
Standing Committee Delegate Report

Serves from July 2009 through July 2012

Annual Conference was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan from July 2-6, 2011. The theme chosen by Moderator Robert Alley was “Gifted With Promise: Extending Jesus Table.” Moderator-Elect is Tim Harvey, who will represent the church this year, and conduct the 2012 Annual Conference to be held in St. Louis, Missouri July 7-11.

Standing committee met from June 28 - July 3 to prepare the business for Conference. The conference agenda was dominated by the combined items from last year, “A Statement of Confession and Commitment”, and query “Language on Same Sex Covenantal Relationships.” There was much discussion and debate on these items. Conference finally adopted the recommendation of Standing Committee, which stated, for the most part, that we (the church) are Not of one Mind on these issues, and the Districts are asked to continue in dialogue, and refrain from sending Conference Queries on this topic.

The Query from PSWD “Guidance for Responding to the Changing of Earth’s Climate” was passed, after much debate.

Please contact me if you wish to nominate someone for a denominational office. You can also nominate “on line.” You must have the nominee’s approval and a short biography.

www.cobannualconference.org/nominationform.html

The positions open for election in 2012 are:

- Moderator-Elect (1 person, 3-year term)

- Annual Conference Secretary (one person, 5-year term)
- Annual Conference Program and Arrangements Committee (one person, 3-year term)
- The Mission and Ministry Board (5-year terms)
 - One from Area 1 (Southern Pennsylvania, Middle Pennsylvania, Western Pennsylvania, and Mid-Atlantic. Atlantic Northeast ineligible.)
 - One from Area 2 (Northern Ohio, Southern Ohio, Northern Indiana, South/Central Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois/Wisconsin)
- On Earth Peace Board (one person, 5-year term)
- The Brethren Benefit Trust Board (one person, 4-year term)
- Bethany Theological Seminary Board - Clergy (one person, 5-year term)
- Bethany Theological Seminary Board - Colleges (one person, 5-year term)
- Committee on Interchurch Relations (one person, 3-year term)
- Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee - Ministry (one person, 5-year term)

Thank you for allowing me to represent the District on Standing Committee. It has been a pleasure to serve in this capacity.

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