

**November, 2024**  
**Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter**  
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*More information on Disaster Ministry and Camp Sugarwood including complete schedules, registration forms, etc can be found on the district website: [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org).*

### **Camp Sugarwood Updates**

**Mark your calendar for Cookie Camp.**

**Make and Bake Fri. Dec 6 12 pm - 5 pm 6 pm-9pm**

**Make, Bake and Box Sat. Dec 7 9am-1pm; Pick Up 2pm - 4pm**

Come to Salem Church of the Brethren and be a part of this exciting fund-raiser for the Camping and Retreat Ministries of the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District. The money from the sale of our cookies will help fund two Winter Blast weekends for the district's children, teens and their friends: One for elementary age and one for high school age. For more information and to volunteer to make cookies see your Camp Ambassador or contact Carrie Drees at 937-564-7346 or email:

[cdrees23@gmail.com](mailto:cdrees23@gmail.com).

To order cookies please contact your church's Camp Ambassador.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to those who have made purchases from the Camp Sugarwood Wish list on Amazon. Thank you for your generosity and support of the Camping and Retreat Programs. There are still more items on the wish list. Please follow the link if you would like to support Camp Sugarwood by purchasing an item. [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17UUZ989BSJ4D?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17UUZ989BSJ4D?ref=wl_share)

### **Winter Blast Registration Opens December 1.**

Registration for the two weekends of Winter Blast opens on December 1. Click here for the registration forms and more information.

### **Disaster Ministry Updates**

**Appreciation Dinner – You're invited!** Come to the annual BDM Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 6:00 PM. We will thank our volunteers, recognize new volunteers, and share information about the work of S. Ohio/KY BDM. This year the dinner is hosted by Trotwood COB, 208 E. Main Street. **Please RSVP by Nov. 8 to Burt and Helen Wolf at [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com) or call/text 937-902-3475.**

**CDS Helene Response –** Children's Disaster Services (CDS) has sent teams of volunteers to Fletcher and Asheville, North Carolina. Workers have set up childcare centers in shelters, providing care while parents work on plans for moving forward. One of the team members who served is from the S. Ohio/KY District. Please pray for those impacted by the hurricane, the CDS workers, and for our partner agencies who are also responding.

**Bucket Assembly/Donations –** On October 10 BDM hosted an assembly of cleanup buckets for Church World Service (CWS). Workers filled 539 buckets with cleaning supplies. We were blessed to be joined by Matt Stevens from the CWS office in Columbus. The buckets were shipped to the



Brethren Service Center.

In response to the great need created by the recent hurricanes, S. Ohio/KY BDM will increase the number of buckets/kits for Church World Service. **Donations may be made to: S. Ohio/KY BDM with CWS on the memo line. Send to:**

**S. Ohio/KY District COB, P. O. Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331.**

**Brethren Service Center Trip** – S. Ohio/KY BDM had ten volunteers serve at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. They worked three days processing hygiene kits for CWS. These kits are now ready to be shipped to disaster survivors or the economically disadvantaged. The group toured the warehouse and saw our buckets, hygiene kits and school kits that had just arrived.

**Rebuilding Opportunities** - Join the Nov. 17-23 crew, who will be serving in Letcher County, KY. This is recovery from flooding in July 2022. Transportation, housing, food, and tools will be provided. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com). The 2025 schedule is now available with openings on every trip. [Click Here](#) for a trip flyer.

## **Nominations for the 2025 AC Ballot Requested**

The deadline for nominations for the Annual Conference ballot is December 4. The denomination depends on leaders elected at Conference from nominees proposed by the wider church. There are deliberate, purposeful steps to the process of discernment which leads to the Nominating Committee engaging in prayerful discussion of the nominees when it meets in January. The list is narrowed to four names per office which is then sent to the full Standing Committee which votes to further narrow the list to two names per office in order to create the Annual Conference ballot. It should be noted that the Review and Evaluation Committee consists of five members, therefore the Annual Conference ballot will need to consist of ten nominees. The delegates of Annual Conference elect those who will finally serve. We are grateful for the excellent nominations already submitted, but additional names are needed!

The offices that are open for 2025 are the following: Moderator Elect, Program & Arrangements Committee, Mission & Ministry Board from Area 1 (ANE, Mid-Atlantic, MPA, SPA, WPA), Mission & Ministry Board from Area 4 (MO/ARK, NPL, SPL, WPL), **Pastoral Benefits and Compensation Advisory Committee-Laity, and Review and Evaluation Committee**. Detailed information regarding these positions is available at <https://www.brethren.org/ac/nominations>.

Pray over these open positions and let the Spirit lift in your heart names of people you know who might fill these roles. You can nominate them using the simple form on the nominations webpage. Be sure to contact the person you have nominated and let them know why you think their gifts qualify them for the role and encourage them to agree to take the next step in filling out the nominee information form on the Annual Conference website.

If you have been nominated and have not yet accepted, we encourage you to prayerfully discern your possible call and willingness to serve the church in this way. Then fill out the nominee information form and return it so you will be included in the pool of candidates who will be considered for the ballot in 2025. That form indicates your acceptance to be considered.

Have you had interest and a sense of call to serve in one of the roles that are open?

Talk to someone who knows you and test that sense. If affirmed, ask that person or another to nominate you! As we seek a range of candidates who represent the whole church, we pay particular attention to the Call for Accountability in order to include our diversity in terms of age, race/ethnicity, gender, and theology.

Thank you so much for participating in this important process! The Annual Conference office is receiving nominations until December 4, 2024.

## Prayer Needs

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. The 2024 Prayer List for Congregations is available on the district website.

May we remember those congregations in pastoral transition -

- ◆ **New Carlisle**--Tara Hornbacker, Interim.
- ◆ **Prince of Peace**--John Sgro, Interim.
- ◆ **Trotwood**-- Mark Lancaster beginning June 17, 2024
- ◆ **Donnels Creek**-- Jim Chronister, Interim
- ◆ **Pleasant Hill**— Open position
- ◆ **Trinity**-- John Edwards, Interim—closing December 31-2024
- ◆ **Eversole** — Brent Driver, Interim
- ◆ **Good Shepherd** -- Dennis Delk, Interim
- ◆ **Circleville**--open position

- There are many issues and situations continuing to face us as we minister in our respective locations, including those who are serving in interim situations and others who are in discernment regarding placement or are considering a move. There are others facing health issues, please keep these situations in prayer.

Please contact Nick if you know of prayer situations of which we should be aware. May we lift each other in prayer as we work to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.