

Denominational Information

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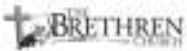
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General Conference Organization 2017 General Conference in Ashland Ohio July 17-21, 2017



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Moderator (term ending 2018).....	Emery Hurd
Executive Director	Steven Cole
Rep. from Ashland Theological Seminary (term ending 2017).....	John Swope
Term ending 2017.....	Pat Gravatt
	Josh Coffee
Term ending 2018.....	Rich Hagopian
	Tracy McPherson
Term ending 2019.....	Roger Stogsdill
	Dale Stoffer

GENERAL CONFERENCE STANDING COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee:

Elders: Ron Burns (chair)
Alan Schmeidt

Laymen: Gene Geaslen

Laywomen: Donna Machado Reed

Church Polity:

2017-
2018- Dale Stoffer (chair)
2019- Dan Acker
2020- John Swope
2021- Ron Waters

Ways and Means:

Jeanne Hlas, Jerry Fike, Janet Hoffman, Billie Anne Massie, Sue Hurd (chair)

Conference Membership:

Rex McConahay (chair), Bobbi McConahay, Janet Hoffman, DeAnn Oburn, Billie Ann Massie, Sue Mercer and Pat McGinnis

Rules and Organization:

2018- Brad Weidenhamer
2019- Gerald Barr

CHAPLAINS

David Graetz—Chaplain Endorsing Agent

Chaplain, Brigadier General David Graetz -ARMY
National Guard

Chaplain, Lt. Matthew Incorvaia - AIR FORCE
National Guard

Major Ron Walters-ARMY Reserve
David Miller-ARMY National Guard

Tim DeLaughter– NAVY

DENOMINATIONAL FAIR SHARE CONTRIBUTION

The Brethren Church denomination-wide budget for each year is established annually by the representative delegates from each congregation at General Conference. We depend on local congregations and its members to fund this budget reflecting the vision and mission described elsewhere on this website. The largest part of our support comes from this Fair Share giving of local Brethren congregations. Over the years various methods have been used to calculate Fair Share. Since 2008, Fair Share has been based on 10% of the local congregation's reported income. We ask that at the conclusion of each month each church send their Fair Share support check to the National Office reflecting 10% of the previous month's offerings.

For each dollar contributed through Fair Share, 80¢ is used to support the vision and mission of The Brethren Church, 10¢ is sent to Ashland Theological Seminary for their general support, and 10¢ is sent to Ashland University to support their Center of Religious Life and Campus Ministry. Each local congregation is also asked to contribute to the Brethren Relief fund. We ask that each year an amount equal to \$5.00 times the church's annual average worship attendance be sent.

In addition to Fair Share, The Brethren Church also relies on the additional designated gifts of the local congregation, its classes or organizations, and its members. This could be a personal gift for the Annual Fund, a gift from a Sunday School class to support a pastor or orphan in India, or a Faith Promise gift from a church to help support one of our Global Partners. The opportunities for designated giving are almost endless. For more information about designated gifts, please contact the Brethren Church National Office at 1-877-289-1708.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Women's Missionary Society

President..... Gloria Radcliff
Vice-President..... Sherry Van Duyne
General Secretary..... Norma Waters
Asst. Secretary Judi Gentle
Financial Secretary Cathy Stoffer
Treasurer Janet Rufener
Literature Secretary.....
Devotional Guide Editor..... Amanda Dowdy
MOLE (Mission Outreach Liaison, Etc.....Linda Immel
Communications EditorSherry Van Duyne

Youth Advisor Committee

Ryan Smith
Tim Bordeaux
Luke Dowdy
Sara Moore
Winter Lawson

National Association of Brethren Church Elders

President..... Fred Miller
Vice-President..... Roger Stogsdill
Secretary-Treasurer..... Gerald Barr
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer..... Richard Craver

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

Ashland University

President: Dr. Carlos Campo
Office of Christian Ministry: Jason Barnhart
Religious Life Network: Mallorie Miller
Chairman of the Board: Joyce Lamb
Ashland, OH 44805
Phone: (419) 289-4142

Ashland Theological Seminary

President: Dr. Mark Harden
910 Center Street
Ashland, OH 44805
Phone: (419) 289-5161
www.ashland.edu/seminary

Retirement Fund, Inc

Trustees

2017- Ronald W Waters
2018-Ryan Gilmer
2019-Ken Hunn

*Applications & Information - contact Tony VanDuyne
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Brethren Peace Initiative

Facilitator: Phil Lersch
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Members: Ryan Gilmer, Matt Black, Carolyn,
Hagopian, Rich Hagopian, Mark Logan,
Chantal Logan, David Creekmore and Phil Lersch

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (CONTINUED)

National Ordination Council

Ben Frank (Northeast)
Brad Weidenhammer (Ohio)
Billy Hesketh (Indiana)

Rev. Fred Miller (Southeastern)
Rev. Paul Stanley (N. California)
Rev. Bill Ludwig (BCNO)
Dr. Brenda Colijn (Seminary)

Rev. David Stone (Florida)
Dr. Emery Hurd (Midwest) Facilitator
Rev. Dan Acker (Southwest)

Regional Information

March 13-17, 2017..... Pastor's Conference.....@ Gatlinburg, TN
April 1, 2017..... Great Lakes Region.....@ Smoky Row Brethren Church
April 22, 2017..... Southeastern Region.....@ St. James Brethren Church
May 6, 2017..... West Region
April 28-29, 2017..... Midwest Region.....@ Brethren Retreat at Shiphewana Lake
June 9-10, 2017..... Northeast.....@ Camp Peniel

District Conference Officers

Indiana District (15-17)

Moderator.....Larry Baker
Mod-Elect.....Jay Shaffer
Secretary.....Fred Youngen
Treasurer.....Jeff Estep
At Large.....Brent Sloan
Rick Miller

Midwest District (15-16)

Moderator.....Scott Soden
Vice Mod.....Victor Haworth
Secretary.....Helen Arnold
Treasurer.....Angie Laurie
Asst. Sec & Treas...Sue Hurd
Supervising Elder ...Emery Hurd

Southwest District

Moderator.....Mary Fult
Vice Moderator.....Dennis Fult
Secretary.....Audrey Larsen
Treasurer.....Ellen Fisher

Ohio District (16-17)

Moderator..... Dave Creekmore
Vice Moderator..... Terry Hofecker
Secretary.....Ronald W Waters
Asst. Secretary.....open
Treasurer..... Stanley Gentle
Asst. Treasurer.....Gene McConahay
Statistician..... Vickie Taylor
Statuary Agent..... Stanley Gentle

Southeastern District (2017)

Moderator..... Jason Crouch
Mod Elect..... Freddie Helsley
Secretary..... Vickie Helsley
Asst. Secretary.....
Treasurer..... Jerry Barr
Asst. Treasurer.....Dale Huffman

Central District (15-16)

Board Chair.....Clair Lathrop
Secretary.....Terry Leach
Treasurer.....Dan Zigler

Northeast District (2016-2018)

Moderator..... Brad Fairman
Mod-Elect.....Teresa Hensley
Secretary..... Marc Valentine
Asst. Secretary.....Nancy McGraw
Treasurer..... Grace Grumbling
Asst. Treasurer.....Jim McGraw
At-Large.....Al Chamberlain
..... Judy Bird

Florida District (13-14)

Moderator..... Sergio Garza
Mod-Elect..... Iris Helmuth
Past Mod.....David Stone
Secretary..... Dianna Scribner
Treasurer..... Martha Stone

Northern California District (12-13)

Moderator..... Gary Maggard
Secretary..... Carla Haskins
Treasurer..... Dave Thompson