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CHURCH PLANTING TRAINING EVENT

People with a passion for furthering God's work in the world through church planting will be interested in the Church of the Brethren Church Planting Training Event to be held at Bethany Seminary May 20 - 23, 2006. Participants will develop new tools, cultivate a network of support, renew their spirits through worship, and hear testimonies of God's work. Leadership will be provided by experienced church planters from both within and outside of the Church of the Brethren. For further information and registration materials contact:

New Church Development Board
Dennis Metzger, Chair 217/483-4592
1523 E Walnut St d-v.metzger@att.net
Chatham, IL 62629

SILENT AUCTION AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

We're going to have a silent auction...But don't be silent.. Tell you Church members.. It's at District Conf., November 3 - 5 at York Center COB.. The proceeds go to fund District Ministries..

YOU can help by donating items like crafts, a service like a night on the town or an afternoon of golf, a meal at your home, an antique, a new, usable item, tickets to an event, Let your imagination guide you... YOU can also help by going to District Conf. and bidding on items..

A Silent Auction lets you write your bid on a sheet of paper.. You can bid as many times as you want.. don't be afraid of overbidding just because you know the last bidder.. that's part of the fun to see who really wants the item at the best price.. Winning bidders will be announced before Conference ends...

Any Questions? Call Rick Koch at 815-225-7812 / 815-225-7338 or email at ricbeckoch@mchsi.com
Dutchtown Church of the Brethren is the sponsor.

JOIN THE 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE CHOIR JULY 1 - 5

Singers are needed for the Annual Conference choir this summer in Des Moines. Please consider this invitation to share your God-given gifts with the larger church and to honor our Lord, who is worthy to be praised!

The choir sings at each worship service during the Conference. Anthems are: a contemporary "Shine On Us" by M.W. Smith, "Adoration Medley," arr. by Mark Hayes which is a combination of "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee" and "Glorify Thy Name"; "Just a Closer Walk," Arr. by Jack Schrader, with a gospel feel; "We'll Be There!" by Don Besig; and "We Have Come This Far by Faith," by Joseph Martin.

Carolyn Fitzkee directs this years choir accompanied by Connie Burkholder. Carolyn graduated from Elizabethtown College. For the past 14 years she has directed the men's chorus of the Chiques Church of the Brethren, near Manheim, Pa. Connie graduated from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa. and is District Executive of the Northern Plains District. Connie directs the choir and accompanies a women's ensemble at the Ankeny (Iowa) Church of the Brethren.

Sign up and receive an anthem packet by printing a form from the Information Packet at www.brethren.org/ac. Mail the form and an \$8.00 check to the Annual Conference office, or call 1-800-323-8039. We recommended pre-registration, but music can be purchased at the first rehearsal in Des Moines on Saturday, July 1, at 4:15 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. For more information, contact Carolyn Fitzkee at 717-664-2252 or dcfitzkee@dejazzd.com.

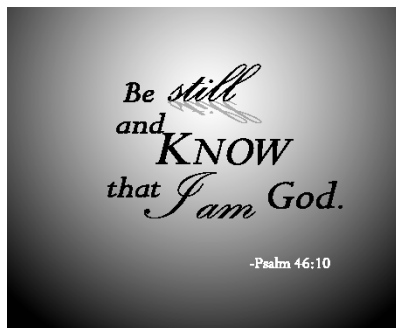
DISTRICT BUS TO NOAC 2006

Take the bus to the National Older Adult Conference (NOAC). The Illinois-Wisconsin District bus leaves Sunday, Sept. 3 and returns Saturday, Sept. 9. This allows a full day plus a partial day to and from the Sept. 4 - 8 Conference. Overnight lodging is required both ways. A 50-passenger coach offers us a safe, comfortable ride. Pick-ups in Illinois are planned for Elgin, Mt. Morris, Peoria and Champaign. Pick-up points across southern Indiana or Ohio are possible if space allows.

The cost depends upon the number going. Prior conference trips have not exceeded 25 passengers. We will set the cost based upon 35 people which comes to \$150 per passenger. If we fill the bus, the cost could be lowered to \$125 or less. We would refund the difference.

We will arrange for motels in southern Ohio or northern Kentucky after our route and pick-up points are finalized. Lodging will cost around \$30. per person each way, based upon double occupancy.

For reservations please send \$150 to Willard Dulabaum, 820 Mill Street, Elgin, IL, 60123. Reservations are on a "first come, first served" basis, and will be accepted no later than May 15. Any changes will be announced by June 1. For more information contact Duly at (847) 888-4153 or (847) 269-4153.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2006

Where: York Center Church of the Brethren
Lombard Illinois

When: November 3rd - 5th

Mark your calendars now!! Make plans to attend. Come and "Be still", come and see who is alive, come and be a part of something different and new! Come and experience 'Knowing God is God'!!

PEORIA CHURCH

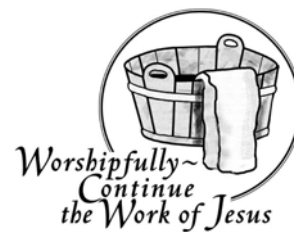
SPONSORS MAY CONCERTS:

The Missions Ministry Team presents:

THE MELTON FAMILY SINGERS will perform at the Peoria First Church of the Brethren on Saturday, May 6th at 7:00 PM. The Meltons are a well known family of Gospel Singers who perform all over the USA. After the concert the church will provide snacks and a time of fellowship for the Meltons and guests.

THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE

A CAPPELLA CHOIR Spring Tour will stop at the Peoria First Church of the Brethren on Friday, May 26th. This world touring choir will perform at 7:00 PM. Don't miss a chance to hear a World Class Brethren choir perform in our area.. Bring a friend and enjoy the music...



CHRIST CONNECTIONS

COMMUNITY CHURCH BENEFIT:

To help defray the Medical expenses for Brenda Beck, Christ Connections presents "Love is a Beautiful Thing" music and dance event. Saturday evening, April 29th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm you can share the Love at Christ Connections Community Church located at 1851 Douglas Road, Montgomery, IL. (Between Dairy Queen and Wendy's) There will be music for all ages and slow dance. Take your Sweetheart for a night out and help Brenda at the same time.

Donations accepted at the door or by mail to:
Christ Connections Community Church / Brenda Beck
PO Box 646
Oswego, Illinois 60543

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