

Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren

Business Book



49th Annual District Conference
November 9-11, 2012

Held at:
Hillcrest
2705 Mountain View Drive
La Verne, CA 91750

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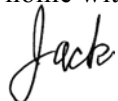
All events are at Hillcrest in La Verne, California

Welcome brothers and sisters to the 2012 Pacific Southwest District Conference Church of the Brethren

On behalf of the District I welcome you from the “NEWS” (from the North, the East, the West and the South). All brothers, sisters and children are welcomed to this meaningful time in our Church family’s life. We gather together in friendship, fellowship support for one another and in devotion to our Lord. We gather together to work, debate, discern and conduct the business of our Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren. It is good to recognize that at times we may deal with issues on which we are not all of one mind but we deal with those issues with respect and understanding for one another in a fellowship of love.

I want to express my appreciation to the District staff, the Program Committee, the presenters and speakers that have worked to put this time together for us. A special thank you, too, to our hosts here at Hillcrest for providing the many services we will use and enjoy this weekend.

So as we meet, make new friends and renew valued and trusted friendships, my wish is that we each take home with us happy and meaningful memories of our shared time together.



Jack Storne
2012 P.S.W.D. Moderator

Friday, November 09, (Registration, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., closed during worship)

9:00am	Registration Table opens	
10:00 – 12:00	Workshop with Richard Ward	#9 Meeting House
12:00 – 2:00	Women’s Fellowship Luncheon & Meeting Speaker: Doris Dunham	#16 Maury Smeltzer Lounge
2:00 – 5:00	Continue Workshop with Richard Ward	#9 Meeting House
5:30pm	Dinner	#16 Maury Smeltzer Lounge
6:45	Gathering Music	#9 Meeting House
7:00	Opening Worship – Speaker: Moderator Jack Storne	#9 Meeting House
8:30	Fellowship Time & Ice Cream Social	#6 Café
10:00	Registration Table closes for the night	

Saturday, November 10, (Registration, 8:00 am – Noon)

8:00	Registration Table opens	
8:30 – 9:45 Business Session #1	Call to order, greetings, welcome, prayer, roll call, seating of delegates, delegate dedication, and agenda approval Approve prior District Conference Minutes (Exhibit A: 39-42) District Board Report (p. 16-23) DE Report and Introductions of guests and youth cabinet (p. 10-11) Introduce the 2012 – 2013 Ballot (Exhibit B: 43-50)	#9 Meeting House
9:55–10:35	Insight Session #1	<i>Please attend the session you signed up for during registration</i>
10:45-12:00 Business Session #2	New Business: proposed By-Laws Change for Program Committee (Exhibit C: 51) New Business: proposed By-Laws Change for Nominating Committee (Exhibit D: 52) New Business: Resolution Church Planting (Exhibit E: 53) Program Committee Report (p. 15)	#9 Meeting House
12:00	Lunch	#16 Maury Smeltzer Lounge
Noon	Registration Table: <u>Closes for the rest of conference</u>	
1:00 – 2:00 Business Session #3	Vote on the 2012 – 2013 Ballot (Exhibit B: 43-50) Standing Committee Report (p. 12) Reports: Institutions with Brethren Beginnings (p. 24-27)	#9 Meeting House
2:10 – 2:50	Insight Session #2	<i>Please attend the session you signed up for during registration</i>
3:00 – 5:45 Business Session #4	New Business: Resolution: Church Revitalization (Exhibit F: 54) Ministry Investment Plan – 2013 (Exhibit G: 55-64) Combined Report: Annual Conference Agencies (p. 28-37)	#9 Meeting House
	Adjournment	

6:00	Fellowship Dinner	#16 Maury Smeltzer Lounge
7:15	Gathering Music	#9 Meeting House
7:30	Worship – Speaker: General Secretary Stan Noffsinger	#9 Meeting House

Sunday, November 11, (No registration)

7:30	Board Reorganization Breakfast	#10 Galen Walker Board Room
10:15	Gathering Music	La Verne CoB
10:30 – 11:30	Worship – Keynote Speaker: Dr. Richard Ward Consecration of Licensed Ministers Recognition of ordination anniversaries Installation of Leadership for 2013	La Verne CoB

Conference Theme: “People Serving With Devotion”

This past year while serving as your District Moderator I have had the privilege of visiting many of our District’s congregations. I have visited and observed congregations that were quiet and meditative in worship and congregations that were quite jubilant and expressive in their worship. Some congregations were predominately made up of senior citizens, members who have lived by our Brethren heritage and beliefs for many decades. Other congregations with many younger adults are worshipping and living in our denomination’s core beliefs in today’s contemporary manners.

While different expressions of worship are notable there is still one aspect of our Brethren heritage that is common throughout the District – that aspect is service.

During the “informal” part of the worship celebrations there are frequent announcements of special offerings to be taken for certain causes, announcements of some particular blessing or concern for those serving in missionary positions here at home and abroad and invitations to participate in local activities that reflect service to God and the development of His kingdom. The invitations and the opportunities to participate in service to and for our Lord are many. One’s service may be contributing to a local congregation through a worship service offering, presenting a “children’s story,” leading music, playing an instrument, serving as a worship leader, or, committing part of one’s life to serving God through BVS, ministry, or missionary service.

In whatever way the service is given, it is given with a devoted heart and devotion (described as dedication and the willingness to perform service

for God). In that sense we in the Pacific Southwest District are called to be and are **People Serving With Devotion**.

However, as we have seen in the Conference scripture, we have an opportunity to serve our sisters and brothers with kindness and caring in small and individual ways that do not “make headlines” or draw attention. I once heard a saying that has stuck with me for many years. That saying is “No one stands as tall as when he/she stoops to help another”. Let us never forget that as we look into another’s eyes, we should see a child of God and serve that person as appropriate.

It goes without saying that we are fortunate and blessed to have the devoted service of the District staff, the service of Brethren Hillcrest Homes (Hillcrest) that will be hosting our conference again this year and the service of the Program Committee that has spent this past year preparing this celebration. And, of course, all of us attending this conference, whether a District employee, a delegate, a District officer, or an interested congregation member, we are here in some form of devoted service.

We are **People Serving With Devotion!**

Yours in the service of our Lord,



Jack B. Storne
Moderator 2011-2012

Logo Interpretation

The logo for our 2012 District Conference represents our service to Christ and our service for Christ. The hands circling the “globe” represent our global dedication to serving God’s children wherever there is a need and we are welcomed. With God’s help and blessing we also serve in places that are hostile to God’s word. As the hands show, our service is given by women and men alike and by all races. We serve with and through diversity. The cross represents Christ in whose name we offer our service. It also represents our devotion to Christ, the recognition of his call to serve our brothers and sisters, including “the least” of them (Matthew 25: 34-40). The praying hands indicate our prayers for those who serve, our prayers for the direction of God’s will and our prayers of devotion and worship of our living and loving savior. May we be:

People Serving With Devotion



Delegates' Dedication Litany

November 10, 2012

Moderator: Brethren in Christ, you have been called by your congregations to serve as delegates at this 49th District Conference of the Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren. It is an honor to serve in this position of trust, one of responsibility and dedication. Do you accept this call?

Delegates: We accept the call placed on us by our congregations.

Moderator: Will you be faithful to the Word of God while celebrating the rich history of our denomination and individual churches?

Delegates: We will honor our God as we honor those who came before us.

Moderator: Recognizing we are a living peace church, will you seek the leading of the Spirit of Christ in all matters before us?

Delegates: We commit to seek the leading of the Spirit and to humble ourselves to engage in the tension of community necessary for new birth.

Moderator: Will you treat one another with love, respect, and openness as together you conduct the business before you?

Delegates: Even as we are from different cultures, we will work together as Brethren. In our thoughts and words and deeds we will treat each other with compassion, kindness, and patience.

Moderator: You have promised to be faithful to the Word of God while honoring those who came before us by thoughtfully and prayerfully considering the decisions to be made and treating one another with respect. So let us all pledge together –

All: As we go back to our individual congregations we will share information on what has been discussed and decided at this conference.

We will be positive and affirm the decisions that were made.

We will support the District with our prayers and actions, knowing that the Spirit of God is with us and in us as we live as brothers and sisters, as Brethren in Christ.



Pacific Southwest District – Church of the Brethren – 2012

Officers of the District Conference

Moderator..... Jack Storne, Live Oak
Moderator-Elect..... Jim LeFever, Glendale
Clerk..... Laura Miller, Papago Buttes
Board of Administration Chair (ex-officio)..... Don Fancher, La Verne
District Executive (ex-officio)..... Don Booz

Note for the Delegates

The Annual District Conference is a mass meeting to which delegates and other interested persons from the member congregations come in business sessions and for purposes of worship, education and fellowship. The District Conference projects the program of the District, and approves new programs, constitutional changes and budget. Through its delegates, it interprets and promotes the decisions of the District Conference to the local congregations.

Note for the Non-Delegates

Non-delegates are urged to attend District Conference, including the business meeting. Non-delegates may discuss the business and make motions; voting is restricted to the delegates and officers. Wide participation at the business session adds inspiration and encouragement to the moderator, delegates, Board of Administration and staff. Pacific Southwest District has been noted for excellent attendance at the business session.

What May Be Done with Queries

- (1) A query may be accepted and passed on to Annual Conference.
- (2) A query may be sent back to the originating church or District Board, which means one of several things: *not important, Annual Conference has already answered it, not a proper query, etc.*
- (3) A query **may not** be changed by amendment.
- (4) A query may be added to, but care must be taken not to change the intent of the query. One way to add is to attach a similar query to the one being considered.

Rules of Order on District Conference Business

- (1) The moderator conducts business according to Robert's Rules of order, which will be the standard for any point not covered in the Constitution and By-Laws.
- (2) The moderator appoints tellers and timekeeper.
- (3) Nominations from the floor must have the prior consent of the nominee (*see also IV.A below*).
- (4) Length and number of speeches allowed are determined by the District Conference officers.
- (5) The election of officers is by ballot with a plurality vote, except the moderator-elect and the standing committee delegate(s), who are elected by a majority vote.
- (6) A quorum consists of sixty percent of the total elected delegates representing sixty percent of the churches of the District.

Pacific Southwest District – Church of the Brethren

Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance

(Based on Robert's Rules of Order Revised
And Rules Governing Annual Conference)

I. The Five Essential Steps Through Which a Motion Passes

- A. Presentation of the motion:
“I move that _____.”
- B. Seconding the motion:
“I second the motion,” or “I second it.”
- C. A written copy of the motion shall be given to the conference clerk.
- D. Stating the question (by the moderator) and discussion of it:
“It has been moved and seconded that _____.”
- E. Putting the question to a vote:
“Are you ready for the question? All of those in favor of the motion which is _____
_. say ‘Aye.’ Opposed, ‘No.’”
- F. Announcing the result of the vote:
“The motion is carried (lost) and you have voted to (not to) _____.”

II. Motions, Who Makes Them and How

- A. All members of the District Conference have the privilege of moving and discussing the business of the Conference.
- B. To make a motion, it is necessary to “obtain the floor” – that is, to rise after the floor has been yielded and address the presiding officer by his/her official title (Brother/Sister Moderator). Give your name and the name of the congregation you represent as soon as you catch the eye of the moderator after addressing him/her.
- C. A motion is seconded without obtaining the floor or rising.

III. Some Rules of Debate

- A. All remarks must be addressed to the chair.
- B. All remarks must pertain to the immediately pending question before the District Conference.
- C. All remarks must be of an impersonal nature.
- D. Length and number of speeches are determined by District Conference officers.

IV. Nominations and Voting

- A. Nominations may be made from the floor. However, one must have the person's permission to present his/her name in nomination, have all the same written information provided by the other candidates to present to the conference clerk, and have copies of the ballot information to distribute to the delegates (*see page [13](#) below*).
- B. No member can be compelled to vote. Those not voting are not counted in deciding whether it is a majority, two-thirds, or unanimous. All blank ballots are ignored and, thus, not counted.
- C. Most votes are taken first by voice or by show of hands, except in case of motions requiring a two-thirds vote, when a rising vote is taken first.

V. Motions Classified and in Ascending Order of Precedence

A. Privileged and Incidental Motions: motions that take precedence over any pending question although not related to that question. Not debatable.

1. ADJOURN or RECESS

Object: to dismiss a meeting or to provide for an intermission – “I move that we adjourn (recess) while (until) _____.”

2. 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 – “I rise to a question of privilege” (state your question).

3. POINT OF ORDER

“I rise to a point of order” (state your point).

B. Subsidiary Motions: motions that are applied to other motions for the purpose of most appropriately disposing of them.

1. LAY ON THE TABLE – TAKE FROM THE TABLE (second, not debatable, not amendable, simple majority)

Object: to lay aside business in such a manner that its consideration may be removed later – “I move that this matter be laid on the table.”

2. PREVIOUS QUESTION (second, not debatable, not amendable, two-thirds majority)

Object: to stop debate and order an immediate vote – “I call for (or move) the previous question.”

3. POSTPONE TO A SET TIME (second, debatable, amendable, simple majority).

4. COMMIT, REFER, or RE-COMMIT (second, debatable, amendable, simple majority),

Object: to place the business in the hands of a few for later reporting to the Conference (for major changes) – “I move that this matter be referred to a committee of ____ to be named ____ with instruction.”

5. AMEND (second, debatable, amendable, simple majority).

a. “I move to amend the motion by striking out _____.”

b. “I move to amend the motion by inserting _____ between _____ and _____.”

c. “I move to amend the motion by adding _____ between _____ and _____.”

d. “I move to amend the motion by striking out _____ and inserting _____.”

e. “I move to amend by striking out _____ and substituting this (read or state the substitution).”

6. POSTPONE INDEFINITELY (second, debatable, and amendable, simple majority).

Object: to kill a motion – “I move to postpone this matter indefinitely.”

C. Principal Motion: a motion made to bring before the Conference, for its consideration, any particular subject.

D. Main Motion: (second, debatable, amendable, simple majority).

Object: to introduce business for consideration –

a. “I move that _____.”

b. “I move the adoption (acceptance, approval) of this report.”

District Executive Report

“...we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

Romans 5:3b-5 (NRSV)

Our congregations are blessed with quality leadership yet this a difficult time for the church. The Pacific Southwest District is diverse and we probably exhibit more diversity in faith, worship and church identity than any other district. However, we manage to accept each other in ways that reflect God love for all people. Assuming this to be true, we can rejoice and celebrate the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given us.

Please allow me to shamelessly brag about the Pacific Southwest District and what I have observed since the 2011 District Conference.

District Ministry Commission

The Ministry Commission continues to provide engaging opportunities for all our credentialed ministers. The Minister’s Workshop and Pastor’s Retreat were well attended and appreciated by all in participants. The financial support and training provided for our licensed ministers is unmatched by another other district. I continue to be appreciative of the amount of efforts put forth by PSWD to work with those who are exploring the call to ministry.

Church Planting & Revitalization Committee (CPR)

The Church Planting and Revitalization Committee (CPR) has been working hard to provide leadership in two important areas of church growth. Many hours have gone into developing a Church Diagnostic Manual to help congregations to assess the current and future direction for their ministry. Hopefully this committee will have a snapshot to share with the District Conference about what will be available in 2013.

Pastoral Placement

The orientation and supervision of the search committees, congregation profiles and the eventual placement of pastors is a major part of my job. While PSWD does not have a lot of pastoral openings, recent resignations mean that several congregations are at various phases of the placement/search process. I have been cultivating

potential pastoral candidates at Annual Conference.

PSWD Website

The PSWD website is often referred to by those outside of the district as the best in the denomination. Joe Vecchio and Brenda Perez do an excellent job of keeping the website current and up-to-date. People are able to find available resources on our website that cannot be found on other more prominent websites. The website address is: pswdcob.org

Council of District Executives

As a District Executive, I am a member of the Council of District Executives (CODE). Our purpose is to serve as a professional association for district executive leadership. We meet twice a year to share ministry concerns, discuss matters of church life and the unique needs of district ministry. I currently serve on the executive committee for the council and we process a variety of ministry issues and the many serious issues facing the church.

Final reflections

What God has given us is to be held in trust. The implications of this trust are to be accountable to God for all that has been entrusted to us, and we are to be accountable to each other for our faithfulness to God. The unique skills and creative abilities of each of us are woven into the fabric of our life together as the body of Christ.

I am blessed to be supported by very competent district staff. Joe Vecchio, Administrative Assistant, Brenda Perez, Secretary, Dawna Welch, Director of Youth, and Ralph Carlton, bookkeeper are the right people in the right seats. May we continue to walk forward in faith: unashamed, unassuming, unwavering and undivided in our love and loyalty to Jesus Christ and his Church.

Don Booz

District Executive Minister

District Youth Advisor Report

After a full year as the PSWD Youth Advisor I can humbly say that I feel blessed to be able to serve the PSWD Church of the Brethren in a capacity that allows me to meet and spend time with so many wonderful youth. The future is bright!

Six youth have been called to serve on the 2012/2013 Youth Cabinet. Their names and congregations are:

- Jake Hoover - La Verne
- Mollie Montgomery - Bakersfield
- Josalyn Romero - Circle of Peace
- Israel Rosas - Glendale
- Joshua Roy - Modesto
- Michael Terry - Live Oak

We held our first planning meeting/retreat in September in La Verne at the Brethren Hillcrest

Retirement Community. During our time together we planned opportunities for Youth at District Conference, designed a District Youth logo and scheduled our next meeting to plan a district-wide Spring Fling! Youth attending the 2012 District Conference, will gather and meet in the Youth Lounge for bible study, fellowship and fun! Housing arrangements have been made for Senior High Youth on site at the Hillcrest Homes, but all other activities and meals will include Junior High Youth. The Youth Cabinet will be present at District Conference and can be identified by specially designed t-shirts. I hope you will take the time to introduce yourself and get to know our new PSWD leaders!

Respectfully submitted,
Dawna Welch

Recognition of Ministers' Ordination Anniversaries

45 Years

John H. Gingrich
Karl Pohlhouse

30 Years

Olga Serrano

20 Years

Ernest M. Snyder

35 Years

Russell Betz
Donald Shankster

25 Years

Bill Haldeman-Scarr
Sara Haldeman-Scarr
Joseph V. Vecchio

—
**Representing 285 years
of service.**
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Deceased Ministers

William "Bill" G. Willoughby 8/28/2012

Nominating Committee Report

Committee Members:

Thelma Keeling
Richard Hart
John Price

Ex-Officio Members with vote:

Clerk, Laura Miller
Moderator, Jack Storne
Board Chair, Don Fancher

Ex-Officio Member without vote:

District Executive: Don Booz

It seems this year the Nominating committee had to work harder to get people to say yes, to fill some of the vacancies on the ballot. So should you get a call next year to fill the ballot: we hope you will say yes! Laura Miller and Thelma Keeling will be leaving the committee this year. I personally have appreciated Laura Miller's excellent job as clerk on this committee. Laura and Joe Vecchio make an amazing team!

Respectfully submitted,
Thelma Keeling, Chair

Standing Committee Delegate Report

Marlin L. Heckman

The Standing Committee of the 2012 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference met July 7 – 11, 2012 in St. Louis, Missouri. There were 38 delegates present, 100%, representing all 23 districts and including past-moderator, Robert Alley. By polity the past-moderator is a voting member of Standing Committee. Moderator, Tim Harvey, presided over the meetings as Standing Committee composed recommendations for Annual Conference on items of business and produced a statement, called A Way Forward, designed to offer clarification of three denominational decisions in the past year which have been questioned by members.

Recommendations of Standing Committee related to new business items included:

- Query: Annual Conference Elections (submitted by PSWD) – Standing Committee recommended that the query be respectfully returned and that the 1979 statement, “Call to Accountability” be reaffirmed.
- Query: Equitable Representation on the Ministry and Mission Board – Standing Committee recommended that the query be adopted and that the concerns of the query be referred to the Ministry and Mission Board.

Brethren Vision Statement 2012-2020

Standing Committee recommended the adoption of a denominational vision statement for the remainder of the decade.

“Through Scripture Jesus calls us to live as courageous disciples by word and action, to surrender ourselves to God, to embrace one another, to express God’s love for all creation.”

Standing Committee further recommended this vision to the denomination at large for study and direction.

Revitalization of Annual Conference

Standing Committee recommended receipt of the report of the revitalization task force with appreciation and that the four recommendations proposed by the task force be approved. These included that the timing of Annual Conference remain in the June-July period; That the length (5 days) remain the same; The the Program and Arrangements Committee have the flexibility to

make adjustments in schedule and programing that would make economic sense; and that by 2015 a two or three site rotation be considered to save costs, (This would probably mean there will not be conferences west of the Mississippi River.)

Additional business items considered included Polity on Districts; Updating the structure of the Program and Arrangements Committee by removing the Treasurer as a member; a revision of the ecumenical witness of the Brethren by terminating the Committee on Inter-church Relations and having national staff cover those issues; and Annual Conference elections.

Annual Conference for 2013 will be held June 29 – July 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Since two of this year’s business items involved members west of the Mississippi I have done a little research in the 2010 Statistics of the Church of the Brethren to help us understand who we are, as Brethren, in the trans-Mississippi West:

There are seven Districts west of the Mississippi River which include 202 congregations and 10,293 members. Of those 202 congregations there are FOUR congregations who have an average attendance of 100 or more on Sunday morning. (Two are in our District.) Of the 202 “western” congregations 78 sent delegates to Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, last year.

We have and continue to give leadership to the denomination. We will be affected by a change in how Districts are represented on the Ministry and Mission Board. We will be affected by the proposed limited rotation of Annual Conference sites. But, we are valued and we need to continue to participate at the denominational level whenever possible. It is hard to be Brethren here in the outpost of civilization but we are doing it just as our parents and grandparents did before us. Also, we continue to welcome new members into the fold who appreciate the values found and expressed among the Brethren.

Another way we can stay in touch with the larger denomination is to subscribe to Messenger, the denominational publication. There are 2,200 members in PSWD but there are only 352 Messenger subscriptions.

Nominations from the Floor at District Conference

I, _____, am willing to allow my name to be placed on the year _____ ballot as a nominee for the following position of service: _____

Nominated by: 1 st _____ 2 nd _____
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Personal Information: *(make enough copies to be distributed to the delegates, about 100)*

Name:	Age (optional):
Congregation:	
Vocation:	
Church Experience:	
Vision Statement:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

Suggestions for the Next District Conference Ballot

Dear Nominating Committee, for District Conference Ballot:		
I, _____, suggest that you consider: <small>your name your telephone</small>		
Name:	Email:	
Church:	Tele:	
Position:	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderator Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Program Committee <input type="checkbox"/> District Board <input type="checkbox"/> Hillcrest Nominee <input type="checkbox"/> Camp La Verne Nominee <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> General Board, Elgin <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Youth / Young Adult	

Dear Nominating Committee, for District Conference Ballot:		
I, _____, _____, suggest that you consider:		
your name	your telephone	
Name:	Email:	
Church:	Tele:	
Position: <input type="checkbox"/> Moderator Elect <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Program Committee <input type="checkbox"/> District Board <input type="checkbox"/> Hillcrest Nominee <input type="checkbox"/> Camp La Verne Nominee <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> General Board, Elgin <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Youth / Young Adult		

Suggestions for Board Appointments

Dear District Board of Administration, when you make Board Appointments this coming year,	
I, _____, suggest that you consider:	
_____	_____
your name	your telephone
Name:	Email:
Church:	Tele:
Their skills and areas of expertise:	

Dear District Board of Administration, when you make Board Appointments this coming year,	
I, _____, _____, suggest that you consider:	
your name	your telephone
Name:	Email:
Church:	Tele:
Their skills and areas of expertise:	

District Conference Program Committee Report

Committee Members:

Annette Martin, Chair (Glendora) *until May 2012*
Jack Storne, Moderator, Chair *starting June 2012*
Brenda Isaacs, Member (Bakersfield)
Berkley Davis (Pomona Fellowship)
Kirsten Storne-Piazza (Live Oak) *starting June 2012*
Jim LeFever, Moderator-Elect

Ex-Officio Members of the Committee:

Board Chair, Don Fancher
District Executive: Don Booz
District Youth Advisor, Dawna Welch
PSW Women's President: Virginia Diaz

On-Site Coordinators:

Linda & Richard Hart

The 2011 District Conference was held at Hillcrest Homes in La Verne, and featured Eric Law of the Kaleidoscope Institute as the keynote speaker. There were 215 persons registered for the conference. 189 persons registered on-line for conference, meals and insight sessions. Evaluations of the conference were positive, and there was strong affirmation for our second welcome at Hillcrest. We extend our thanks to 2011 Moderator Karen Walters and Program Committee member Russ Matteson, who served six years on the committee.

A new item of business passed a date and location recommendation for future District Conferences. In summary the recommended date is annually on the second Saturday of November. The recommended site rotation is:

- 2 years at a site in the Los Angeles/Southern California area;
- 1 year at a site in the Phoenix, Arizona area;
- 2 years at a site in the Los Angeles/Southern California area;
- 1 year at a site in the Sacramento/Northern California area.

This year, 2012, we are meeting again in Southern California. For 2013 the Program Committee has reserved November 8-13 at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The Program Committee covers the cost of Moderator travel throughout the district, as well as expenses for the Program Committee to meet, and the costs of booklets, resource leadership and facilities used at the District Conference. Program Committee continues to use conference calls to conduct a significant portion of our business which

helps to keep costs lower.

The theme for the 2012 District Conference is “People Serving With Devotion” and draws on Matthew 25:35-40 for its inspiration. Moderator Jack Storne and the committee hope that this theme will help us explore how our congregations are strengthened with our service.

The 2012 District Conference will feature Dr. Richard F. Ward as our Keynote presenter. Rev. Ward is the Fred B. Craddock Professor of Preaching and Worship at Phillips



Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He will lead the Friday workshop on “Preaching & Public Speaking” and preach Sunday morning. We are also pleased that the denomination’s General Secretary Stan Noffsinger will be our speaker for Saturday evening.

District Youth Advisor, Dawna Welch, and the Youth Cabinet have planned another worthwhile set of conference activities for youth in grades six through twelve. Those in grades nine through twelve will be housed at District Conference as part of their activity fee.

This is our second year of online registration for conference. The online registration for insight sessions last year, was a real help in placing each session in the right size room.

The Program Committee looks forward to seeing you all in Arizona at the Franciscan Renewal Center for the 2013 District Conference.

District Conference Program Committee



PSWD Board of Administration

= second 3 year term, x = unexpired term ending



**Thanks to all for your gift of service to the district.
Special thanks to those who have completed
their term of service as listed by year below.**

Policy Board:

Chair: #2013 Don Fancher (La Verne)

Vice-Chair: 2013 Marye Martinez (Modesto)

Recording Secretary: Clerk: #2012 Laura Miller (Papago Buttes)

2011	Paige Butzlaff (La Verne)	Youth / Young Adult
2014	Richard Downhour (Papago Buttes)	
2014	Phyllis Eller (Pomona Fellowship)	
#2012	Nohemi Flores (Cristo Sion)	Youth / Young Adult
2013	Lois Frantz (Empire)	
2012	John Gingrich (La Verne)	
2013	Reba Herder (La Verne)	Section Rep. S.CA-E
2012	Mauricio Iacueli (Circle of Peace)	Section Rep. AZ
2013	James Isaacs (Bakersfield)	
#2014	John Jackson (Glendale)	Section Rep. S.CA-W
#2014	Norman Johnson (Waterford)	Section Rep. N.CA
#2012	Janelle Keeling (Bakersfield)	
2012	Julie Park (Glendale)	Youth / Young Adult
2012	Karen Pierson (Living Savior)	Section Rep. Cen.CA
#2014	Elizabeth Rowan (Pasadena)	
2013	Sam Spire (Circle of Peace)	
2014	Mike Wolfson (La Verne)	
2012	Richard Zapata (Príncipe de Paz/Santa Ana)	until July 2012

Ex-Officio with vote

Moderator: Jack Storne (Live Oak)

Moderator-Elect: Jim LeFever (Glendale)

Clerk: Laura Miller (Papago Buttes)

Ex-Officio without vote

District Executive Minister: Don Booz

Treasurer: Larry Woodruff (La Verne)

Standing Committee Delegate: Marlin Heckman (La Verne)

Executive Board: (Chosen each year by the Policy Board)

Chair: Don Fancher (La Verne)

Vice-Chair: Marye Martinez (Modesto)

Ministry Chair: John Jackson (Glendale)

Stewards Chair: Richard Downhour (Papago Buttes)

Moderator: Jack Storne (Live Oak)

Moderator-Elect: Jim LeFever (Glendale)

District Executive Minister (Ex-Officio without vote): Don Booz

Ministry Commission: *(Members chosen each year by the Executive Board)*

Ministry Chair: John Jackson (Glendale)

Elected Member: Karen Pierson (Living Savior)

Elected Member: Mauricio Iacueli (Circle of Peace)

Non-elected Member: Bill Haldeman-Scarr (Pomona Fellowship)

Non-elected Member: Jennie Bennett Agostini (Live Oak)

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister; Moderator; Board Chair

Stewards Commission: *(Members chosen each year by the Executive Board)*

Stewards Chair: Richard Downhour (Papago Buttes)

Elected Member: John Gingrich (La Verne)

Elected Member: Norman Johnson (Waterford)

Elected Member: Elizabeth Rowan (Pasadena)

Non-elected Member: Richard Zapata (Príncipe de Paz)(until March 2012)

Non-elected Member: Mike Boeger (Live Oak)

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister, Moderator, Board Chair, Treasurer

Board of Administration Report

When someone refers to “the work of the District,” there is the temptation to think the reference is to the work of the District Executive, or perhaps the whole District staff. Sometimes the reference is to the work done by the committees, commissions, and the board of PSWD. The work of the District certainly includes all of these. We know that these efforts are important.

What is more important to keep in focus is that the work of the District is much greater than the sum of all these. The work of the District is being done in twenty-three congregations scattered across California and Arizona. The work of the District is being done when our members gather for worship. The work of the District is being done when our members provide safe care for children. The work of the District is being done when our members share their faith convictions with other folk with whom they work and play.

There are some things we do as a District that encompass all the congregations. There are some things that we do as a District that individual congregations cannot do. When we act as the Board of Administration or one of the commissions or committees of the District, our aim is to enable and encourage the congregations and all their members to live out their faith calling.

This year, the Board and its commissions and committees dealt with a number of concerns. Only a few are highlighted here.

The South Bay congregation entered into a unique relationship with Journey Covenant Church. The South Bay congregation and the District developed a Covenant of Understanding. This covenant articulated the Brethren polity with regard to church property and pastoral leadership. This covenant was later modified and is used with congregations receiving grants from the District.

The Church Planting and Revitalization Committee has continued to equip itself by studying some of the material available on the two foci of the committee’s task. Growing out of that study and the discussions that followed came two Resolutions: “Resolution: Church Planting” and “Resolution: Church Revitalization.” These Resolutions will be before you during this District Conference.

The Nominating Committee brought a recommendation to the Board that the District Conference Program and Arrangements Committee be expanded from five to seven persons. That recommendation will also be before you.

In reviewing the function of the Nominating Committee and of the District Conference Program and Arrangements Committee, the Executive Board is bringing two proposals for changes. It is proposed that the Moderator serve as the chair of the Program and Arrangements Committee. It is also recommended that the Moderator-Elect serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee.

The Ministry Commission provided a

Ministers' Seminar and a Pastors' Retreat. A report on these events will be part of that Commission's report. The Nurturing and Credentialing Committee is accountable to the Ministry Commission. Licensing and Ordination recommendations were ably handled through that relationship.

The Stewards Commission has two committees that are accountable to it. The Investment Committee and the Grant Review Committee bring recommendations to the Stewards. The Stewards are also responsible for bringing the Ministry Investment Plan to the Executive Board.

This year our District Executive has had a significant role in providing direction for the denomination. The Board has been supportive of this work, and of the time and effort it has required. We are all indebted to him for his ministry with us and on our behalf.

All of the District staff deserve our commendation for their commitment, skill, and dedication.

Thanks be to God!

Don Fancher, Board Chair



2011 District Conference Officers receiving the 2011 District Youth Cabinet

Ministry Commission Report

Ministry Commission:

John Jackson, chair
Mauricio Iacueli, vice-chair
Jennie Bennett Agostini
Bill Haldeman-Scarr
Karen Pierson

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister;
Moderator; Board Chair

The Ministry Commission continues to use the PSWD 2007 Unity Statement as our guidance in our work. While we embrace the entire statement, we focus on the last two sentences:

“Not focusing on our differences, but in the spirit of love and acceptance, we choose to focus on Christ. We purpose to remain open, as we listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit, working in love to mutually support and encourage our various ministries.”

Through this Unity Statement the Ministry Commission directs itself towards two goals:

- 1) Increasing the unity and education of the Licensed and Ordained Ministers in PSWD.
- 2) Working with our District Executive to make sure every congregation (and ministry) in PSWD

has a spiritually called, appropriately educated, and properly credentialed Pastor/Chaplain.

In regards to our first goal “increasing unity and education” the Ministry Commission has previously held an “All Minister’s Workshop” (open to all credentialed ministers) and a “Pastor’s Retreat” (open to Pastors/Chaplains actively serving our congregations/institutions).

While both events have been very successful and influential we have decided to keep the “Pastor’s Retreat” the same and transform the “All Minister’s Workshop” into an education event that will take place starting the Thursday noon before the 2013 District Conference.

Thus we are transforming the “All Minister’s Workshop” into more of an education event in order to increase the effectiveness of Pastors/Chaplains in the areas of Preaching, Biblical Knowledge, and Pastoral Leadership. The Ministry Commission provides enough support so that all our qualified ministers can afford to attend these events. I want to also emphasize that these events are lead by outstanding/qualified/spiritual teachers.

In regards to our second goal we wish to commend our District Executive, Don Booz, for his effective and determined efforts in helping our congregations call excellent pastoral leadership. It is our prayer that “spiritually called, appropriately educated, and properly credentialed Pastors” will lead to the spiritual and numerical growth of our congregations through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Ministry Commission is also grateful to John Price for securing and encouraging mentors for our Licensed Ministers, Jim Martinez for overseeing our TRIM and SeBah Educational programs that provide an educational track for our Licensed Ministers who cannot attend seminary, and to Janet Ober and the Nurturing and Credentialing Committee for their excellent (and indispensable) work in interviewing candidates for Licensed and Ordained Ministry.

The Ministry Commission supports our TRIM and SeBah students by covering 75% of their entire educational expenses. In return we require our TRIM and SeBah students to fully commit and complete their educational requirements or lose their funding.

Our prayers are also with Dylan Haro who is attending his final year of seminary at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana. We support Dylan through a \$3,000 yearly grant (which would convert to a no interest loan if he decides not to go into a Brethren Ministry). We have budgeted to continue this support in future years if another PSWD

potential minister is called to enroll in Bethany in the fall of 2013.

In looking towards the future the Ministry Commission is aware of proposed changes the 2013 Annual Conference may make in regards to the Licensing and Ordination of Ministers. The current draft of the proposal might not be in the best interest of the PSWD. However, PSWD, is dedicated to discerning the spiritual calling of ministers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Hopefully, if Annual Conference adopts these changes, there will be enough provisions adopted to allow PSWD to continue in a way that makes sense to our unique ministry settings.

Outside of the Pacific Coast and Arizona it seems our denomination is struggling with unity. Fortunately, while we certainly have our differences, PSWD has chosen to focus on Christ. The Ministry Commission is committed to continuing the unity of clergy in PSWD.

In conclusion it is our continued prayer, program, and vision that the Licensed and Ordained Pastors of PSWD will choose not to focus on our differences - but on Christ.

John Jackson

Ministry Commission Chair

The Ministry Commission extends our gratitude to those appointed by our commission:

NACC: Nurturing & Credentialing Committee:

#2013 Chair, Janet Ober

2012 Jerry Davis

#2014 Elizabeth Rowan

2015 Erin Matteson

x2016 Don Shankster

Ex-Officio: Ministry Commission Chair,
District Moderator, District Board Chair,
District Executive Minister

Mentor Overseer: John Price

TRIM / SeBAH Coordinator: Jim Martinez

NACC: Nurturing & Credentialing Committee

The Nurturing and Credentialing Committee serves as an advisory subcommittee to the District Ministry Commission. It supervises the process by which candidates for licensing and ordination are prepared and interviewed for ministerial leadership in the Pacific Southwest District. Our membership this year is made up of Janet Ober, chair (la Verne), Jerry

Davis (Pomona Fellowship), Elizabeth Rowan (Pasadena), Erin Matteson (Modesto), and Don Shankster (Papago Buttes). Ex-Officio Members may include the District Executive Minister, Don Booz, the District Moderator, Jack Storne, the District Board Chair, Don Fancher, and any member of the Ministry Commission.

This year we have met twice, in March and October, to discern the ministry preparedness of several candidates. The committee also reviewed the reports of licensees and their mentors to recommend their re-licensing.

The work of the NACC requires a great deal of prayer and preparation. We take very seriously our call to be a place of discernment and nurture for the prospective ministerial leaders of our district. I am grateful to all of you who serve as well as those who uphold us with your encouragement and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Rowan

TRIM: Training in Ministry
SeBAH: Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano
Hispanic Anabaptist Seminary

The PSWD have students enrolled in both TRIM and SeBAH. Currently there are six students in our TRIM program and another six students in SeBAH. Both programs are designed as educational options

for persons who are unable to commit to a full-time college and seminary training.

TRIM provides: A Bethany Seminary Experience, A Brethren College Experience, An Ecumenical event, Both District and Conference experience and a Supervised Ministry Experience.

SeBAH provides: An alternative means of training that promotes a Hispanic-biblical-theological identity which is faithful to the Anabaptist heritage.

If you are interested in either of these programs contact our PSWD office (909) 392-4049, FrontDesk@pswd.org or Jim Martinez/PSWD TRIM/SeBAH Coordinator (209) 523-0449, ezjamm@AOL.com

Jim Martinez
District Coordinator for TRIM & SeBAH

Mentor Overseer

As PSWD Mentor Overseer I had a quiet year this past year. As far as I know the Mentor relationships are working well. I do try to keep in touch with as many of the Licensees as possible. When more come on board I will be attempting to get more mentors. Most of our qualified personal for mentors are busy mentoring.

Yours sincerely,
John E. Price, Mentor Overseer

Stewards Commission Report

Stewards Commission:

Richard Downhour, chair
John Gingrich
Norman Johnson
Elizabeth Rowan
Richard Zapata (*until March 2012*)
Mike Boeger

Ex-officio members: District Executive Minister,
Moderator, Board Chair, Treasurer

The duties of the Stewards Commission are:

- A. Aids and challenges the churches and other District groups to be faithful stewards of God-given resources;
- B. Promotes programs of general stewardship education and enlistment;
- C. Encourages support for the general work of the board, commissions, and Task Groups and for specific projects;

- D. Supervises the financial interests of the district;
- E. Safeguards and utilizes the property, assets and equipment of the District; and
- F. Recommends the annual budget.

We spent time discussing the Ministry Investment Plan.

- We reviewed it carefully to make sure our overhead was still reasonable and was designed to serve the needs of our member congregations.
- Our budgeted level of grants for 2012 was \$340,000. We projected several different scenarios of future income and grants in detail, but concluded that they were all hypothetical and depended on too many unknowns to be meaningful.
- So we decided that it would be best if we remained committed to the grant guidelines we have in place, but remain very flexible as income

and needs change in the future. We don't want to just sit on assets or to spend them all and become broke.

- So for 2013 we are projecting grants up to \$250,000, but not setting this as an absolute ceiling if there are necessary and urgent needs.

We reviewed the returns from our investments and decided after the first quarter of 2012 that it would be in the District's best interest to have them invested primarily in Brethren Benefit Trust's Brethren Foundation. As of 12/31/2011, we had about \$5.8 million invested in two firms. In 2011 the S&P 500® was flat, but BBT had a positive return, with reasonable risk, and in line with traditional Brethren values.

The Grant Review Committee processes grant requests and Stewards consider loan requests. Both committees are committed to helping congregations, consistent with good stewardship of district resources.

At the time of this writing, we are considering a loan to a second church for installation of solar equipment. After special donations and periodic rebates, the loan repayments should be about equal their energy savings. And this can be another evidence of our values to the community.

Keep us all in your prayers, as we strive to do what Jesus would have us do.

Richard Downhour
PSWD Stewards Commission Chair

Grant Review Committee Report

Grant Review Committee (GRC):

Mike Wolfson, Chair
Jerry Davis
Mary Jo Swartz
Jim Martinez
Richard Zapata (*until March 2012*)

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister, Board
Chair, Stewards Chair, Moderator

The Grant Review Committee (GRC) has been appointed to review grant applications and grant reports and make recommendations to the Stewardship Commission. (The GRC is a sub-committee of the Stewards Commission.)

Last year, the GRC received twelve Grant Requests for 2012. Churches requesting grants for 2012 were visited by members of the GRC to assure a clear understanding as to the nature of the requests and the needs for the funding. Out of these, nine were recommended for inclusion in the Ministry Investment Plan for a total of \$340,405.

This year, we have recommended to the Stewards Commission that the following six churches to be included in the 2013 Ministry Investment Plan for a total of \$230,520:

- Glendale, CA: \$36,000 for pastoral support for the continued growth of an urban multi-cultural church.
- Iglesia de Cristo Sion, Pomona: \$35,520 for pastoral support to facilitate programs and outreach focused at youth and families in a growing Hispanic fellowship.
- Imperial Heights, Los Angeles: \$42,000 for pastoral support focused at the rebirth of a multi-cultural church.
- Pomona Fellowship, Pomona: \$42,000 for pastoral support in specific outreach ministries.
- Restoration L.A., Los Angeles: \$40,000 for pastoral support for growing urban congregation.
- Waterford: \$35,000 for pastoral support focused at bringing the message of love to the local community.

Members of the GRC will be available at District Conference to answer questions or receive input on the grant process.

Respectfully submitted
Mike Wolfson
Chair: Grant Review Committee

Pacific Southwest District – Church of the Brethren
Giving to the District by Congregations, Individuals and Groups
January 1 to December 31, 2011

Church ID #	Name of Church	General Fund	*Per Capita Giving	* 2011 Members
32-010	Bakersfield	\$2,000	\$24.10	83
32-145	Central Evangelical (Los Angeles)	\$0	??	unknown
32-025	Church of the Living Savior (McFarland)	\$1,870	??	unknown
32-028	Circle of Peace (Peoria, AZ)	\$1,400	\$17.72	79
32-270	Cornerstone Community (Reedley)	\$0	\$0.00	63
32-040	Empire	\$0	\$0.00	67
32-070	Glendale	\$800	\$18.60	43
32-080	Glendora	\$710	??	unknown
32-083	Iglesia de Cristo Genesis (Los Angeles)	\$30	\$0.49	61
32-037	Iglesia de Cristo Sion (Pomona)	\$0	\$0.00	53
32-150	Imperial Heights (Los Angeles)	\$0	\$0.00	68
32-090	Laton	\$500	\$10.42	48
32-100	La Verne	\$10,000	\$20.45	489
32-120	Live Oak	\$2,120	\$25.24	84
32-190	Modesto	\$2,153	\$9.92	217
32-193	New Harvest (Lindsay)	\$250	??	unknown
32-205	Papago Buttes (AZ)	\$2,550	\$34.93	73
32-210	Paradise Community	\$0	??	unknown
32-220	Pasadena	\$1,000	\$45.45	22
32-250	Pomona Fellowship	\$1,650	\$25.38	65
32-290	Prince of Peace (Sacramento)	\$350	\$4.17	84
32-322	Príncipe de Paz (Santa Ana)	\$1,150	\$7.77	148
32-280	Restoration L.A.	\$1,000	\$11.63	86
32-300	San Diego First	\$575	\$12.78	45
32-330	South Bay (Redondo Beach)	\$0	\$0.00	61
32-340	Tucson	\$534	\$19.78	27
32-350	Waterford	\$950	\$12.34	77

Sub-Total

\$31,592

\$16.12

1960

	PSWD Women's Fellowship	\$400
	Pomona Fellowship Women's Fellowship	\$200
	Designated: Children's Disaster Services	\$550
	Designated: New Life Newsletter	\$35
	Individual Giving	\$7,696

Sub-Total

\$8,881

GRAND TOTAL

\$40,473

** The above per-capita calculation is based on the 2011 Statistical Information report listing membership on 12/31/11. If the report was not received by the printing date, membership is listed as "unknown."*



Thank you !

The Policy Board thanks those who accepted appointments and task group assignments during the past year. Most appointments are for one year, longer appointments list the concluding year. The Executive Board aims at making appointments between District Conference and the end of the year so that appointees can begin their work in January. Please give us suggestions for next year with the forms on the information table, and on pages [13-14](#) above.

Financial Appointments

Treasurer: (authorized signatory) Larry Woodruff (La Verne)

Other Authorized Signatories: (yearly appointment) Ferne Schechter (La Verne), Mary Kay Ogden (La Verne)

Historical Committee

District By-Laws, Article III.K.2.

Marlin Heckman (La Verne), *Ex-Officio: Board Chair, Moderator, District Executive Minister*

Shalom Team (5-Year Term ending)

District By-Laws, Article III.K.1.

2012 John Lahman (Circle of Peace)

2013 Marty Farahat (Modesto)

2014 Barbara Brandt (Live Oak)

2015 Mike Wolfen (La Verne)

2016 vacant

District Disaster Response Coordinator

Network Chair: Lyndall Frantz (Empire)

Church Planting and Revitalization Committee

2014 Phyllis Eller (Pomona)

2014 Phillip Heidt (South Bay)

2013 Terry Mathis (La Verne)

2012 David Radcliff (Circle of Peace)

2014 Erica Schatz (South Bay)

2012 Ann Weaver (Waterford)

Margaret Carl Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Applications for Bibles, tracts, etc. are available from the PSWD Office.

Administrator: Robert Earhart, Trustee (La Verne)

Advisory Committee Members:

x2012 Larry Woodruff (La Verne)

2014 Marlin Heckman (La Verne)

2013 Joe Schechter (La Verne)

Investment Committee

Manages investments with our investment partners, based on performance assessments.

Chair: At large-(2012) Elizabeth Rowan (Pasadena)

District Executive (*ex-officio w/o vote*)

Moderator

Stewards Chair (*ex-officio w/vote*)

Treasurer-Larry Woodruff (La Verne) (*ex-officio w/vote*)

Ministerial Ethics Committee: (5-Year Term ending)

2016 Richard Hart (Pomona Fellowship)

Alternates for District Executive Minister:

2012 Russ Matteson (Modesto)

#2016 Richard Hart (Pomona Fellowship)

2013 Mary Kay Ogden (La Verne)

Ex-Officio: (with vote), Ministry Chair

#2014 Joe Schechter (La Verne)

Ex-Officio: (without vote), District Executive Minister

#2015 Deb Merrifield-Carothers (Circle of Peace)

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A Remarkable Brethren Community

- In following our Brethren roots of Peacefully Simply Together
- On-site Chaplain
- Three Brethren churches within 5 miles of Hillcrest
- University of LaVerne is walking distance from Hillcrest and offers low cost active senior audit programs
- The Interfaith Festival, Doctor's Symphony and shuttles to cultural art societies
- Community Gardens
- Great location, campus and weather
- Hillcrest offers all levels of care! You will be welcomed with open arms and enjoy the love and comfort of lifelong friends!



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Remarkable Residents



{ Residents Jerry & Berkley Davis }

Jerry and Berkley Davis are very involved at Hillcrest, participating in several aspects of campus life. Jerry heads up Channel 3, the community's in-house television station, while Berkley serves on the management team of the Hillcrest gift shop and assists with the production of "Hillcrest Happenings," the community's resident newsletter. "There is more to do and learn here than one can imagine," says Jerry. "I think we made a good choice in Hillcrest!"



{ Resident Shantil Bhagat }

"Hillcrest, a model community for retirement: orderly not chaotic, unambiguously secure living with caring residents, friendly responsive associates and staff, top-rated physical facilities for swimming, exercising, dining, and nursing & healthcare. You are in experienced hands at Hillcrest, why go somewhere else?"



{ Chaplain Tom Hofstetter }

"Hillcrest... what a great place to live and work! As chaplain, I am privileged to participate in the spiritual life of many of the residents and the community as a whole. Opportunities abound for worship at all levels of care, bible studies, phone devotions, sharing and inspiration to meet a variety of needs and expectations. The care for neighbors, the interaction and activity of residents, the desire to learn and grow, and the beautiful facilities and surroundings all work together to make Hillcrest a remarkable place. Come and see!"

President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge

The University of La Verne will join President Obama's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge for the 2012-13 academic year. The President's Interfaith Challenge emphasizes interfaith cooperation and community service as an important way to build understanding between different communities and contribute to the common good. With the full support of President Lieberman, La Verne will take part in this initiative. Zandra Wagoner, University Chaplain, will lead this effort and she will work closely with the student-led Better Together Campaign to create opportunities for our campus community to build interfaith engagement while also positively contributing to the common good. Zandra attended a White House sponsored gathering in Washington D.C. in July 2012. She represented La Verne on a panel of institutions who are joining the Campus Challenge for 2012-13, speaking about why it is important for La Verne to participate in the President's Interfaith Campus Challenge and what we hope to accomplish.



La Verne's Migrant Education Summer Institute

Nearly 50 high schoolers, children of migrant workers, will be staying at La Verne for a month. During their stay, they will be taught bilingually by La Verne faculty and graduate students. They will be housed in the dorms to experience college life. Also, in the midst of the program, the university and the Office of Education will arrange for transportation to get the students' parents on campus. This is pivotal as many of these parents are unfamiliar with higher education and while here they will envision their children being part of the American Dream for which they work so hard.

Additionally, the students will be tutored for the California High School Exit Exam so they can graduate and ideally see college as the next step. They will be empowered to become advocates for themselves and not get lost in the public school system, regardless of the new language they are learning and/or any limitations they may feel. This is the second year the university has hosted this event.

Vista La Verne

Creating the new residence hall is part of the university's 10-year Master Plan for Campus Development. Vista La Verne will be a stylish, on-campus home for 378 students. The units will be suite style with each unit having two single rooms, two double rooms and private bathrooms. The new residence hall helps address a shortage in housing and attract new residential undergraduate students. Vista La Verne will be four stories high with the bookstore and other small businesses on the ground floor.

16 Summer Service Volunteers this year

La Verne has added some new placements, expanding our partnerships with new faith communities and community agencies. Two of our students are placed with the Baha'i community of Rancho Cucamonga assisting with community programs for youth and older adults. We also have a student placed with Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), a Los Angeles based agency working with the interfaith community to create economic justice in the region. We are looking to expand our offerings next summer to include other faith traditions as well. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain leadership skills, contribute positively to the community, and to immerse themselves in a cross-cultural, interreligious experience.

Better Together Campaign

This is a new student-led initiative at the University of La Verne. The Better Together campaign, led by the La Verne Interfaith Student Council, is a new initiative for students to voice their values, engage with others across their differences, and act together to make the world a better place for everyone. Four of our students were trained at a national Interfaith Leadership Institute, July 18-21 in Chicago. They are bringing back to campus their newly honed skills in interfaith collaboration and will launch the Better Together Campaign in the fall. They hope to engage the campus community in meaningful conversations across religious and non-religious identities and then work together to contribute positively to the community. They will partner with surrounding cities to work on community gardens and other environmental projects.

As always, we welcome Brethren students with open arms and offer a 1/5 tuition scholarship for the first year.

Zandra Wagoner, University Chaplain (909) 593-3511 x 4446



Camp La Verne

Camp La Verne invites you to enjoy the peace and simplicity of the San Bernardino Mountains at 6,770 feet. Enjoy Jenks Lake. Spend the night in our rustic cabins. In

Summer

... and Winter!



We are available all year round. Check out our website www.camplaverne.org

Thanks to our incredible Camp Directors, dedicated Board and fantastic staff, Pete and Linda Harrington, Camp La Verne continues to provide Brethren camping opportunities every summer for Junior High, Senior High and Middle School children.

Facilities are available for rent as well. This year the television show, Grey's Anatomy, used Camp as the location for their season finale; their donation is being used to refurbish the Lodge.

We are grateful to have this resource and we want to share it with as many people as we can. If you have ideas for Camp please let the Board know. We want to hear from you! E-mail us at clv@camplaverne.org



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Camp Peaceful Pines
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 Modesto, California 95358

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Camp Peaceful Pines stands as a symbol of Christian Ministry, continuing as an affiliated summer camping program of the PSWD of the Church of the Brethren for 60 years. What makes Camp Peaceful Pines a great place to go is the outdoor setting adjacent to the Carson Iceberg Wilderness and the experiences of faith through the various camps, Junior to Senior High, the Family Camps, Discovery Camp and retreats.

This coming Summer of 2012 our program committee has filled the schedule with all ages and stages of camps with a rock solid leadership!! In June we have added a Women's camp and July has Youth Camp and Junior/Jr. High Camp along with Discovery Camp and Family Camp. The August camps have expanded to include a Beginners Camp, Married Couples and Men's Retreat.

Camp Peaceful Pines supports a physical property including buildings, kitchen, power supply, water system, roofs, and many other items. The Camp Board is in the process of finalizing the permits for building a new cabin. Thus far we have raised over \$15,000 to build this new cabin.

Camp Peaceful Pines expresses thanks to all who have faithfully contributed financially to the Camp during the past sixty years. To the churches that have put Camp Peaceful Pines as a line item in their church budget's thank you so much for your continued support and prayers!!

We want to encourage other fellowships and churches in the district to attend camp. Our web link www.camppeacefulpines.org



Please feel free to contact me directly via email:

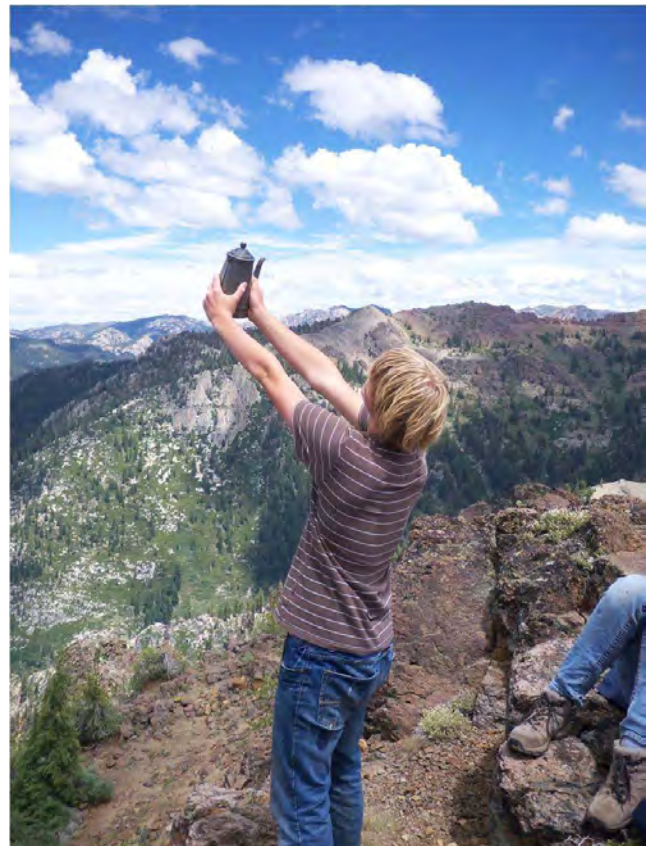
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Thank you for your support!!!

Garry Pearson,

Camp Peaceful Pines Camp Board Chair





"Says the Lord, 'When you pray, I will listen.
When your heart seeks Me, you will find Me.
When I am found by you,
I will gather you and bring you home again.'"

– Jeremiah 29:12-14 (NKJV)

The prophet wrote these words to the Hebrew people in exile, who needed to know that God had not forgotten them. For three years now, Jeremiah 29:4-14 has provided guidance and grounding for On Earth Peace in our ministries of violence-reduction and reconciliation.

Continuing in the spirit of God's promise of peace, future, and hope, in verses 12-14 we are reminded that God listens and responds to our faithfulness. We celebrate with those who have drawn near to God and the church through the ministries of On Earth Peace. We eagerly pray and seek God in our work and relationships with each of you.

As God gathers us and brings us home, we are invited to a life of shalom, which means peace, wholeness, right relationships, justice, and healing. It is the mission of On Earth Peace to work with those who are seeking shalom for themselves and their communities.

In this effort, we see our work as "full-spectrum peacemaking." This means we employ all of the gifts, skills, and insights God gives to reduce violence and build peace -- from the interpersonal to the international. Here are five examples of this ministry in the past year:

The Peace Day campaign supports more than 125 congregations each year in their prayer witness for an end to violence, and in their peace-building work in their local communities.

The Agape-Satyagraha Youth Leadership Training program is serving youth in California, Delaware, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Over 150 people each year attend Song & Story Fest, an inter-generational camp focused on living our faith and filled with music and storytelling.

The Ministry of Reconciliation program provides educational events and direct services to congregations and the wider church as we seek to build healthy communities and positive ways of addressing conflict.

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On Earth Peace is addressing issues of racism, poverty, and violence in partnership with local leaders and congregations.

Last year, in more than 20 districts of the Church of the Brethren, youth grew in faith and discipleship, congregations developed community ministries, church leaders gained spiritual depth and leadership skills, and children expressed their vision of a peaceful world. Thank you so much for your partnership in these ministries.

From the board and staff of On Earth Peace



Peace and God's blessings to the moderator, delegates, and members of Pacific Southwest District!

We're all in this together. Mutuality is a core principle behind Brethren Benefit Trust, the benefits provider and financial advocacy agency of the Church of the Brethren. BBT provides support to many different types of people — Brethren pastors, church workers, retirement community employees — and many different types of organizations — Brethren churches, agencies, and affiliated organizations.

Through its ministry areas, which include retirement benefits, socially responsible asset management, insurance services, and financial education, BBT seeks to fulfill the needs of those whom it is called to serve. We are committed to listening to and learning from our more than 5,000 members and clients. May we continue to serve your district and the denomination for years to come.

Investments

Sound investment management is at the center of the work BBT performs on behalf of members and clients affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. 2011 was not an easy year for organizations with this mission. The markets in 2011 rallied during the first six months, but then bounced up and down through the third and fourth quarters of 2011. This unsteady activity adversely impacted a number of BBT investments, which tend to lag slightly related to their benchmarks during up-market cycles and outperform their benchmarks during down-market cycles.

Our rigorous monitoring process involves BBT's investment staff members and the BBT Board's Investment Committee. Staff members review investment returns monthly and speak with the eight investment managers on a quarterly basis.

BBT continues to focus on investment manager performance, and the staff and Board will make decisions based on the long-term needs of its members and clients.

Church of the Brethren Pension Plan

This nearly 70-year-old ministry serves more than 4,750 current and former employees of congregations and denominational organizations. Every month, over 1,650 annuitants receive a monthly benefit in the form of a check or direct deposit.

BBT's Board and staff initiated a top-to-bottom review of Brethren Pension Plan in 2010 — a process that led to the selection of a new record keeper in the first half of 2012. This new record keeping solution has been chosen to oversee the administrative functions of the Plan and to offer members and Plan sponsors a vastly improved Web interface.

Revitalizing the Retirement Benefits Fund continues to be a major focus of the Pension Plan staff. At the end of 2008, the RBF — from which monthly annuity payments are made — was only 68.5 percent funded. Actuarial data received in March indicates that the RBF was 78 percent funded as of Dec. 31, 2011. This is positive news, and we continue to explore ways to return the RBF to fully funded status so that it will meet its benefit obligations for the lifetimes of all our annuitants.

Employee Financial Services

Through the Church Workers' Assistance Plan, \$124,261 was distributed to the active and retired Church of the Brethren pastors who needed it most. In 2011 and 2012, Scott Douglas, director of Employee Benefits, led many educational sessions at employer groups and Brethren conferences covering a variety of topics pertaining to retirement savings and personal finance.



Brethren Foundation

BFI helps Brethren organizations and members be good stewards of their assets through investment and deferred gift options. Assets under management at the end of 2011 were \$138,404,596, an increase of \$2,892,531 (2.1 percent) over the total under management on Dec. 31, 2010, of \$135,512,065. At the end of 2011, BFI was managing assets for 169 organizations and 193 individual clients. For the five-year period ending on Dec. 31, 2011, all of BFI's investment funds that have a five-year performance history outperformed their benchmarks.

The debut of BFI's online account management system occurred in late September. By the end of 2011, representatives from 18 percent of BFI's organizational clients had registered for online access to account information.

In 2012, BFI added five tactical asset managed funds to provide organizations and churches with diversified investment options that serve their specific needs. These funds of BFI funds are actively managed by an investment adviser and are available to organizational clients for an additional management fee.

Church of the Brethren Insurance Services

Brethren Medical Plan more than doubled the number of employer groups for which it provides health insurance, and Brethren Insurance Services served 1,180 employees of Brethren-affiliated churches and organizations through its medical and ancillary insurance products.

Wellness is a strong focus for Insurance Services, and it emphasizes prevention and healthful living through several channels, including a wellness initiative for participating medical plan groups, an electronic newsletter called Insurance Update, and the promotion of National Walk @ Lunch Day. Long-Term Care Insurance continues to be available to all Church of the Brethren employees and members, as well as their families and friends.

Work began in late 2011 and continues into 2012 to transition the medical plan from a self-funded to a fully insured model. This change is precipitated by the increasingly competitive and highly regulated environment and will allow BBT to better manage the costs and risks associated with this program.

We are One in the Spirit

Our members and clients are the bedrock of BBT; we humbly accept their call to provide them with benefits and asset management services. Together, we will grow individually and collectively across the denomination. Thank you for your continued support and trust in the Board and staff of BBT. It is an honor and a privilege for us to share in the gifts of the spirit with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nevin Dulabaum".

Nevin Dulabaum
President



"Bethany Theological Seminary equips spiritual and intellectual leaders with an Incarnational education for ministering, proclaiming, and living out God's shalom and Christ's peace in the church and world."

— MISSION STATEMENT

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2011-2012

Major Initiatives

- The Seminary completed the second year of its 2010-2015 strategic plan, approved by the board of trustees in March 2010. Several priorities of the plan are reflected in the following two initiatives.
- The faculty are evaluating and restructuring Bethany's academic programs and curriculum, projecting to be completed by fall 2013. Objectives include: integrating all disciplines around the mission statement, revising degree program objectives, a new formation course for the MA program, increasing the number of emphases for students to select, and additional course offerings in evangelism and conflict management.
- Bethany has completed the private phase and first public year of its three-year \$5.9 million Reimagining Ministries campaign, having reached two-thirds of goal. Many volunteers have helped carry out 35 area meetings. The campaign goals include preparing students for multiple forms of ministry, new course offerings in evangelism and conflict management, and increased access to Bethany's resources.

Reaching the Wider Community

- A capacity crowd attended Bethany's fourth Presidential Forum, "Joy and Suffering in the Body: Turning toward Each Other." Keynote speaker Dr. James Forbes and five academic professionals in medicine, ecclesiology and sexuality, Christian history, religion and psychiatry, and biblical studies led the Forum.
- Exploring Your Call was again held in June, a ten-day seminar for high school students to explore faith and vocation through classes, congregational involvement, service projects, and personal and spiritual enrichment.
- Faculty and staff had a presence beyond the classroom within the Church of the Brethren, including numerous sermons and other church-related presentations, leadership in workshops and retreats, reports to district conferences, and insight sessions. All faculty also participated in professional conferences, presented papers, gave academic lectures, and/or had works published.

Additional Highlights

- Sixteen graduates received MDiv and MA degrees and Certificates of Achievement in Theological Studies.
- Two grants were received: (1) to support a faculty study on ministry in multifaith contexts and (2) to develop effective ways of encouraging personal and professional growth through the Ministry Formation program.
- A new study program in Marburg, Germany, will enable students to earn up to five credits while learning German, tutoring English and religion in the public schools, and becoming involved in a congregation.

You are invited to support Bethany Seminary by:

- Remembering Bethany with your continued prayers and personal and congregational support;
- Calling persons of all ages into ministry and encouraging those who work in other professions to attend Bethany for a semester or an intensive course;
- Envisioning new forms of ministry for master-of-divinity-trained persons, such as mentors of lay leaders in small congregations, Academy student supervisors, or coaches of pastors new to the Church of the Brethren.

Ruthann Knechel Johansen, president, and Carol Scheppard, chair 2010-12, Bethany board of trustees

BETHANY AND THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT: PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Students in graduate programs: 5 Students in the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership: 6
Financial support: \$19,782 from your district and congregations during fiscal 2011-12

To learn more about Bethany, visit our website at www.bethanyseminary.edu



Church of the Brethren

2012

To the Brothers and Sisters of the Pacific Southwest District,

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I appreciate the way Paul began his letter to the church in Philippi. He wrote:

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ, (Philippians 1:3-6).

As I write this brief epistle, my sentiments are very similar. I have been praying with joy, living with deep gratitude and looking forward to celebrating the good work God has begun in you.

While we continue the work of Jesus, it is important to allow Jesus to continue his work in us. God isn't finished with us yet. Each of our churches and all of our members need to be open to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. Paul puts it this way, *"For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure"* (Philippians 2:13). When we gather in Charlotte, North Carolina from June 29 to July 3, 2013, let's invite the living God to move in our midst to revive us, restore, and renew us.

I affectionately refer to the hymn, *Move in our Midst*, as the Brethren National Anthem. Ken Morse, who wrote the lyrics, was born in 1913 and so 2013 marks the 100th anniversary of his birth. It seems fitting to convene our 227th recorded Annual Conference under the theme *Move in our Midst*. The theme will be underscored by II Chronicles 7:14.

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Brothers and sisters, this is a challenging time for our church. We are not of one mind on a number of important issues and we haven't always been at our best as we've wrestled with our differences. As we gather in Charlotte, North Carolina next summer let us humble ourselves and pray that God will Move in our Midst, both to will and to work his good pleasure.

May the Lord bless us and keep us,

Bob Krous
2013 Annual Conference Moderator



Church of the Brethren

***“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood ...”
John 1:14a The Message***

Dear delegates and attendees of the 2012 Pacific Southwest District Conference,

This fresh interpretation of familiar scripture reminds us that the Word completely entered humanity. Jesus “moved into the neighborhood,” modeling a life of service and compassion while bringing the good news of transformation. He instructed his followers to not only share the good news, but to be with the poor, the prisoners, those whom we would least expect should be part of the kingdom of God.

As the Mission and Ministry Board and the staff of the Church of the Brethren continue the work of Jesus, we are aware of how far our neighborhood reaches.

During 2011, our ministries have taken us many places:

Brethren were invited into areas of preparation and growth through

- Christian Citizenship Seminar, where youth and advisors connected their faith with citizenship,
- National Junior High Conference, where 479 energetic youth and their advisors explored the theme “Piece by Piece: Finding Our Place within God’s Story,”
- National Older Adult Conference, during which some 900 participants considered their “Passion and Purpose in a Changing World,”
- Ministry Summer Service, as 11 young adults explored ministry as a vocation,
- Staff-led workshops, retreats, courses, webinars, coaching, and worship services,
- New Brethren Press books and curriculum, and
- A Spanish language ministerial training program currently offered in two districts.

Brethren were led into lives of Christian service and compassion by

- 1,750 Brethren Disaster Ministries volunteers, who restored 80 homes and gave 11,054 work days,
- Specially trained Children’s Disaster Services volunteers and staff, who helped 1,502 children begin to process their disaster experiences,
- Material Resources staff, who facilitated 3,506 shipments of clothing, blankets, relief kits, and medical supplies to 50 states and 42 countries,
- 76 Brethren Volunteer Service workers in the United States and 11 countries,
- 607 youth and adults who volunteered their time during 28 workcamps, and
- 36 individuals choosing ordination and 57 becoming licensed to the ministry.

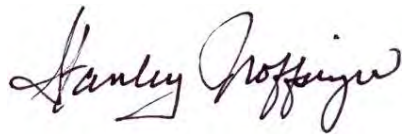
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Brethren were sent into places of witness and mission in the US and around the world, including

- Nigeria, where EYN theology students are being introduced to subjects such as conflict, forgiveness, peace theology, and reconciliation,
- The Dominican Republic, as the Dominican Brethren continue to mature as an emerging church,
- Southern Sudan, through re-established peace efforts,
- Spain and the Democratic Republic of Congo, where staff are responding to fledgling groups seeking affiliation with the Church of the Brethren,
- Washington, D.C., where Peace Witness staff and volunteers facilitated participation in advocacy and direct action events, and
- Kingston, Jamaica, as Brethren were among those bringing life to an Ecumenical Call for Just Peace.

What are the ways in which your congregation and district are taking Jesus into the neighborhood? Following Jesus requires engagement with the poor, the oppressed, the hungry. This means moving out of the sanctuary and into the neighborhood, sharing the message of God's grace.

May God's shalom and Christ's peace accompany you into the neighborhood.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stanley Noffsinger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stanley" and last name "Noffsinger" clearly distinguishable.

Stanley J. Noffsinger
General Secretary

P.S. See our full report at www.brethren.org/annualreport. And don't forget to check us out on Facebook (www.facebook.com/churchofthebrethren).



Church of the Brethren

May 2012

Brethren Disaster Ministries Report to District Conferences

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) engages volunteers to assist disaster survivors by rebuilding homes and providing services for children. BDM also responds to humanitarian crises around the globe through direct programming and partnerships.

Home Rebuilding

Home rebuilding volunteers have been tirelessly putting their faith in action by responding to several disasters this past year.

A rebuilding project in Pulaski, Va. has been ongoing in response to the April 2011 tornadoes that destroyed over 50 homes and damaged many others. The initial response by Virlina and Shenandoah District volunteers helped form the foundation for this project. In November 2011, BDM opened a recovery project in Arab, Ala. following the violent "2011 Super Outbreak" of tornadoes that had occurred in May.

BDM teams have also completed flood recovery projects in Ashland City and Bellevue, Tennessee, where numerous homes were rebuilt at higher elevations to protect them from future floods.

It is noteworthy that the longest BDM domestic response ended when the final Hurricane Katrina recovery project (St. Bernard Parish, La.) was completed in June 2011. During the nearly 6-year response, BDM volunteers repaired or rebuilt homes for over 500 families in 5 communities along the Gulf Coast, giving an estimated value of \$5,855,600 in labor.

In 2011, a total of 1,750 BDM volunteers restored 80 homes and gave 11,054 work days at an estimated value of \$1,888,900. To help carry out its disaster recovery work, BDM held three workshops in which 42 new project leaders were trained.

Children's Disaster Services

Children's Disaster Services (CDS) was quickly on the scene following the devastating, mile-wide tornado that ripped through Joplin, Mo. and claimed 141 lives on May 22, 2011. During this response, a total of 28 trained volunteers received 832 children for care in four different center locations.

The violent spring weather also called CDS volunteers to two other tornado responses in Tuscaloosa, Ala. and Springfield, Mass. Additional CDS responses followed extensive flooding in Minot, ND and Hurricanes Irene and Lee in Upstate New York. In total, 63 volunteers gave 5,226 hours of service while receiving 1,502 children for care.

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In each location, children received special care designed to relieve stress and encourage expression and playful communication while ministering to both child and family. This approach to children has gained a great deal of attention from other organizations, resulting in CDS being sought out to provide expertise on children. For example, CDS staff has written book chapters and several articles, collaborated with FEMA on the National Incident Management system, and provided content expertise for the National Commission on Children and Disaster.

International Responses

One of Brethren Disaster Ministries' most significant international responses has been the long-term recovery efforts following the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. The list of accomplishments includes home reconstruction, agriculture programs, construction of a new guesthouse for workcampers, medical programming, and trauma recovery. However, the real accomplishment has been sharing of the light of God's love to people lost in the chaos of disaster and profound poverty.

In addition to Haiti earthquake recovery, the past year saw other critical responses to challenging international disasters as well. After the Japanese earthquake, tsunami and subsequent nuclear reactor meltdown, BDM supported the comprehensive response of Church World Service (CWS), from feeding stations to decontamination to reconstruction and replacement of destroyed fishing gear.

The Church of the Brethren has provided strong support for the CWS response to the drought and famine plaguing millions of people in East Africa as well as in the Sahel region. Response efforts include both short-term humanitarian assistance and longer term future drought mitigation. As this crisis continues, BDM plans to provide additional support. BDM has also responded to flooding in Angola, Guatemala, Honduras, Thailand and Cambodia in the last year.

Financial Activity

BDM project expenses for 2011 totaled \$1,019,270, including \$550,960 for the Haiti earthquake response, \$257,310 for US home rebuilding projects, \$13,000 for CDS responses, and \$198,000 for other international relief efforts.

Brethren Disaster Ministries is supported and driven by church members, districts and concerned groups gathering to volunteer and offer financial support. We celebrate all who give of themselves so that BDM can minister to disaster survivors.

In Christ's Service,

Roy Winter

Roy Winter
Associate Executive Director

On behalf of BDM Staff - Judy Bezon, Elizabeth Mullich, Jane Yount, and Zachary Wolgemuth

Brethren Volunteer Service Annual Report

Summer 2012



Sharing God's Love through Acts of Service

Working for Peace
Advocating Justice

Caring for Creation
Serving Human Needs

Here are a few of the exciting and important things happening in BVS



BVS Retreat for domestic volunteers from Units 293 and 295 held at Dickson Valley Camp in Spring 2012

BVS currently has 73 volunteers

- 55 in the US
- 6 in Northern Ireland
- 3 in Germany
- 2 in the Republic of Ireland
- 2 in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- 3 in Japan
- 1 in El Salvador
- 1 in South Sudan

In 2011

- 59 new volunteers
- 4 orientation units
- 137 volunteers total

Today

- volunteers from age 19 to 68
- volunteers in 8 different countries
- volunteers in 15 different US states and Washington, D.C.

EIRENE named BVS's 2012 Partner in Service

EIRENE (Greek for peace) International Christian Service for Peace based out of Neuwied, Germany, is the recipient of BVS's 2012 Partners in Service Award. The award recognizes an individual, project, or congregation that has

demonstrated exceptional commitment in partnering with BVS to share God's love through acts of service. EIRENE is an ecumenical peace and development volunteer service program. Through BVS's partnership with EIRENE, young adults from Germany have come to the United States for a year of voluntary service as an alternative to serving in the military. EIRENE is also partnered with organizations in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, France, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Romania, Belgium and Canada.

EIRENE was started in 1957 by the Brethren Service Commission, the Mennonite Central Committee and International Fellowship of Reconciliation. Since its creation, 260 volunteers have served in BVS in the US through EIRENE and 1,983 volunteers have served throughout the world. Currently, there are 14 volunteers in BVS who came to the US through EIRENE.



Global Mission and Service reorganization

During a program and staff reorganization in September 2011, Brethren Volunteer Service, Brethren Disaster Ministries, Workcamps and Material Resources were pulled together under Roy Winter's leadership as the Associate Executive Director of Global Mission and Service. In this new alignment, BVS will be working more closely with Brethren Workcamps.

Emily Tyler, of Peoria, Arizona, was hired this spring and will join the Church of the Brethren as staff for Workcamp Coordinator and BVS recruitment. She will begin her work June 27th. Emily is a music and choir elementary school teacher and has taught in the public schools for the past five years. She is a member of the Circle of Peace Church of the Brethren, Phoenix, Arizona. Emily was one of the three BVS coordinators of the 2006 National Youth Conference. She comes with a rich experience in church and youth leadership.

The workcamp coordinator's primary role will be to give leadership and oversight to Brethren workcamps. Emily will supervise the two BVS workcamp volunteers. Next year, these positions will be filled by Katie Cummings of Weyers Cave, Virginia, a member of the Summit Church of the Brethren, and Tricia Ziegler of Sebring, Florida, a member of the Sebring Church of the Brethren. In addition, Emily will coordinate BVS recruitment efforts under the supervision of Dan McFadden.

Brethren Volunteer Service and Global Mission and Service welcome Emily, Katie, and Tricia to the Church of the Brethren staff.



Photo courtesy of Emily Tyler

Emily Tyler, the new coordinator of workcamps and volunteer recruitment.

Current Project Locations

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| • US (67) | • Africa (4) | • Europe (24) |
| • Latin America (7) | • Nigeria (3) | • Northern Ireland (7) |
| • El Salvador (3) | • South Sudan (1) | • Republic of Ireland (3) |
| • Guatemala (2) | | • Germany (6) |
| • Honduras (1) | • Haiti (1) | • France (2) |
| • Brazil (1) | • Japan (2) | • Bosnia-Herzegovina (3) |
| | | • Belgium (1) |
| | | • Hungary (1) |
| | | • Croatia (1) |

BVSers marry 52 years after their service together

Many volunteers say they got more out of their experience than they gave. This is especially true for Darle Good and Ray Leckrone. Below is their story as they met in BVS, went separate ways for over 50 years, and then reunited.

In the 1950s, the West Side Christian Parish in Chicago was one of several BVS inner-city projects in the United States. We were assigned to the Parish during that time. BVSers worked with youth clubs and assisted the Parish group ministry with worship services, church school classes, counseling services, technical assistance programs and administration. Darle worked as an administrative assistant in the office. Ray worked in the technical assistance

programs and as a youth club advisor. After our shared service time of about seven months in 1958 and 1959, our lives took separate paths for the next 52 years. We were both widowed when we met again in 2011. In November we were married and currently live in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. BVS deserves much of the credit for bringing us together.



Photo courtesy of Marie Willoughby

Darle (Bomberger) Good and Ray Leckrone at the 2011 National Older Adult Conference.

**Minutes of the
Forty-Eighth Annual District Conference
Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren**

November 12, 2011

Hillcrest Homes, La Verne, California

I. Call to Order

Moderator Karen Walters called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. with prayer.

II. Quorum

A roll call was taken. A quorum was declared to be present.

III. Announcements, Appointments, and Introductions of Special Guests and Others

A. District Executive Minister Don Booz was introduced. Timekeeper Maxine Ritchie was introduced. Tellers Shirley Crane, Shawn Carothers, Jim Weaver, and Richard Hart were introduced. Parliamentarian Russ Matteson was introduced.

B. A committee to verify the 2011 minutes was named: Linda Davis (Church of the Living Savior), Joe Schechter (La Verne), and Pat Royer (Modesto).

C. Special Guests introduced were Bob Gross, Lowell Flory, and Eric Law.

D. Matthew Neeley, Hillcrest CEO, welcomed the conference attendees and gave a background of Hillcrest Homes. Hillcrest Homes received a round of applause from the attendees in appreciation of their hosting the conference.

IV. Dedication of Delegates

The Delegates' Dedication Litany was read (Page 6 of the Business Book).

V. Introduction of the Conference Officers and Proper Procedures

The Policy Board Chair Don Fancher, Moderator-Elect Jack Storne, Moderator Karen Walters, and Clerk Laura Miller were introduced. Karen Walters directed the delegates to Pages 7-9 of the Business Book for proper procedures for the conference.

VI. Approval of 2010 Minutes

A. A committee of Pat Royer (Modesto), Linda Davis (Church of the Living Savior), and Kate Spire (Circle of Peace) had verified that the minutes are correct.

B. **Eric Bishop (La Verne) moved and Mauricio Iacueli (Circle of Peace) seconded to approve the minutes. Approved.**

VII. Approval of Agenda

Linda Davis (Church of the Living Savior) moved and John Heisel (Modesto) seconded to approve the agenda. Approved.

District Reports

VIII. District Executive Minister's Report

A. Don Booz spoke briefly and showed a short video about some of the things happening in the PSWD.

B. Don Booz introduced the new Youth Cabinet and the Youth Director, Dawna Welch. The Youth Cabinet was sworn in, and the Youth Cabinet was affirmed by the conference attendees.

C. Don Booz spoke about pastors, and the conference attendees showed their appreciation for the District's pastors and chaplains with a round of applause.

- 1 D. Don Booz showed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting some items happening in
2 the PSWD.
3 E. Don Booz spoke briefly about the anxiety in the denomination following the recent
4 Annual Conference.

5 **IX. Standing Committee Delegate Report**

6 Lucile Leard gave a report and directed the delegates to Page 13 of the Business Book. She
7 thanked the Conference for the opportunity to represent the PSWD at Annual Conference.
8 Lucile reported that nominees are needed for the national denomination and that she has the
9 necessary forms available. Lucile solicited self-nominations and nominations of others.

10 **X. Program Committee Report**

11 A. Russ Matteson gave a brief report and thanked Hillcrest for hosting this year's
12 conference. Russ thanked Linda Hart, Matthew Neeley, Karen Clobes, and Neil Fancher
13 for their work in making the conference successful.

14 **B. Recommendation for District Conference Date and Locations**

- 15 1. Russ Matteson directed the delegates to Page 66 of the Business Book for the new
16 business item "Recommendation for District Conference Date and Locations."
17 He spoke briefly about the need to hold the District Conference in different
18 locations around the District. Discussion was held.
19 2. **This comes as a recommendation from the Program Committee. Approved.**

20 **XI. Report from the Pacific Southwest District Board**

21 A. Board Chair Don Fancher directed the delegates to Page 18 for his report and thanked the
22 members of the PSWD who have supported the ministry of the Churches of the Brethren
23 locally and the District with time, talent, and money. He thanked the members of the
24 Board of Administration for their work and acknowledged those who have finished their
25 terms. Delegates were directed to Pages 20-22 of the Business Book for the Ministry and
26 Stewards Commissions reports. Don Fancher and the commission chairs are willing to
27 answer anyone's questions.

28 B. Don Fancher explained that the one item that was not completed last year was the
29 work of the stewardship education task team renamed Resolution for a Call to Education
30 on Faith and Finances by the 2010 District Conference. That will be completed
31 next year.

32 C. A question was asked about the Church Renewal and Revitalization Committee. Don
33 Booz answered that this committee has been appointed and one meeting has been held.

34 **D. Don Fancher (La Verne) moved and Barbara Ober (La Verne) seconded to accept**
35 **the reports of the District Board of Administration. Approved.**

36 **XII. University of La Verne Report**

37 No report. The new president, Devorah Lieberman, spoke at the evening dinner.

38 **XIII. Report from the Agencies of Annual Conference**

39 A. Steve Mason (Brethren Benefit Trust) and Bob Gross (On Earth Peace) each spoke
40 briefly when they presented the official four agency video report that includes the
41 Church of the Brethren Inc., Brethren Benefit Trust, On Earth Peace and Bethany
42 Theological Seminary.

43 B. Lowell Flory spoke briefly about Bethany. He reported that there has been an
44 increase in off-campus students and that Bethany is trying to make programs accessible
45 to more people.

New Business**XIV. Bella Vista Name Change**

A. Don Fancher explained that Bella Vista followed the proper procedures. He noted this will be a Doing Business As (DBA), not a legal name change. The new name will be "Restoration Los Angeles."

B. **This comes as a recommendation from the Policy Board. Approved.**

XV. Election of Officers

A. Richard Hart presented the 2012 ballot to the delegates. There were no nominations from the floor.

B. **Charles Cable (La Verne) moved and Sara Haldeman-Scarr (San Diego) seconded to accept the ballot as a slate. Discussion was held. Approved.**

C. The following people were elected to 2012 PSWD Positions:

1. Jim LeFever (Glendale,) Moderator-Elect
2. John Price (Empire), Nominating Committee
3. Marlin Heckman (La Verne), Standing Committee Delegate
4. Don Shankster (Papago Buttes), Standing Committee Delegate Alternate
5. Berkley Davis (Pomona), Program Committee
6. District Board of Administration Policy Board
 - a. Norman Johnson (Waterford), Northern California Representative
 - b. John Jackson (Glendale), Southern California West Representative
 - c. Richard Downhour (Papago Buttes)
 - d. Phyllis Eller (Pomona)
 - e. Elizabeth Rowan (Pasadena)
 - f. Mike Wolfsen (La Verne)
 - g. Paige Butzlaff (La Verne) Youth/Young Adult Rep
 - h. Nohemi Flores (Cristo Sion), Youth/Young Adult Rep
 - i. Julie Park (Glendale), Youth/Young Adult Rep
7. Steve Johnson (La Verne), Brethren Hillcrest Homes Board

XVI. Ministry Investment Plan

A. Don Fancher introduced the Ministry Investment Plan and directed the delegates to Pages 54-64 of the Business Book. A time was given for questions and comments.

B. **This comes as a recommendation from the Policy Board. Approved.**

XVII. Query: Annual Conference Elections

A. Jack Storne introduced the query. Don Fancher gave a background on the query and explained that the Policy Board has forwarded this query to the District Conference for its consideration. A time was given for questions or comments.

B. **This comes as a recommendation from the Policy Board. Approved.**

Old Business**XVIII. Process for Responding to Congregational Disagreements with Annual Conference and/or District Conference Decisions**

A. Don Fancher introduced the paper (Exhibit G, a supplement to the Business Book). Don explained that in 2010, the Board of Administration had presented a paper, which was rejected. A committee was appointed to write a paper for 2011. That committee consisted of Linda Davis (Church of the Living Savior), Jeanine Ewert (Modesto), Tom Hostetler (La Verne), Sara Haldeman-Scarr (San Diego), Doris Dunham (Bakersfield), Lois Frantz (Empire), and Reba Herder (La Verne). Board Chair Don

1 Fancher (La Verne), Moderator Karen Walters (Papago Buttes), and District Executive
2 Minister Don Booz served ex-officio.

3 B. Linda Davis spoke about the need for the paper and highlighted several items. A time
4 was given for questions and comments.

5 C. *It was moved to strike Section C. Lines 180-190. The motion died, lacking a second.*

6 D. **This item comes as a recommendation from the Executive Board. Approved.**

7 **XIX. Introduction of Special Guest**

8 Tim Harvey, Annual Conference Moderator, was introduced and spoke briefly. He invited
9 everyone to attend Annual Conference in St. Louis in 2012.

10 **XX. Moderator's Closing Remarks**

11 Karen Walters thanked everyone who worked hard to make the PSWD 2011 District
12 Conference a success and thanked the attendees for the opportunity to serve as Moderator.
13 Karen led the attendees in prayer.

14 **XXI. Passing of the Gavel**

15 Karen Walters passed the gavel to Jack Storne.

16 **XXII. Adjournment**

17 Jack Storne thanked Karen Walters for her hard work over the last year. Jack Storne
18 adjourned the PSWD 2011 District Conference at 4 p.m.

19 _____
20 Minutes recorded by Laura Miller, Clerk

21 _____
22 In June 2012, the draft copy of the minutes was examined by the committee: Linda Davis (Church of
23 the Living Savior), Joe Schechter (La Verne), and Pat Royer (Modesto).

Pacific Southwest District – Church of the Brethren

2012 – 2013 Ballot

Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name. ○ Incumbent=Nominee is finishing an elected term to the same position.

Moderator-Elect

Vote for 1 Two year term

	Erin Matteson, Modesto- NC

Nominating Committee

Vote for 1 Three year term

	Karen Walters, Papago Buttes- AZ

Clerk

Vote for 1 Three year term

	Karen L. Cosner, Modesto - NC

Program Committee, District Conference

Vote for 1 Three year term

	Tom Hostetler, La Verne - SE

Program Committee (*new positions*)

Vote for 2

	(2 year term) Deb Merrifield-Carothers, Circle of Peace - AZ
	(3 year term) Kirsten Storne-Piazza, Live Oak - NC

District Board of Administration

At-Large Representative

Vote for 3 Three year term

	Stephanie Acker, Pasadena - SW
	Brenda Dickson, South Bay - SW
	John Gingrich, La Verne - SE (incumbent)

District Board of Administration

Arizona Representative

Vote for 1 Three year term

	Mauricio Marco Iacueli Quiroga, Circle of Peace - AZ (incumbent)

Central California Representative

Vote for 1 Three year term

	Karen Brandt Pierson, Church of the Living Savior - CC (incumbent)

Youth & Young Adult Representatives

Vote for 3 One year term

	Robert Burke, Bakersfield - CC
	Paige Butzlaff, La Verne - SE (incumbent)
	Sarah Henrichs, Circle of Peace - AZ

Brethren Hillcrest Homes Board Nominees

Vote for 2 Three year term

	Roger Hanawalt, La Verne - SE (incumbent)
	Karin Nelson, La Verne - SE (incumbent)

Camp La Verne Trustee Nominees

Vote for 1 Three year term

University of La Verne Trustee Nominees

At this time, ULV is asking churches and district executives to forward names directly to the ULV Nominating Committee for consideration. Six positions (17%) continue to be reserved for CoB representatives.

Pacific Southwest District - Church of the Brethren Background Information for the 2012- 2013 Ballot

Candidates are listed by office, alphabetically by last name.

Descriptions of each office are condensed from the PSWD Constitution: www.pswdcob.org

Moderator-Elect (vote for 1): The two year term begins immediately. In addition to being an officer of District Conference, the Moderator-Elect serves on the District Board of Administration.



Erin Matteson:

Age: 46

Congregation: Modesto
Church of the Brethren

Vocation:

Pastor / Musician

Church Experience:

Ordained pastor nineteen years (Illinois/Wisconsin and Pacific Southwest Districts); Director, Adult/children's choirs and musicals; Il/Wi District Youth Advisor; Planning committee for Church of the Brethren *Caring Ministries Conference*; Annual Conference Messenger; Planning committee for The Church of the Brethren Women's Clergy Retreat; Resource person for the PSWD District Women's Retreat; Annual Conference Music Coordinator; PSWD Nurturing and Credentialing Committee; PSWD Conference Music Leadership; Church of the Brethren Minister's Association Officer.

Vision Statement: The Pacific Southwest District has many overlapping circles that make up its whole. We are ordained and licensed ministers and laity of all ages, a priesthood of all believers striving to the best of our ability to discern and live out faithful leadership and ministry in a variety of contexts. Our District breathes and moves as a body of congregations, with our head being called out leadership made up of both staff and persons from our congregations. It is the responsibility of our District leadership to partner with the fuller District in helping us all be as efficient and

creative as possible with ALL of our resources (staff, lay leadership, money, time, talents, and more). The ultimate goal of this efficiency and creativity is to inspire, empower and equip all of our leadership and congregations for the richest, most meaningful ministry possible for the glory of God and our neighbors good. Working toward this means continuing to explore, shape and promote creative fiscal efficiency, not out of fear or for the sake of self-protection and survival, but rather out of an exciting, imaginative vision of facilitating the most creative and effective leadership development and ministries relevant to each of our contexts and callings possible. Working toward this means continuing to promote a strong unity without uniformity among us, (our Unity Statement), so that each congregation can be free and full of joy as they strive to listen for God's voice and respond, and so all of us together can celebrate each one's successes as we share in being a part of God's healing, reconciling, peacemaking work together. Perhaps most importantly, working toward this will mean a steadfast commitment to holistic self-care on all our parts, tending our bodies through good eating and exercise and our spirits through consistent prayer in all the creative ways we might feel called to; that all of us, as district leaders and others in congregations, might be able to birth the humility necessary to really listen to one another, the courage necessary to really listen for God and act upon what we hear, and the grace necessary to love one another as Christ loves, as we share in the fullness of district life together.

Nominating Committee (vote for 1): The three year term begins immediately. Members may not serve successive terms. Nominating Committee presents to the District Conference a ballot for each vacancy.



Karen Walters:

Congregation: Papago Buttes Church of the Brethren

Vocation: Accountant

Church Experience: National CoB Standing Committee Nominating Committee Chair, National CoB Disabilities Committee, PSWD Moderator, PSWD Board, Papago Buttes Board Chair, Circle of Peace Moderator.

Vision Statement: I envision Spirit filled

members/leaders from various cultures and congregations in the Church of the Brethren of the PSWD who use their gifts to serve God. I envision district and denominational structure supporting congregations in calling and training leaders and also in carrying out congregational missions for Christ. I envision personal Spiritual growth stimulating enthusiasm for Christ and mutual support between our district and our congregations. I pray that individuals, churches, and called district leaders will trust the Spirit and put powerful faith into actions that will make a difference in people's lives and glorify God.

Clerk (vote for 1) The three year term begins immediately. The Clerk serves on the Nominating Committee; records the minutes of the District Conference, and in cooperation with the District Executive Minister(s) prepares the minutes for publication and distribution to the local congregations; forwards to the Annual Conference secretary any queries passed to Annual Conference by the District Conference; assists in the interpretation of the minutes of the District Conference; serves as an ex-officio member of the Policy Board; and records the minutes of the Policy Board. The Clerk may be requested by the Executive Board to attend its meetings as the recorder.



Karen L. Cosner:

Congregation: Modesto Church of the Brethren

Vocation: Retired Executive Director for a Housing Counseling Agency

Church Experience:

Local Church: Current Board Chair. Have been: Deacon; Member of: Fellowship and Recreation Commission, Christian Education Commission, Worship Committee, Grant Writing Committee; Head cook for Wednesday Night Dinners; Delegate: District and Annual Conference.

Vision Statement: My vision is to serve the District by insuring that the business of the District and actions taken at the Board meetings are recorded accurately and timely. That I might offer my experience and expertise to further the vision and mission of the District. That I might be faithful to the calling of Jesus and to work peacefully, simply and together with the leadership as we strive to serve.

Program Committee, District Conference (vote for 1): The three year term begins immediately. The Committee is responsible for planning the District Conference program, obtaining leadership, and making all necessary arrangements for the conference, in cooperation with on-site representatives.



Tom Hostetler: Age: 58
Congregation: La Verne
Church of the Brethren
Vocation: Chaplain

Church Experience:
Church of the Brethren
pastor for 37 years. Now
Chaplain at Hillcrest.

Have served as Moderator, District Boards, Ministry Commission, Youth Camp Dean, New Church Development, Sunday School teacher, evangelist, mission leader.

Vision Statement: The state of the world supplies an opportunity for the Church of the Brethren to once again be relevant to the needs, desires and questions of the present time. We are in the right place, at the right time to bring a message of God's love, justice, hope and peace to a world seeking redemption.

(new positions) **Program Committee, District Conference** (vote for 2): The three year term begins immediately. The Committee is responsible for planning the District Conference program, obtaining leadership, and making all necessary arrangements for the conference, in cooperation with on-site representatives. *(One of these terms is initially for 2 years, which will keep future program elections to one or two members each year.)*



2 year term
Deb Merrifield Carothers
Congregation: Circle of
Peace Church of the
Brethren
Vocation: Psychologist.

Church Experience:
PSWD Ethics committee,

Varied leadership roles at Circle of Peace over the past 20 years (Sunday school teacher, Christian Education Chair, Church Board Chair, District Conference delegate, Annual Conference delegate, Pastoral Relations committee) Currently, I teach Sunday school and serve on the Leadership Team as the Chair of the Membership Resources committee.

Vision Statement: My vision is for the PSWD to be strengthened through the worshipful work of the District Conference as part of continuing the work of Jesus.



3 year term
Kirsten Storne-Piazza:
Age: 39
Congregation: Live Oak
Church of the Brethren
Vocation: Licensed
Marriage Family Therapist
and Director of medical
Specialty Services at
Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital, Gridley, CA.

Church Experience: Grew up in the Empire Church of the Brethren. Was a member there until the late 1990's when membership was transferred to Live Oak Church of the Brethren due to relocation.

Vision Statement: Personal - Experience personal growth, joy and happiness, balance roles in life, achieve greater spiritual maturity and Dare to be Different! Committee - To grow as a Christ centered church of all ages, serving everyday people in an everyday life, transforming lives and communities.

PSWD Board of Administration: The term begins immediately. The purpose of the Board is to manage and administer the religious and business activities of the District, as authorized by the District Conference.

PSWD Board of Administration: Arizona Representative. Vote for 1 (three year term)

Board members elected as sectional representatives need to reside in the section they represent, and must be a member of a Church of the Brethren congregation within the district for at least one year prior to election and must have demonstrated leadership ability.



Mauricio Marco Iaculli Quiroga:

Age: 44 (incumbent)

Congregation: Circle of Peace Church of the Brethren

Vocation: Civil Engineer

Church Experience: Church Board Chair June 2011 - current, Previously IT/Communications Committee Chair. Currently on Policy Board and part of the ministries commission. Member of

Circle of Peace worship band (Bass), Have been involved in music in several Brethren events, including Annual Conference, NYC, WRYC, Pacific Southwest Minister's retreat, District Conference etc.

Vision Statement: As a denomination we need to continue to transform ourselves to meet the needs of our society, be inviting to new people and have respect and tolerance for their beliefs. Our primary goal is to bring the word of God outside of our four walls and let our light shine through.

PSWD Board of Administration: Central California Representative. Vote for 1 (three year term)

Board members elected as sectional representatives need to reside in the section they represent, and must be a member of a Church of the Brethren congregation within the district for at least one year prior to election and must have demonstrated leadership ability.



Karen Brandt Pierson:

Age: 55 (incumbent)

Congregation: Church of the Living Savior, McFarland, CA

Vocation: Substitute Teacher, Independent Study Teacher

Church Experience: I grew up in the Glendora CoB. Since 1980, I've been a member of the McFarland congregation, where I've served as/in: Sunday School Teacher, choir, church board, praise team, VBS, after school kids' club. Service on the PSWD Board tallies in at eight years, give or take a year.

Vision Statement: To support the ministries of the district as Jesus leads.

Ballot Background Information, Exhibit B

PSWD Board of Administration: At-Large Representatives. Vote for 3 (three year term)

Board members must be a member of a Church of the Brethren congregation within the district for at least one year prior to election and must have demonstrated leadership ability.



Stephanie Acker:

Age: 28

Congregation: Pasadena Church of the Brethren

Vocation: Business Owner
- Budget Blinds of Pasadena

Church Experience:

I was born and raised in the Church of the Brethren in Pasadena. My grandparents, Willard and Virginia Olwin have been the best role models for me in my journey of faith and what it means to be a true Brethren. I volunteer within our community with many different non-profits.

Vision Statement: To serve the PSWD as best as I am able to do. With the guidance and grace of the Lord I will be able to make a positive impact and be as helpful as I can be.



Jennifer Contreras/Campus Times

John Gingrich:

Age: 70 (incumbent)

Congregation: La Verne, Church of the Brethren

Vocation: Retired University Professor

Church Experience:

Bethany Theological Seminary Board - 17 years; PSWD Board - 3 years; La Verne Church Board - many years.

Vision Statement: To help strengthen the district; to represent a progressive perspective on the PSWD.



Brenda Dickson:

Age: 67

Congregation: South Bay Church of the Brethren

Vocation: Facility Manager at my church.

Church Experience:

Women's Fellowship President, Deacon, Church Board Member, church bookkeeper, church secretary, District Women's Fellowship treasurer.

Vision Statement: My vision for the PSWD is to look for ways to grow God's body of believers by encouraging everyone to use the gifts God has given each one of us. No matter how small you feel your gift is, God's plan won't be totally fulfilled unless you use it.

Ballot Background Information, Exhibit B

PSWD Board of Administration: Youth & Young Adult Representative . . . Vote for 3 (one year term)

Youth members must be at least 15 years old and less than 24 years old as of December 31 of the year elected.



Robert Burke:

Age: 18

Congregation: Bakersfield Church of the Brethren

Vocation: Student.

Church Experience:
Served on the PSWD

Youth Cabinet.

Vision Statement: To give a voice to the youth of our district and to further the goals of our church.



Paige Butzlaff:

Age: 19 (incumbent)

Congregation: La Verne Church of the Brethren

Vocation: Student,
Community Programs
Assistant at UCSC

Church Experience: Peace Camp Leader, Sunday School teacher, Served on Church's Education Board.

Vision Statement: I hope to be able to contribute my voice, opinions, and vision as a youth representative in order to contribute a fresh perspective on church problems and politics. I would also like to gain more knowledge of the Brethren church and stay connected with what is going on under the "surface level." Being a youth/young adult and becoming aware of the larger body of youth and young adult that make of the PSWD is important to me and I will do my best to equally and fairly represent that population.



Sarah Elizabeth

Henrichs: *Age: 19*

Congregation: Circle of Peace Church of the Brethren

Vocation: I am a college student. My studies have been focused on the Psychology/Counseling

career paths. I feel compelled to help troubled teenagers.

Church Experience: I've been to multiple summer work camps, Idaho, South Dakota, Brooklyn and soon to be attending a work camp in Washington D.C. I attended NYC the summer of 2010. I have attended three Pacific Southwest District Conferences where I participated in the Youth Group programs, I have taught Sunday School to the younger children for the last 2 years.

Vision Statement: At the age of 19, I do not have all the answers in life and if I am honest, most of the time I do not know all the questions either. Jesus has taught me to deal with others from a place of love and understanding. If we remember that life is not all about us and focus on the greater good, then the blessings come back to us in abundance. So, keep it simple; do no harm; and remember it is not all about you.

Ballot Background Information, Exhibit B

Brethren Hillcrest Homes Board of Directors Nominees..... (vote for 2)

The three year term begins in accordance with the policy of Hillcrest.



Roger Hanawalt:

Age: 58 (incumbent)

Congregation: La Verne

Vocation: Dentist.

Church Experience:
Past Executive Board member.

Vision Statement: Our plan is to continue to strengthen Hillcrest's day to day operations as well as focusing on a path that develops Hillcrest as a future leader and innovator in our community.



Karin Heckman Nelson:

(incumbent)

Congregation: La Verne

Vocation: CPA

Church Experience:
I have served as a Hillcrest board member for the past three years. I have served on Stewardship and Finance Commission, church board and as church auditor at the La Verne Church of the Brethren. I have served on the national young adult committee and as controller at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. I have been a member of La Verne, N Manchester, IN and Westminster, MD Church of the Brethren congregations.

Vision Statement: Hillcrest is truly a "remarkable retirement community." I am blessed to have the opportunity to contribute my gifts and skills to its efforts to live out its mission.

Camp La Verne Trustee Nominee..... (vote for 1)

The three year term begins in accordance with the policy of Camp La Verne.



?????????: *Age:*

Congregation: La Verne

Vocation: (coming).

Church Experience:
(coming).

Vision Statement:
(coming).

District Conference Program Committee Proposed By-Laws Change

Background and rationale:

The Program Committee is a “working committee” that prepares and plans for the PSWD District Conference. The proposed By-Laws change will expand its membership from five members to seven members with five members being elected by District Conference. The reason for this request is to provide additional help and assistance to do all of the tasks needed to facilitate District Conference. The proposed By-Laws change is also to name the PSWD Moderator as the chairperson for the Program Committee following the guidelines of the Church of the Brethren Polity Manual which states:

The moderator shall preside at business sessions of the district conference, be an ex officio member of the board, and serve on one of its commissions. He or she shall be chair of the conference program and arrangements committee and shall serve on the nominating and personnel committee. The moderator shall study the needs of the district and give interpretation and counsel regarding them to the board and district conference and to any other appropriate district agency (Polity Manual, III. The District, B. By-Laws, 4B, p.80)

Proposed Changes

Article II, Section I.2.

The District Conference Program Committee consists of ~~five~~ **seven** members: Moderator, Moderator-elect, and ~~three~~ **five** persons elected by the District Conference. ~~The Moderator-elect convenes the first meeting. The committee chooses its own Chair.~~ **The Moderator shall chair the Program Committee.** An elected member serves for three years and may serve two successive terms. Terms are staggered so that one ~~or two~~ members ~~are~~ **is** elected each year. The Board Chair; the President of Pacific Southwest Women, or her representative; and the District Youth Coordinator, in years when this or a similar position is filled, serve ex-officio. The committee is responsible for planning the conference program, obtaining leadership, and making all necessary arrangements for the conference, in cooperation with on-site representatives.

Article II, Section E.1.c.

The moderator prepares the agenda for District Conference, in cooperation with the officers of District Conference; becomes familiar with parliamentary procedure; presides at the business sessions of the District Conference; appoints tellers and timekeeper; **chairs the Program Committee**; serves on all District committees and on the Policy Board and the Executive Board as an ex-officio member, with the exception of The Shalom Team; studies the needs and program of the District and makes reports and recommendations to the District Board of Administration; may deliver a moderator’s address at the annual District Conference; and is an ex-officio member (without vote) on the Board of Directors of Brethren Hillcrest Homes.

Action of the Pacific Southwest District Board of Administration:

The District Board of Administration, meeting at the Hillcrest Retirement Community, La Verne, California, on August 4, 2012, approved the By-Laws change for consideration by the Pacific Southwest District Conference on November 10, 2012.

Pacific Southwest District Nominating Committee Proposed By-Laws Change

Background and rationale:

The Nominating Committee is one of the most important committees of the district since its primary purpose is to name and call persons to the various leadership positions of the district. The proposed By-Laws change is to name the PSWD Moderator-Elect as the chairperson for the Nominating Committee following the guidelines of the Church of the Brethren Polity Manual which states:

The moderator-elect shall perform the duties of the moderator in the moderator's absence or at the moderator's request and shall become familiar with the program of the district in preparation for moderatorship. The moderator-elect shall be an ex officio member of the board and shall serve on one of its commissions. He or she shall be chair of the nominating and personnel committee and a member of the district conference program and arrangements committee. (Polity Manual, III. The District, B. Bylaws, 4C, p. 80)

Proposed change

Article II, Section I. #1

The Nominating Committee consists of ~~six~~ **seven** members: district moderator, ***district moderator-elect***, clerk, chair of the Board, and three members elected by the District Conference. An elected member serves for three years and may not serve successive terms. Terms are staggered so that one member is elected each year. ~~The Moderator convenes the first meeting, at which the committee elects its chair. The Moderator-Elect shall chair the Nominating Committee.~~ Members who serve by virtue of office serve for the duration of the office they fill.

Article II, Section E.2.c.

The moderator-elect performs all the duties of the moderator when the moderator is unable to serve; may assist at the moderator's request in presiding over a portion of the business session; contacts local leaders and congregations in the interest of the District program; represents the moderator on inter-church agencies and serves as an ex-officio member of the Policy Board and the Executive Board; ***chairs the Nominating Committee***; and serves as a member of the District Conference Program Committee. ~~and will convene its first meeting.~~

Action of the Pacific Southwest District Executive Board:

The District Board of Administration, meeting at the Hillcrest Retirement Community, La Verne, California, on August 4, 2012, approved the By-Laws change for consideration by the Pacific Southwest District Conference on November 10, 2012.

Resolution: Church Planting

Whereas: Jesus proclaimed, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:19

Whereas: there is a compelling need and many opportunities to bear witness to the gospel as the Church of the Brethren understands it;

Whereas: church planting is necessary to meet the evolving needs of differing generations and cultures;

Whereas: all of the churches in the Pacific Southwest District at one time were new church starts;

Whereas: the Pacific Southwest District has tried a variety of new church models in our recent past with limited success;

Whereas: the Church of the Brethren, Inc. Strategic Plan is to support the emergence of 250 diverse new church starts by 2019;

Whereas: successful church planting happens where there is an openness to God’s Spirit surrounded by prayer;

Whereas: successful church planting happens with intentionality, including assessment, training, support, and accountability of those involved in the process;

Whereas: there are a variety of proven church planting models that inform and complement the Church of the Brethren theology, beliefs and practices;

Whereas: current research and learnings for successful church planting will inform and guide all future investments in new church starts;

THEREFORE: We, the Board of Administration of the Pacific Southwest District, recommend that the Pacific Southwest District be committed to deliberate church planting with a goal of three to twelve vital church starts by 2019.

Action of the Pacific Southwest District Executive Board:

The District Board of Administration, meeting at the Hillcrest Retirement Community, La Verne, California, on August 4, 2012, approved the Resolution for consideration by the Pacific Southwest District Conference on November 10, 2012.

Resolution: Church Revitalization

Whereas: Jesus proclaimed, “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”

Matthew 7:7

Whereas: congregations seek to be obedient to God and to continue the work of Jesus;

Whereas: congregations and church leaders have expressed a desire to experience renewal and revitalization, but some congregations struggle with this process;

Whereas: the Pacific Southwest District has provided financial resources for a variety of ministry needs including revitalization and congregational maintenance;

Whereas: good stewardship of our financial resources calls for renewal, not merely congregation survival;

THEREFORE: We, the Board of Administration of the Pacific Southwest District, recommend that the Pacific Southwest District provide resources, coaching and prayerful support to congregations seeking spiritual renewal and revitalization.

Action of the Pacific Southwest District Executive Board:

The District Board of Administration, meeting at the Hillcrest Retirement Community, La Verne, California, on August 4, 2012, approved the Resolution for consideration by the Pacific Southwest District Conference on November 10, 2012.

Pacific Southwest District 2013 Ministry Investment Plan

Introduction

The writer of Ephesians, writing to a collection of churches near Ephesus, acknowledges the challenges of the time and encourages the young churches to embrace their one faith, one hope, and one God. Hear again these familiar words,



I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1 - 6 (NRSV)

Written nearly two thousand years ago, the encouraging words from Ephesians prove helpful as the Pacific Southwest District seeks to strengthen congregational life and extend Christ's message to the world. It is not by accident that the writer stresses the word "one" seven different times in the above passage. After all, seven is a number of perfection and wholeness. Building upon the oneness of faith the writer of Ephesians calls on the church to grow in spiritual depth and numeric participation as it extends the gift of God's grace to others. The church, in this instance, is both local and global. We, as the Pacific Southwest District, are connected to one another as a particular family of faith on the west coast. We are also connected to the wider Church of the Brethren.

In 2012, we are committed to developing leadership within the district while continuing our support for pastoral ministry grants. The following ministry investment plan utilizes the Pacific Southwest District's Mission and Vision Statements and our Core Values. Following each narrative, the investment plan specific to the particular ministry area is presented. The figures for 2011 reflect actual income and expenses. The figures for 2012 reflect the anticipated income and expenses based on the first five months of 2012. The figures for 2013 to 2015 reflect the projected income and expenses for those years.

It is the hope of the Board of Administration that the 2013 ministry investment plan, accompanied by a narrative, will create a living financial document that reflects the district's faith and future ministry together.

Action of the Pacific Southwest District Board of Administration:

The District Board of Administration, meeting at the Hillcrest Retirement Community, La Verne, California, on August 4, 2012, approved the Ministry Investment Plan for consideration by the Pacific Southwest District Conference on November 10, 2012.

Pacific Southwest District 2013 Ministry Investment Plan

This ministry investment plan communicates how the Pacific Southwest District uses the financial resources entrusted to us by God to do the work we believe we are called to do. A ministry investment plan is a communication tool, not an administrative tool. A ministry investment plan does not provide a line-by-line breakdown of where money goes, although that information is also available. A ministry investment plan tells our story and interprets our mission. It reminds us of what we do, and why we do it.

In 2010, the Board of Administration approved several statements which are intended to help guide the decision making and direction of the Pacific Southwest District. These include:

Unity Statement

PSWD District Conference, 10/13/2007

On this 300th anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Brethren, we remember the words of Jesus:

“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples - when they see the love you have for each other.” (John 13: 34, 35; The Message)

Recognizing we are a living peace church, and that God is constantly revealing, we commit to humble ourselves, and to engage in the tension of community necessary for new birth.

Not focusing on our differences, but in the spirit of love and acceptance, we choose to focus on Christ.

We purpose to remain open, as we listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit, working in love to mutually support and encourage our various ministries.

Mission Statement

PSWD District Board, 1/9/2010

To support congregations in their calling to serve, baptize and teach in the name of Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement

To be a visible community of faith supporting and engaging a variety of Christ-centered ministries.

Core Values

*Christ-likeness
Love
Service*

*Peacemaking
Simplicity
Diversity*

*Social Responsibility
Fiduciary Responsibility
Ecumenism*

Ministry Income

The Pacific Southwest District has three sources of income: contribution income, investment income and participation income (essentially in and out).

Contribution Income

Individuals and congregations are given the opportunity to contribute and support the PSWD ministry investment plan. Throughout the year, individuals financially support by purposeful giving of their financial resources. Although such financial gifts can never be assumed, we do anticipate a certain amount of individual giving based on previous years. Several bequests are also received throughout the year. Congregations are given the opportunity to contribute to the ministry investment plan through the yearly congregation outreach planning process.

Contribution Income	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
Individuals	7,695	5,000	8,000	9,000	9,000
Congregations	31,592	42,000	32,000	33,500	35,000
Closed Congregations	0	0	0	0	0
Groups	600	300	600	650	700
Children's Disaster Services	550	200	800	800	800
Other	35	460	400	400	400
Total Contribution Income:	40,472	47,960	41,800	44,350	45,900

Investment Income

The sale of churches has allowed PSWD to be blessed with financial resources unlike any other district in the denomination. However, it is not our desire to continue to sell church property. By utilizing the best financial advice from Brethren Benefit Trust the District is able to support a variety of ministry needs and projects.

Investment Income	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
Checking/Money Market	173	25	25	50	100
Notes Receivable Interest	25,472	26,003	24,538	23,032	21,541
Investment Funds (5%) return	46,167	373,048	278,221	250,371	207,781
Sale of Church Property	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,676	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,600
Total Investment Income:	73,488	400,676	304,284	275,053	231,022

Participation Income

Participation occurs all year long in a variety of ministry settings. At our annual District Conference, congregations minister to one another, delegates conduct the business of the district, and all participants are empowered for the work of ministry. Ongoing regional training in church growth ministry and Brethren History and Polity classes are made available for lay and credentialed ministers. Special events like the Pastor/Spouse Retreat, Ministers Workshop, and other ministry events, provide for effective ministry in the local congregation.

Participation Income	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
District Conference	22,600	23,500	28,000	25,200	28,300
Events	2,635	3,075	2,000	2,450	2,450
Side-Doors Ministry	1,860	1,000	0	0	0
Total Participation Income:	27,095	27,575	30,000	27,650	30,750
TOTAL MINISTRY INCOME:	141,055	476,211	376,084	347,053	307,672

Ministry Investments

Congregational Development Ministry

Ministry Support Grants and loans provide financial assistance to PSWD congregations in order to carry out the Great Commission and achieve congregational growth. The District has made a commitment toward church growth using the good gifts of the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. We have a fiduciary responsibility to use our financial resources with intention and accountability.

Congregational Development Ministry	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
Side-Doors Ministry	9,408	6,200	0	0	0
Web Site Development	1,829	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Spring Event	0	0	0	0	0
Ministry Support Grants <i>(one-time grants empowering congregations to develop new ways of reaching out to their communities)</i>	356,723	313,400	230,520	250,000	250,000
Total Congregational Development Ministry:	367,960	321,600	232,520	252,000	252,000

Pastoral Leadership and Support Ministry

Our current and future pastors and ministerial leaders are our greatest asset. The PSWD pastoral team serves as our representatives to the community, district, denomination and the world. In turn we expect our ministers and pastors to strive to be faithful servants as they work in and with the world around us. Education for our licensed ministers is a top priority. PSWD is one of the pilot districts to participate in a Spanish speaking training (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano - SeBAH) certificate program sponsored by Bethany Theological Seminary in cooperation with our denomination and the Mennonites. The Ministry Commission has also provided funds for grants and/or loans for all Bethany Theological Seminary students. Retreats, workshops and professional growth events continue to be an appreciated major focus. PSWD is now known to be a District that invests in the education and professional development of our pastors and ministers.

Pastoral Leadership and Support Ministry	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
Training in Ministry (TRIM)	2,744	3,600	8,200	8,200	8,200
Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH)	6,216	8,000	8,800	8,800	8,800
Bethany Theological Seminary Student Grants/Loans	6,500	6,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Pastors Retreat	6,006	6,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Ministers Workshop	9,825	12,500	10,000	10,000	10,000
Other Workshops	2,521	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Professional Growth Subsidy (PSWD Events)	2,310	3,100	3,600	3,600	3,600
Total Pastoral Leadership and Support Ministry:	36,122	42,200	53,600	53,600	53,600

District Empowering Ministry

The District depends on a wide variety of volunteers who serve on commissions and committees who carry out the mission, vision and core values of PSWD. The Board of Administration coordinates the District ministry investments and oversees the general operations of District ministries. In the 2011 ministry investment plan, the formation of a PSWD District Youth Cabinet reflects our commitment to develop future leadership. District Conference seeks to provide direction and council to all of the PSWD ministry investments.

District Empowering Ministry	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
District Conference	18,079	23,500	28,000	25,200	28,300
Ministry Commission	381	3,000	5,800	5,800	5,800
Stewards Commission	591	1,100	1,100	700	1,100
Board of Administration and Work Groups	15,771	20,000	17,600	18,300	18,800
Nurturing and Credentialing Committee (NACC)	2,413	5,000	5,000	3,000	3,000
Shalom Team	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Resource Materials	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Inter-Cultural Ministry	0	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
National Youth Conference 2010 (NYC)	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Cabinet Travel	0	5,000	5,500	5,800	5,800
Total District Empowering Ministry:	37,235	61,600	68,000	63,800	67,800

Partnership and Property Ministry

PSWD has a long tradition of continuing financial support of outreach to the wider church and affiliated institutions. Our involvement in the denomination requires an in-kind contribution through staff involvement and leadership in the denomination and ecumenical participation.

Partnership and Property Ministry	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
Denominational Assessment	1,655	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,700
Standing Committee	2,111	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
University of La Verne	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Ecumenical Councils	600	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Council of District Executives	(987)	1,000	600	600	600
Property	45,040	83,701	53,800	3,900	3,900
Total Partnership and Property Ministry:	53,419	94,301	64,100	14,200	14,200

Service Ministry

The vision statement of PSWD requires us to be a visible community of faith supporting and engaging a variety of Christ-centered ministries. Ongoing ministry and service to those in need is the cornerstone of the gospel. We are asked to reach out to those who require our assistance and encouragement.

Service Ministry	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
Disaster Response	5,952	5,800	6,000	6,000	6,000
Children's Disaster Services	1,145	1,100	1,100	1,200	1,200
Peace and Justice Center	0	0	0	0	0
Total Service Ministry:	7,097	6,900	7,100	7,200	7,200

District Operating Ministry

The District staff includes Don Booz, District Executive; Dawna Welch, Youth Advisor; Joe Vecchio, Administrative Assistant; and Brenda Pérez, Secretary. Together, the staff represents a strong team of diverse talents and gifts. The District staff is known throughout the denomination as innovative and creative leaders who faithfully support the Church of the Brethren tradition while setting pace for creative approaches to ministry. In various ways, the staff continues to insure the efficient and proper support of our pastors and congregations.

District Operating Ministry	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
Office Space and Utilities	36,079	36,700	37,070	39,052	40,252
Equipment and Maintenance	7,623	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Supplies/Printing/Publications	11,417	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
Postage and Mailing	3,988	4,000	4,000	4,400	4,800
Insurance	10,646	8,650	9,100	9,800	10,100
Audit and Professional Fees	19,149	27,000	21,700	28,200	24,200
Staff Salaries	200,780	207,684	213,693	219,000	222,000
Staff Benefits and Retired Church Workers' Fund	44,359	43,300	44,100	48,500	53,350
Staff Travel/Professional Growth	52,195	53,200	52,100	52,100	52,100
New Life/Publications/ Email Newsletters	5,396	5,520	5,500	5,500	5,500
Total District Operating Ministry:	391,632	404,054	405,263	424,552	430,302
TOTAL MINISTRY INVESTMENTS:	893,465	930,655	830,583	815,352	825,102

Summary of Ministry Income and Ministry Investments

MINISTRY INCOME	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
Contribution Income (p. 57)	40,472	47,960	41,800	44,350	45,900
Investment Income (p. 57)	73,488	400,676	304,284	275,053	231,022
Participation Income (p. 58)	27,095	27,575	30,000	27,650	30,750
TOTAL MINISTRY INCOME:	141,055	476,211	376,084	347,053	307,672

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Congregational Development Ministry Investments (p. 59)	356,723	313,400	230,520	250,000	250,000
Pastoral Leadership and Support Ministry Investments (p. 60)	36,122	42,200	53,600	53,600	53,600
District Empowering Ministry Investments (p. 61)	37,235	61,600	68,000	63,800	67,800
Partnership and Property Ministry Investments (p. 62)	53,419	94,301	64,100	14,200	14,200
Service Ministry Investments (p. 62)	7,097	6,900	7,100	7,200	7,200
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PROJECTED YEARLY INCREASE/DECREASE IN PSWD NET ASSETS	2011 Actual	2012 Anticipated	2013 Proposal	2014 Projected	2015 Projected
	(752,410)	(454,444)	(454,499)	(468,299)	(517,430)

Pacific Southwest District – Church of the Brethren

Locations / Dates / Moderators of District Conferences

1964.	La Verne.	August 28-30.	R. Truman Northup
1965.	Modesto.	October 15-17.	Marvin Belcher
1966.	Forest Home.	October 14-16.	Leland A. Nelson
1967.	Fresno.	October 13-15.	Lowell K. Brubaker
1968.	Long Beach.	October 11-13.	R. Truman Northup
1969.	Bakersfield.	October 10-12.	Edward K. Ziegler
1970.	Phoenix First.	October 9-11.	Jerry Davis
1971.	Modesto.	October 15-17.	Harold D. Fasnacht
1972.	La Verne.	October 13-15.	Duane Wyles
1973.	Fresno.	October 11-13.	Paul E. Miller
1974.	Pasadena.	October 11-13.	John W. Hunter
1975.	Empire.	October 10-12.	Ida S. Howell
1976.	Long Beach.	October 15-17.	Marvin A. Belcher
1977.	McFarland.	October 7-9.	D. Eugene Lichty
1978.	University of La Verne.	October 13-15.	Norman N. Glick
1979.	Modesto.	November 9-11.	Arthur M. Baldwin
1980.	Phoenix First.	October 24-26.	LaVon Rupel
1981.	Fresno.	October 16-18.	C. Wayne Zunkel
1982.	Pomona Fellowship.	October 15-17.	Barbara Enberg
1983.	Empire.	October 14-16.	Irven Stern
1984.	South Bay.	November 9-11.	Galen Snell
1985.	McFarland.	November 8-10.	Dwayne Brubaker
1986.	Imperial Heights.	October 17-19.	Robert E. Keim
1987.	Prince of Peace, Sacramento.	October 16-18.	Jerry Davis
1988.	Long Beach.	October 7-9.	W. Donald Clague
1989.	Modesto.	November 3-5.	Richard L. Landrum
1990.	Phoenix First.	October 12-14.	Sherlo Shively
1991.	Glendale (CA).	October 11-13.	Harold J. Forney
1992.	Waterford.	November 13-15.	Donald E. Fancher
1993.	La Verne.	October 8-10.	Myrna L. Wheeler
1994.	Fresno.	November 11-13.	Pat Royer
1995.	County of San Diego.	October 6-8.	Lowell Brubaker
1996.	Modesto.	October 11-13.	Milton H. Ewert
1997.	Pomona Fellowship.	October 10-12.	Peggy Redman
1998.	South Bay / Imperial Heights.	September 18-20.	Jerry Davis
1999.	Phoenix First.	October 8-10.	Karen Walters
2000.	Sacramento / Live Oak.	October 13-15.	Belita Mitchell
2001.	Bakersfield.	October 5-7.	Sherlo Shively
2002.	La Verne.	October 4-6.	George Sparks
2003.	Community Brethren, Fresno.	September 19-21.	Bill Wagoner, Honorary Myrna Wheeler, Acting
2004.	Pomona.	October 29-31.	David Hurlbut
2005.	Modesto.	October 7-9.	R. Jan Thompson
2006.	Papago Buttes.	October 27-29.	Joe Schechter
2007.	La Verne.	October 12-14.	Mary Kay Ogden
2008.	Community Brethren, Fresno.	November 7-9.	John Price
2009.	Sacramento.	November 6-8.	Jim Martinez
2010.	Hillcrest, La Verne.	November 12-14.	Felton Daniels
2011.	Hillcrest, La Verne.	November 11-13.	Karen Walters
2012.	Hillcrest, La Verne.	November 9-11.	Jack Storne
2013.	Scottsdale, AZ.	November 8-10.	Jim LeFever

Pacific Southwest District – Church of the Brethren

PSWD Board of Administration Chairs District Executive Ministers

	Board Chair	Executive Minister
1964 – 1965.	Jacob T. Dick.	Glen H. Bowlby
1966 – 1967.	Arthur M. Baldwin.	Glen H. Bowlby
1968.	Herbert W. Hogan.	Glen H. Bowlby
1969 – 1971.	Herbert W. Hogan.	R. Truman Northup
1972 – 1973.	Forrest V. Groff.	R. Truman Northup
1974 – 1977.	J. Calvin Keeling.	R. Truman Northup
1978 – 1981.	W. Donald Clague.	R. Truman Northup
1982 – 1983.	S. Loren Bowman.	R. Truman Northup
1984 – 1985.	Marlin Heckman.	Irven & Pattie Stern
1986 – 1989.	James Walters.	Irven & Pattie Stern
1990.	Janice Fralin.	Irven & Pattie Stern
1991.	Roger Richer.	Irven & Pattie Stern
1992.	Todd Hammond.	Irven & Pattie Stern
1993.	Gregg Moser.	Irven & Pattie Stern
1994.	R. Jan Thompson.	Glen Stanford (<i>interim</i>)
1995.	R. Jan Thompson.	Gene Hipskind
1996.	Tom Bryant.	Gene Hipskind
1997 – 1999.	Jonathan Shively.	Gene Hipskind
2000 – 2001.	Ernest Snyder.	Gene Hipskind
2002.	Sara Haldeman-Scarr.	Gene Hipskind
		Richard Hart (<i>interim</i>)
2003.	Sara Haldeman-Scarr.	Richard Hart (<i>interim</i>)
		Dean Kieffaber (<i>interim</i>)
		Bryan Boyer
2004 – 2006.	Paul Lovelace.	Bryan Boyer
2007.	Jim Davis.	Bryan Boyer
2008.	Bill Johnson.	Bryan Boyer
		Richard Hart (<i>interim</i>)
		Mary Kay Ogden (<i>interim</i>)
		Randy Yoder (<i>interim</i>)
		Don Booz (<i>December</i>)
2009.	Myrna Wheeler (<i>through July</i>).	Don Booz
	Thomas Dowdy (<i>began in August</i>).	Don Booz
2010.	Thomas Dowdy (<i>through January 9</i>).	Don Booz
	Don Fancher (<i>began January 9</i>).	Don Booz
2011 – 2012.	Don Fancher.	Don Booz

Activity Locations

- 7- Registration – Meeting House Lobby
- 8- Exhibits – Meeting House
- 9- Worship & Business – Meeting House
- 6- Relaxation / Visiting – Café & Fireside Lounge
- 12- Prayer – Quiet Room
- 1- Meditative Walk – Labyrinth

Hillcrest



Smoke Free Campus
Buildings close at 9:00pm

E = Elevator

R = Restroom

Meal Locations

- 16- **Conference Meals** – Maury Smeltzer Lounge (*pre-paid with Registration*)
- 15- Mountain View Dining Room – 7:30-9:00am / 11:00-1:00pm / 5:00-7:00pm (*additional cost*)
- 6- Café – 11:00am-2:00pm on Friday & Saturday (*additional cost*)(*closed Sunday*)

Workshop Locations

- 4- Pinecrest Upstairs Multi-Purpose Room
- 5- Aquatic / Fitness Center
- 10- Galen Walker Board Room
- 11- Chapel
- 13- Maple Court Upstairs Activity Room
- 17- Birch Court Activity Room
- 18- Mountain View Conference Room

Age Group Activity Locations

- 14- Child Care – Private Dining Room
- 3- K-5th – Pinecrest Downstairs Multi-Purpose Room
- 2- Jr High & Youth – Resident's Service Center Activity Room



No Parking at green marked curbs and spaces (for residents and loading)

Locations: West → East / Left → Right

- 1- Labyrinth – Meditative Walk
- 2- Resident's Service Center Activity Room – Jr High & Youth
- 3- Pinecrest Downstairs Multi-Purpose Room – K-5th
- 4- Pinecrest Upstairs Multi-Purpose Room – Workshops
- 5- Aquatic / Fitness Center – Workshops
- 6- Café & Fireside Lounge – Relaxation / Visiting
- 7- Meeting House Lobby – Registration
- 8- Meeting House – Exhibits
- 9- Meeting House – Worship & Business
- 10- Galen Walker Board Room – Workshops
- 11- Chapel – Workshops
- 12- Quiet Room – Prayer
- 13- Maple Court Upstairs Activity Room – Workshops
- 14- Private Dining Room – Child Care
- 15- Mountain View Dining Room
- 16- Maury Smeltzer Lounge – Conference Meals
- 17- Birch Court Activity Room – Workshops
- 18- Mountain View Conference Room – Workshops

