of the Brethren Mission in South Sudan. The ongoing conflict in the DRC between the national army and the M23 rebel group has created destruction, chaotic conditions, economic hardship, and food insecurity which spilled over to the neighboring countries of Rwanda and Burundi, with the latter receiving many refugees. EDF grants have helped Brethren leadership in DRC and Burundi to serve church members and neighbors. In South Sudan, BDM has partnered with the Global Mission office on strategic planning, while concentrating on humanitarian relief to support families impacted by flooding as well as escalating conflict between the two major power groups in the government.

The Nigeria Crisis Response, a partnership between the Church of the Brethren and Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) since 2014, provided food and agricultural distributions, medical assistance, livelihood training centers for widows and orphans, new wells for drinking water, education assistance for orphan children, trauma

workshops, and home repairs for the most vulnerable during 2025, and continuing through 2026.

Several staffing changes early in 2026 saw Michael Scalzi retiring as the CDS program assistant and Jenn Dorsch-Messler resigning to work with another disaster response organization. We expect new staff to be in place by the time of the district conference.

Toward the end of 2025, with the help of a Lilly Foundation planning grant, BDM gathered a broad range of information about its current work and impact, helping it to envision how its ministry could be improved and extended. This served as the foundation for a strategic planning process which in turn led to the application for and receipt of a three-year Lilly Foundation implementation grant. This grant will support the strategic plan's goals of strengthening BDM's US programs and increasing volunteer participation. While these funds focus on program improvement and growth, continued support from individuals, congregations, and districts will be key for ongoing operations.

Brethren Disaster Ministries' mission to share Christ's compassion and transform lives by working toward recovery and healing for disaster survivors is only possible because of the faithful support and sharing of God's bounty of all who partner with us through donations of time, talent, treasure, and prayer. We are humbled and thankful for your commitment, compassion, and generosity.

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Roy Winter, Executive Director for Service Ministries

On behalf of BDM staff: Jeff Thomson, Carolyn Neher, Kim Gingerich, Sharon Franzén and Adam Lane

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| Brethren Volunteer Service Updates

New Opportunities

Under new leadership, BVS has introduced several exciting changes. A new early enrollment initiative gives motivated volunteers the opportunity to apply early for targeted volunteer placements—this year, 9 applicants joined BVS during this time! A new pre-orientation discernment period helps volunteers gain a deeper understanding of the policies, procedures, and expectations of BVS before they sign their service covenant and attend

orientation—this aims to improve volunteer retention and resilience. And, four new project sites allow more options for the upcoming year: SPARK, a service-learning organization in North Carolina; Shepherd's Spring Camp and Global Village in Maryland; Food for Greater Elgin, a food pantry in Illinois; and The Shalom Project, a gap-year program in Pennsylvania. BVS is excited to offer these new opportunities to our volunteers!



"Though the world certainly seems chaotic currently, these months in BVS at SnowCap Community Charities have given me hope and shown me the sheer incredible number of people who are working toward making a more just world where everybody looks out for their community and everyone has enough."

— Josiah Esch, Unit 338

| Volunteer Spotlight

Meet the FaithX BVSer

Aly Heckerroth is serving her second BVS year as the Assistant FaithX Coordinator in the BVS office! Aly helps to plan FaithX trips and supports the work of BVS.



| 2025: BVS by the Numbers

- **Full-Time Volunteers:** 43 served in 8 states, Japan, and Northern Ireland.
- **Short-Term Volunteers:** 165 served in 7 states and Uganda.

| BVS Staff Transitions

Welcome New Co-Directors!

After three years of service as Director of BVS, Chelsea Skillen resigned from her position in early 2026 ahead of a move to Portugal. We are grateful for Chelsea's leadership, generosity, and commitment to service.

In January 2026, Marissa Witkovsky-Eldred and Virginia Rendler accepted the positions of Interim Co-Directors of BVS.

Marissa resides in Spruce Creek, PA, and served with BVS during the 2018–2019

year (Unit 321) as Assistant Workcamp Coordinator in Elgin, IL. She continues her current role as Coordinator of Short-Term Service (FaithX) while also providing leadership in the administration of BVS as Co-Director.

Virginia resides in North Manchester, IN, and served with BVS during the 2022–2023 year (Unit 331) at the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland. She continues in her role as Volunteer Coordinator while also leading BVS development and partner relationships as Co-Director.

Although the role is currently designated as interim, there are no plans to pursue candidates for the BVS Director position.

Marissa and Virginia are excited for the future and looking forward to leading BVS into its next chapter as Co-Directors!



Orientations

19 volunteers completed orientation in 2025. Summer orientation (Unit 337) was at Camp Colorado and fall orientation (Unit 338) was at Camp Mardela. Orientations for 2026 will be held at Inspiration Hills Camp on July 28–August 5 and Camp Emmaus on September 15–23.

Did You Know?

- BVS welcomes **anyone over age 18**... young adults, mid-age, or retirees!
- FaithX offers **custom short-term service trips** for districts, churches, youth groups, or families!

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| FaithX Updates

Living With Purpose

In 2025, FaithX welcomed 165 youth and adults for 9 week-long service trips in Uganda, Arkansas, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Oregon, North Carolina, and Virginia. Participants ranged in age from 11 to 70, represented 26 Church of the Brethren congregations, and 36% were first time attendees! The year's theme, "Living with Purpose," was grounded in Ephesians 4:1-3 and invited participants

to explore the unique ways that Christ calls them to serve and love others. Thank you to Rachel Johnson for serving as our BVS Assistant FaithX Coordinator for the 2025 season!

In 2026, FaithX will host 5 trips with over 60 youth, adults, and young adults with intellectual disabilities. The 2026 theme is "Break Through" inspired by Isaiah 43:2.



"The knowledge that FaithX trips provide is astounding. A lot of it is getting to know what goes into serving people and understanding what people are going through. It is very interesting and eye-opening."

— Kellen, Senior High Participant

Part Time Pastor/Full Time Church Report 2026

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 1:3

On behalf of the roughly 80% of our Multi-Vocational Pastors within the Church of the Brethren, I bring you greetings from the Part Time Pastor: Full Time Church program. It has been about 8 months since I took over the Program Manager position from Richard Wehrle who left to become the Program Manager for the Rural and Small Town Initiative. I encourage you to check out both the Part Time Pastor: Full Time Church and the Rural and Small Town Initiative on the Church of the Brethren website.

What does the Part Time Pastor: Full Time Church program offer:

Our Part Time Pastor: Full Time Church program exists to provide our Multi-Vocational Pastors (those who have multiple jobs including pastoring a congregation, those who only work as a pastor part time, and those who don't get paid on scale) with what we call the 3 P's: Peers, Practice, and Purpose, which were adapted from McNeil, J. D., Kate R. Davis, and Andrea Sielaff. “Resilience.” Center for Transforming Engagement. <https://transformingengagement.org/resources/the-resilience-report>.

Peers: Peer relationships are vital to thriving ministers. Part-Time Pastor; Full-Time Church offers many ways to connect with other ministering persons, both locally and throughout the Church of the Brethren. These ways include things like Book Studies, webinars, workshops, etc..

Practice: Participation in healthy spiritual, emotional, and physical practices must be a priority for ministering persons. Part-Time Pastor; Full-Time Church offers a diverse array of opportunities for ministering persons to engage in these practices, so they are able to thrive in their ministry settings. We provide coaching, cohorts around Spiritual Practices, etc.. We'll be offering a Spiritual Practices cohort in September-October on Scripture and one in November on Prayer. Also if you are a Multi-Vocational Pastor and would desire monthly coaching at no cost to you, please reach out to me.

Purpose: Through peer connections and healthy practices, ministering persons are more equipped to be connected to God's purpose for their ministries; which enables pastors and congregations the opportunity to thrive in their neighborhood and beyond. We provide Circuit Riders to

Part Time Pastor/Full Time Church Report 2026 *Continued*

walk alongside MVP's as well as limited grants for Pastors to take a Sabbath Rest.

If you'd like to share your thoughts, ideas, hopes and dreams as a Multi-Vocational Pastor and how are program can be helpful to you and your ministry, please visit our Listening Survey site and take 10-15 minutes to fill it out. The survey can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/Zccx1nSRSEdfgWk1A>

If the Part Time Pastor: Full Time Church program of the Church of the Brethren and/or I as the Program Manager can be of any help to you, your district, or your church, please don't hesitate in reaching out to me at the contact information below.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."- 2 Corinthians 13:14.

Ryan Braught

Program Manager- Part Time Pastor: Full Time Church

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A Future with Hope: On Earth Peace's Next 50 Years

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." - 2 Timothy 1:7 (NRSVUE)



On Earth Peace's purpose as an **agency of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference** is to help the Church of the Brethren become a relevant, vital, "living" peace and justice church equipped to create vital relationships and initiatives responding to contemporary issues of violence and injustice.

On Earth Peace's work as a ministry within the Church of the Brethren dates to 1974, when the organization was founded by 20th-century Church of the Brethren peace leader M.R. Zigler. In 2026, we call the church to courageous acts of peace witness. Kingian Nonviolence Principle 1 is "Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people." In our Agape Magazine (a quarterly resource from On Earth Peace for children ages 8-12) issue *Pursuing Justice*, the author considered the above verse from 2 Timothy. They wrote, "Sometimes we have to listen to our love for others and our compassion for those suffering more than we listen to our fears. Stop and ask, 'Is this an act of love or is it a response to fear?' ...**It's a courageous act of love that helps make someone else's world a more loving place.**" Today, we work to prevent gun violence, support immigrants, challenge political violence, and raise conscientious objectors to war as our faith calls us.

OEP is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has been an agency of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference since 1998. While OEP is an agency of the denomination, no centralized denominational funding supports our work. All resources for our ministry come from individual and congregational donations or program income. **We are grateful to all individuals and congregations who remember us in their family or congregational giving. If you are unable to include us in your annual budget, please consider taking up a one-time special offering in 2026.**

2025 Highlights

- Partnership with Horizons Project to offer Harnessing Our Power to End Political Violence (HOPE-PV) workshops focused on immigrants, LGBTQ+, school board/local electeds, and community leaders.
- **4 issues of a children's resource, Agape Magazine**, covering topics included being neighbors, love in action, preventing gun violence, and finding hope.
- **105 trainings and events** including Kingian Nonviolence intros, book groups, and advanced trainings; gun violence and anti-authoritarianism organizing meet-ups; and more.
- **\$220,000 raised for the Deportation Defense Response Legal and Mutual Aid Fund with more than 90 grants** made to individuals and families.
- **14 interns** supported On Earth Peace's programs, fundraising, and communications work.
- **335 people reached toward our goal of 1000 Brethren in Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation.** Will your congregation or district partner with us this year?

While On Earth Peace offers many programs for congregations, communities, and individuals of all ages, we want to draw your attention to two opportunities that have been centered this year.

Deportation Defense Response

The Deportation Defense Response (DDR) Team was initiated by four Church of the Brethren Districts (Atlantic Northeast, Atlantic Southeast, Virginia, and Pacific Southwest), working in partnership with On Earth Peace and the Church of the Brethren Office of Intercultural Ministries.

Church of the Brethren congregations have experienced firsthand the devastating injustices committed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Many members have been unjustly detained and deported, and many more are living in fear—afraid to attend church services, work, or necessary medical appointments. Throughout the country, we are witnessing beloved church members, neighbors, fathers, mothers, and children being torn from their homes, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods.

The DDR Initiative has helped the church stand alongside our siblings in Christ and our neighbors affected by this crisis. We ask you to join us in providing for the needs of immigrants and refugees with your resources and time, raising awareness of this crisis, defending the rights of our brothers and sisters, and demanding that leaders act justly.

I Object! Now What? Conscientious Objection to War

OEP was founded in response to the Vietnam War in recognition that we need ongoing preparation toward conscientious objection and resistance to war. The Church of the Brethren believes that all war is sin, yet our preparedness for conscientious objection in times of war always seems to come a little too late. As armed conflict with many different countries seems to become a real possibility for American citizens, we must look to our churches and within ourselves to see what we believe about violence and war, and how we can muster the courage to walk a path of peace. At On Earth Peace, we are considering what resourcing for conscientious objection to war and preparing youth & young adults is needed at this time. This resourcing might include technical training (how to register or prepare to resist a draft), theological education, war resistance and resistance to the things that lead to war, including systemic oppression, legislative advocacy, and preparing adults and congregations to support conscientious objection. We look forward to working with partners who have long carried this work.

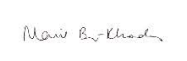
On Earth Peace Values: Jesus-Centered Spirituality; Positive Peace; Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression; Intergenerational Leadership; Beloved Community

Vision Statement: "We see a world in Beloved Community, free from oppression, violence, and war."

Mission Statement: "We develop and walk with leaders and communities who work for justice and peace."

In 2026, we anticipate working with many of you to respond to the increasing political violence affecting our neighbors and communities. We name our support and commitment to LGBTQ+ persons, to immigrants, to people of color, to those affected by gun violence, to those most directly harmed by state violence and war, and to all who yearn and work for a world free from oppression, violence, and war. We will continue to walk with followers of Jesus in the Church of the Brethren as we seek together a path to become a living peace church. Please include us in your prayers.

In Christ's peace,

			
Matt Guynn Co-Director, Organizing	Marie Benner-Rhoades Co-Director, Youth & Young Adults	Mandy Park Co-Director, Development	Sydney Goldsborough Co-Director, Administration & Communications

2026 Eder Financial Report

Eder Financial provides retirement and insurance services to pastors and church-related employees, asset management services to Brethren congregations and organizations, and deferred gift services to all Brethren members. It also manages benevolent funds that enable entities to provide financial assistance to individuals facing extraordinary hardship during times of crisis. At 83-years young, Eder Financial continues to care for those it serves, evident in 2025 by the many new one-time and ongoing initiatives it launched.

In 2025, Eder Financial issued one-time payments to annuitants as a result of the sale of Eder Retirement Plan annuities to Securian Financial in late 2024. These payments helped augment the retirement income members received. For at least one individual, these additional funds made it possible to remain in their residence rather than being forced to relocate late in life due to financial constraints. Eder's retirement planning specialists continue to help Eder Retirement Plan members prepare for and navigate retirement through one-on-one guidance.

Eder Financial partners with organizations and denominations — such as the Church of the Brethren — to manage benevolent funds with care and integrity. We help establish clear policies and efficient processes to ensure funds are distributed fairly, responsibly, and in a timely manner to those in need.

Eder Organizational Investing fully launched Nonprofit Toolkit, a wholistic resource designed for nonprofit organizations that offers tools, resources, and knowledge to actively and easily help institutions increase the gifts they receive from donors. Nonprofit Toolkit helps churches and nonprofits navigate how to solicit and manage funds to undergird their financial health.

The new initiatives were well received by members and clients, and the longstanding work Eder has carried out through its core ministries continues to be equally valued.

Investment Oversight

Distinct to Eder Financial is the intentional socially responsible investment (SRI) approach it takes to align investment fund offerings with Church of the Brethren values. Known as Eder Values Investing, this approach focuses on screening, positive investment, and shareholder activism to achieve long-term, competitive market returns

while supporting ethical, faith-based principles. EVI is an integrated approach that filters companies that do not conform to Eder's investment guidelines while simultaneously providing competitive returns. Orchestrating EVI within our separately managed accounts is straight forward because managers are hired to construct portfolios exclusively based on Eder's investment guidelines. Mutual funds, which we utilize when we do not have sufficient assets to meet balance requirements for a separately managed account, must meet Brethren values and ethical commitments so that Eder can assure members that the Eder Investing Platform is 100 percent compliant with Eder's social screens.

Eder Financial Board and Staff

The 12-person Eder Financial Board consists of people who have knowledge and experience in accounting, finance, investments, law, employee benefits, human resources, pastors, denominational executives, and organizations of like mind with Eder Financial.

Our team works in retirement, employee insurance, organizational investing, finance, investments, client relations, marketing, public relations, IT, data, special projects, and business development. We are a family friendly, faith-based organization that strives to provide concierge level service to our members and clients while also providing a fulfilling work environment in a permanent work-from-home setting.

Conclusion

The Board and staff also believe a strong organization is realistic about the challenges that it faces. Eder understands that tomorrow's church is different from yesterday's church.

Given this, the firm must adapt boldly, and as Alexander Mack wrote, "without hesitation or fear." In 2026, Eder has a strong balance sheet, ample reserves, and a steady client base. But our data shows that Eder will face operational challenges in the future if it does not adapt today. Adapting from strength allows an organization to control its decision making and narrative; adapting from weakness means making decisions out of desperation. Eder's practice, no matter how difficult, is to make decisions out of strength. This is why in 2026 Eder entered into an agreement to transfer most of its products and services to

2026 Eder Financial Report *Continued*

Everence Financial, a financial services organization of Mennonite background that serves Anabaptist organizations, by the end of April 2027. Everence has a much larger scale than Eder so that it can offer more products at lower fees to employees, organizations, and all denominational members.

This step, while difficult to make, will ensure that Eder's members and clients will be well served for years to come.

Donna Rhodes
Eder Financial Board Chair

Nevin Dulabaum
Eder Financial President

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center Report to the 2026 Mid-Atlantic District Conference

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." (Jesus, Matthew 13:31-32)

The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center's mission is "to equip leaders for ministry." We live into this mission by providing high-quality ministry training for those seeking ordination in the Church of the Brethren. We also "build up the body of Christ" (Eph 4:11) by supporting congregational vitality and lay leadership through the development of helpful resources and training opportunities. In all we do, we seek to plant and nourish kingdom seeds, entrusting the growth to God. SVMC's staff support and implement our mission: Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey, Director; Karen Hodges, Program Coordinator; and Ray Flagg, Treasurer.

Ministry Training

SVMC coordinates Academy Certified Training Systems (ACTS) for the Atlantic Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Middle PA, Southern PA, and Western PA Districts. Additionally, SVMC welcomes students from other districts' ACTS programs who wish to take a course through SVMC to meet their district's requirements. In the 2025-2026 academic year, enrollment totaled 53 registrations across 9 ACTS courses and 1 Training in Ministry (TRIM) course.

The 2026-2027 academic year will bring a change to the format of the ACTS courses in the five districts SVMC serves. To acknowledge the reality that fewer students are enrolled in ACTS, all five districts will begin to take hybrid courses together. Students in districts with at least 3-4 students will meet in person at a designated "hub" location. Districts with fewer than 3 students will continue to join online individually. This helps us prioritize in-person learning and meet our budget.

Continuing Education Events 2026

This year, we hosted excellent continuing education events for clergy and interested laity on a range of topics, including suicide awareness, spiritual well-being, the basics of Love Feast, online faith formation, and supporting congregants navigating divorce. There are a few more opportunities for continuing education in 2026:

Congregational Members with Chronic Health Conditions (Zoom) led by Julie Guistwite
Session for Laity: October 29, 1:00-4:00 pm

Spiritual Gifts at Elizabethtown COB led by Josh Brockway and Stan Dueck
October 31, 2026, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (.5 CEUs available), lunch provided

Partnership with Building and Equipping Lay Leaders (B.E.L.L.) at the Germantown COB
Intro to Bible & Biblical Interpretation led by Stephen Reid
October 3, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (.7 CEUs available), light lunch provided

Introduction to Theology led by Drew Hart
December 5, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (.7 CEUs available), light lunch provided

Visit www.etown.edu/SVMC for more information and to register for events.

(SVMC District Conference Report Continued on Next Page)

Mid-Atlantic District and SVMC Partnership:

SVMC relies upon a close collaboration with our five partner districts, Bethany Theological Seminary, and the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. With appreciation, we thank the following people from the Mid-Atlantic District who serve SVMC faithfully:

- Governing Board: Gabe Dodd, Britnee Linton, and Doug Veal
- The Mid-Atlantic Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team

With appreciation, we also thank the following contributors from the Mid-Atlantic District who made monetary gifts to SVMC from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Individuals:

Charlotte and Albert Bear	Tim and Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey
Lester and Esther Boleyn	Scott and Britnee Linton
Janice Burket	Julie Richard
Miller and Connie Davis	Suzie Scott

Congregations:

Easton	Nokesville
Glade Valley	Oakton
Hagerstown	Westminster
Long Green Valley	

We are deeply grateful for your gifts, whether shared through financial support, prayer, or time and talents. We also know that many congregations are struggling financially, and when budgets get tight, the first line items cut from a budget are outreach. We want you to know that even a small gift to SVMC strengthens our roots and nurtures new ministries. We are challenging congregations to give a mustard seed gift to SVMC this year by putting us back in your budget for even just \$100. Or consider taking up a special offering to support SVMC's ministries.

Even a small gift, given by many, strengthens our co-ministry and enables us to bear fruit for generations to come. Plant mustard seeds of faith and giving, and see how they grow!



Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey
Director



Dave Crumrine
Governing Board Chair

SVMC - Revenues / Expenses through December 2025
(100.0% of Budget Year)

REVENUES	Current	YTD-2025	Budget-2025	YTD-2024	Difference YDT 2025 vs 2024	Percent of Budget
4010 Atlantic Northeast District	1,250.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4020 Southern Pa District	0.00	6,600.00	15,000.00	10,200.00	(3,600.00)	44.0%
4021 Mid-Pa District	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	100.0%
4022 Mid Atlantic	1,250.00	6,250.00	5,000.00	3,750.00	2,500.00	125.0%
4023 Western PA District	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4030 Individuals	27,378.90	48,797.90	20,000.00	28,582.73	20,215.17	244.0%
4040 Congregations	3,428.85	27,958.88	21,000.00	28,910.57	1,048.31	133.1%
4050 Organizations/Trust/Foundation	0.00	0.00	26,200.00	21,200.00	(21,200.00)	0.0%
4120 Academy Students	885.00	14,945.00	19,000.00	21,739.00	(6,794.00)	78.7%
4125 TRIM Student Tuition	308.00	919.62	2,400.00	1,545.00	(625.38)	38.3%
4130 Continuing Ed Tuition/Fees	98.38	3,645.01	12,000.00	9,237.59	(5,592.58)	30.4%
4130.1 NMS Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4130.2 NMS Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4290 Interest	62.65	1,089.16	100.00	496.90	592.26	1.5%
4300 Transfer from Reserve	51,895.35	51,895.35	71,850.00	34,711.00	17,184.35	72.2%
Total Revenues	86,356.13	192,600.92	223,050.00	188,872.79	3,728.13	86.3%
EXPENSES						
5022 Academy Faculty/Expenses	700.00	8,675.00	8,750.00	10,650.00	(1,975.00)	99.1%
5024 TRIM Honorarium	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5025 Continuing Ed Faculty/Expense	0.00	1,815.00	7,600.00	5,298.97	(3,483.97)	23.9%
5025.1 NMS Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5035 Director	5,891.66	76,243.37	73,702.00	71,346.96	4,896.41	103.4%
5035.1 Director Search Exp.	0.00	127.04	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	6.4%
5050 Program Administrator	3,903.26	46,839.12	46,839.00	45,342.96	1,496.16	100.0%
5060 Receptionist/File Clerk	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5110 FICA/Medicare Prog Coord	306.08	3,956.77	4,073.00	3,752.53	204.24	97.1%
5110.1 FICA/Medicare Director	0.00	0.00	6,416.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5115 Unemployment Tax	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5120 Prog. Coordinator BBT Ins	41.31	495.72	380.00	423.99	71.73	130.5%
5121 Director BBT Ins	62.43	765.44	640.00	691.20	74.24	119.6%
5122 Prog Coordinator Supplement	97.58	1,170.96	5,650.00	0.00	1,170.96	20.7%
5123 Director Supplement	451.34	6,237.37	10,170.00	3,660.00	2,577.37	61.3%
5130 Director Retirement	683.99	9,354.39	10,065.00	9,000.86	353.53	92.9%
5131 Program Coordinator Retirement	440.10	5,281.09	5,152.00	4,987.66	293.43	102.5%
5132 QSEHRA Reimbursement	529.16	6,349.92	6,350.00	6,150.00	199.92	100.0%
5140 W Comp/Liability Ins	3,026.00	3,913.00	4,700.00	3,126.00	787.00	83.3%
5190 Professional Growth: Exec Dir	0.00	941.50	750.00	115.00	826.50	125.5%
5191 Professional Growth: Prog Coord.	0.00	(387.94)	100.00	23.37	(411.31)	-387.9%
5515 ACTS Travel Expenses	159.25	935.90	1,500.00	1,436.66	(500.76)	62.4%
5525 TRIM Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5530 SVMC Staff Travel	0.00	2,051.93	1,500.00	1,708.63	343.30	136.8%
5540 SVMC Staff- Annual Conf.	0.00	242.05	1,700.00	1,156.14	(914.09)	14.2%
6010 Accounting/Auditing	375.00	4,912.25	4,900.00	4,740.25	172.00	100.3%
6030 Equipment/Machines	0.00	331.09	1,500.00	0.00	331.09	22.1%
6050 Hospitality	0.00	126.23	600.00	659.90	(533.67)	21.0%
6055 Development/Promotion	376.16	922.10	2,500.00	2,087.04	(1,164.94)	36.9%
6060 Legal	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6070 Photocopies	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
6080 Postage	80.96	717.56	600.00	697.53	20.03	119.8%
6090 Rent	450.00	5,275.00	5,000.00	5,400.00	(125.00)	105.5%
6100 Supplies	0.00	516.66	1,000.00	1,112.40	(595.74)	51.7%
6110 Telephone/Fax	230.00	1,975.00	2,500.00	2,040.00	(65.00)	79.0%
6120 Technology Tools	223.74	2,381.05	2,400.00	2,791.16	(410.11)	99.2%
6290 Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00	150.00	0.00	100.00	66.7%
6295 Bank/Credit Card Fees	42.50	336.35	225.00	472.90	(136.55)	149.5%
Total Expenses	18,070.52	192,600.92	223,012.00	188,872.11	3,601.77	86.4%
Income over Expenses	68,285.61	0.00	38.00	0.68	(0.68)	



July 2026 Report to the Mid-Atlantic Conference

Dear Friends in the Mid-Atlantic District,

Bridgewater College has turned the page on the 2025-2026 academic year, sending off another graduating class to make their way in the world and a difference in their communities across the country and around the globe. We know the holistic BC experience turns possibility into reality for our students, and we are at our best when we think about people, place, and programs collectively in providing the opportunities that change our students' lives.

Whether it's the students conducting research with faculty, completing internships throughout the region, or heading abroad on a travel course, experiential learning opportunities enhance a Bridgewater education and ensure the greatest success for our graduates.

Starting this fall, Bridgewater students will have the opportunity to take courses in a new certificate program in AI literacy, designed to help them engage in ethical, thoughtful use of AI tools. In the spring, our new women's flag football team will compete for the first time. We're committed to providing a full array of academic and co-curricular experiences that enrich and develop our students in every aspect of life.

Through our transparent tuition pricing and generous donor support for current-use scholarships, we continue to address barriers to access and welcome students who will benefit the most from the transformative opportunities we offer. We foster an environment where students forge lifelong connections with faculty and friends, preparing them for professional success and personal fulfillment.

We've also launched our *Storied Halls Fund*, a donor support initiative that provides a source for continual improvements and upgrades to the physical campus. From classrooms and labs to residence halls and outdoor gathering spaces, our campus—a home to residential and commuter students alike—is an integral part of the way we serve our mission.

July 2026 Report to the Mid-Atlantic Conference *Continued*

You are part of our collective community, helping us create something special together. In 2025-26, 53 congregations and church groups contributed \$20,969 to the College. Church of the Brethren students enrolled in 2025-26 received more than \$228,000 in College-funded financial aid. Eleven Mid-Atlantic District congregations donated \$4,599, and four of our students came from the Mid-Atlantic District, receiving College-funded aid of more than \$42,000.

We are grateful for your continued support and the shared commitment to our founding values that it represents. Goodness, truth, beauty, and harmony: the whole truly is greater than the sum of its parts.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David W. Bushman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David W. Bushman, Ph.D.



Bethany Basics ENROLLMENT

122

TOTAL
STUDENTS

71

FULL-TIME
EQUIVALENT



● LOCAL: 11%
● DISTANCE: 89%



● MALE: 44%
● FEMALE: 54%



Academic Programs

- Master of Divinity
- Master of Arts
- Master of Arts in Biblical Peacemaking
- Master of Arts in Spiritual and Social Transformation
- Master of Arts: Theopoetics and Writing
- Certificate/Postgraduate Diploma in Biblical Peacemaking (CBP/PDBP)
- Certificate of Achievement in Ministry Studies (CAMS)
- Certificate in Intercontextual Biblical Interpretation (CIBI)
- Certificate in Peacebuilding and Neighborhood Engagement (CPNE)
- Certificate in Peacemaking, Violence, and Power (CPVP)
- Certificate in Theopoetics and Theological Imagination (CTTI)
- Certificate for Expanded MA Studies (CEMAS)
- Certificate for Chaplaincy Preparation (CCP)



THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION WITHOUT DEBT

During the past two academic years, not a single Bethany student took out a student loan. This success was made possible by the combined efforts of generous donors, shifts in administrative policies and practices, and efforts of our students themselves. A decade ago, Bethany had many fewer students, and they collectively borrowed about \$300,000 in a year.



FLOURISH: A CAMPAIGN FOR BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Bethany recently completed an initiative to enhance the student experience, encourage faculty innovation and creativity, and bolster annual fundraising efforts. As of June 30, 2026 we have surpassed our goal and raised more than \$12 million.



NIGERIA CONNECTION

Bethany celebrated its first commencement in Jos, Nigeria in May 2024. The Seminary hopes to host ceremonies there every other year. Beginning in the fall, Nigerian students will be able to pursue the Master of Arts in Biblical Peacemaking in addition to the Postgraduate Diploma in Biblical Peacemaking.



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Preparing the Way

The Lilly Endowment Inc. has cast a remarkable vote of confidence in Bethany with a \$10 million grant — the largest in the Seminary's 120-year history. This new funding will support the Seminary's new partnership with undergraduate institutions and encourage students to pursue graduate theological education and careers in ministry. The grant marks the beginning of a new era for Brethren higher education, as it will strengthen the connection between the Seminary and the Brethren-related colleges and universities.

This generous philanthropy will establish the Brethren Higher Education Consortium and foster collaboration between Bethany and the six undergraduate colleges and universities that are affiliated with the Church of the Brethren: Bridgewater College, Elizabethtown College, Manchester University, McPherson College, Juniata College, and the University of LaVerne. Bethany has created a new program called UP@Bethany, which will allow juniors and seniors at those institutions to take Bethany courses prior to receiving their undergraduate degrees. The grant will also support continued collaboration

with Earlham School of Religion, a key partner of Bethany for the last 30 years. The Lilly Endowment grant will enable Bethany to create an endowed fund, helping to ensure the Seminary's long-term success.

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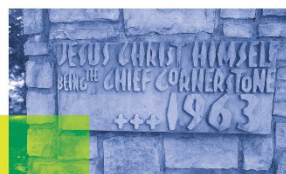
—REV. DR. JEFF CARTER
PRESIDENT OF BETHANY
SEMINARY

The new project funded by the Lilly Endowment is entitled, “Preparing the Way: Expanding Vocational Paths for Undergraduate Students.” It is being funded through Lilly Endowment's Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative. The grant to Bethany is one of 45 that were approved in a competitive round of the initiative to support theological schools as they lead large-scale collaborations with other seminaries, colleges and universities, and other church-related organizations.

The Lilly Endowment — a private foundation based in Indianapolis, Indiana — supports the causes of community development, education, and religion.

“We are thrilled and humbled to receive this transformational grant from the Lilly Endowment,” says Rev. Dr. Jeff Carter, president of Bethany Theological Seminary. “Thanks to Lilly's generous support, we will create new pathways to careers in ministry for exceptional students attending Brethren colleges and universities. The grant will also allow us to provide students at these institutions an introduction to graduate study and access to advanced courses in theology and Biblical studies that are not typically available to undergraduates.”

Bethany currently enrolls 122 students in five master's degree programs and nine graduate certificates, including those from across North America and a strong and growing contingent in Nigeria. Most Bethany students study at a distance, so all courses are accessible via Zoom using state-of-the-art classroom technology. This format ensures that undergraduates will enjoy robust educational experiences without leaving their undergraduate campuses.



In December, Bethany received a check for \$5 million in immediate funding to get the program up and running. These new funds will have an immediate positive impact on the Seminary's operating budget, and will help Seminary collaborate with the other Brethren colleges and universities to begin enrolling students as soon as possible.

Bethany will be required to raise \$2.5 million from other donors in order to receive \$5 million in matching funds from Lilly Endowment. The Seminary has begun conversations with a number of donors who are enthusiastic about supporting this new endeavor.

"A grant like this is a tremendous vote of confidence in our mission from one of the leading philanthropic supporters of education and religion

in the world," notes President Carter. "As I travel around the country speaking to friends of the Seminary, it is clear to me that this grant from Lilly has made even longtime supporters of Bethany think about us in a new way. We are imagining possibilities that none of us could have envisioned without Lilly's generous support."

The Seminary's fundraising will build upon the success of its ongoing comprehensive campaign — Flourish: A Campaign for Bethany Theological Seminary, which has already generated significant new funding to strengthen the student experience, bolster faculty creativity and innovation, and bolster annual fundraising.

It remains to be seen what long-term effects this grant will have

on the life of the Seminary. Early signs suggest that UP@Bethany will offer undergraduates at Brethren colleges and universities a new pathway to Bethany, a new range of options to engage with some of the most important questions facing humanities, and more ways to explore ministry and service in whatever communities they join.

"We believe that the impact of this new funding will reverberate long after the five-year lifespan of the grant," says Carter. "By establishing an endowed fund, and by inspiring the generosity of other donors, this moment holds the promise of transformation for Bethany and our partner institutions."

Measuring Bethany's Impact

AN ENTERING CLASS OF RECORD SIZE.

This fall, Bethany welcomed 38 entering students — the largest class at the Seminary in recent memory. This growth would not be possible without the generosity of donors like you.

THREE CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS WITHOUT FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS.

Philanthropy has been key to our efforts to reduce student borrowing and create a pathway to graduate theological education without new debt.

A NEW MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL PEACEMAKING.

For several years, our Nigerian students have expressed interest in pursuing master's degrees at Bethany. Thanks to the leadership of our faculty and your faithful support, we launched this new degree this year.

AN ALUMNI AND FRIENDS TRIP TO GREECE.

Dr. Dan Ulrich led an education journey through Greece, focusing on places that feature prominently in Paul's letters. This trip was remarkably successful, thanks in large part to the 30-some alumni, friends, and students who participated.

A STEINWAY FOR NICARRY CHAPEL.

A fund provided by Professor Emerita Nancy Faus made it possible for Bethany to acquire a Steinway Grand B piano for Nicarry Chapel. We were happy to be able to celebrate the dedication of this instrument with many local donors and friends.

A BOLD EVENT, SPONSORED BY THE BAKER ENDOWMENT.

Bethany welcomed Dr. Heather DuBois of Boston College as the feature speaker at an event supported by the Jennie Calhoun Baker Endowment. We are grateful to all who support Bethany's ongoing commitment to peace studies.

A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH BRETHERN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

Many generous alumni and friends of the Seminary are also loyal supporters of Brethren colleges and universities. Building on the foundation of support that you have provided, we received a \$10 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., to create a new partnership with the goal of encouraging undergraduates to explore theological education and careers in ministry.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE BETHANY FUND.

Thanks to tremendous support from a growing group of alumni, friends, and local community leaders here in Wayne County, Indiana, it has been another successful year for the Bethany Fund. This annual fundraising effort provides money that goes into immediate use to support the day-to-day activities of the Seminary and the vital work that our employees do every day.



Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Annual Report for the year ending January 31, 2026

Serving the Anabaptist Community:

- **Ministers' Continuing Education Event, Dinner Event, and Workshop** – Church of the Brethren Annual Conference 2025
- **Workshops and Worship Panel** at Mennonite Church USA Convention 2025
- **Workshops** at National Older Adult Conference, Ventures (McPherson College), Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board
- **Webinar** on Estate Planning with Everence and a disability trust lawyer
- **Camp KIND** with Amigo Centre for disabled children and their families
- **All In Project**—worship for everybody, funded through Lily Endowment

Resourcing Congregations:

- **Consulting, preaching, teaching** in 8 congregations
- **Barrier Free Grants:** 11 grants for congregations to increase their accessibility
- **God's First People Bible Study** curriculum created for adults with intellectual disabilities covering stories from the Old Testament.
- **Worship for the Whole Body** a resource created by Disability Ministries Network and Baylor University with input from ADN congregations.



Sharing Your Stories:

- **Connections Newsletter**
 - Blindness, Spring 2025
 - Summer Update 2025
 - International Partners, Fall 2025
- **Opening Doors Blog** stories of belonging, tips for inclusion



Be Involved

- **Become a Partner Congregation**
 - Designate a **congregational disability advocate** in your congregation.
 - Donate as a **partner** (\$100) or **sustaining partner** (\$500-1000) congregation
- **Donate as an individual** – any amount is helpful
 - Become a **Bethesda Partner** (\$1000/year) or **Leader** (\$2500/year)

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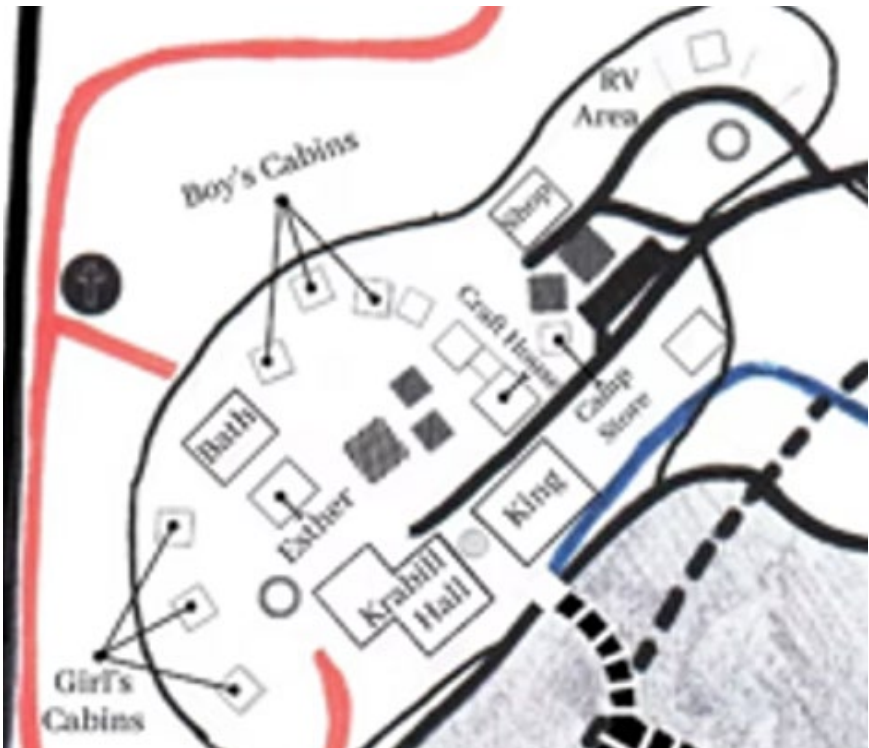
Financial Summary:

Income:.....	\$404,431	Expenses:.....	\$241,171	Assets (End of Year):	\$227,945
Individual Contributions	\$108,350	Staffing	\$155,842	Operating Fund:	\$29,563
Congregational Contributions.....	\$21,510	Barrier Free Grants	\$5,225	Lilly Grant Fund:.....	\$158,802
Foundation grants	\$3,500	Resources & Other	\$80,104	Reserve Fund:	\$39,580
MHS Association/Lilly.....	\$264,165				
Other Income	\$6,906				

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CAMP MARDELA
MEETING AREA
ENLARGED FROM SITE MAP



CAMP MARDELA

Site Map

Legend

- : Border Trail
- : Moss Trail
- : Picnic Trail
- : Pond Trail
- : Waterfall Trail
- : Chapel Trail

- : Chapel Area
- : Tenting Area
- ◉ : Playground
- : Fire Circle
- : Picnic Area

- : Stream
- : Road
- : Building
- : Recreational Areas
- : Boardwalks & Docks
- : Water
- : Swamp

