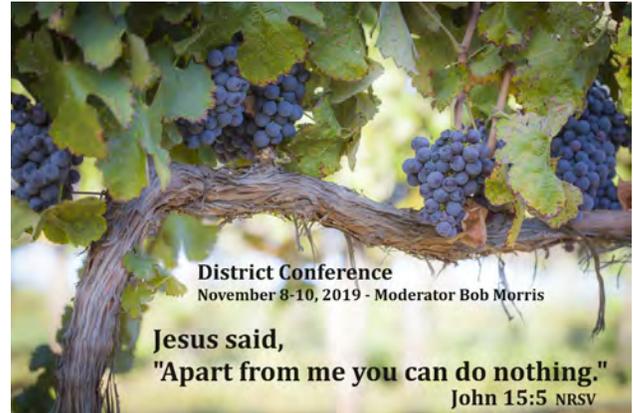


Delegates' Dedication Litany

November 9, 2019

Moderator: We are gathered here today to conduct the business of the Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren. This is God's church. We are doing God's work.

Delegates: We are here today representing the Church of the Brethren in Arizona, California, and Nevada. We are God's people. We are here to do the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.



Moderator: Our work will not be completed here today. We must take experiences home with us: information from business and insight sessions, friendship and fellowship from hospitality, and inspiration from worship services.

Delegates: As we encounter the Presence of God here, we will return to our congregations to share, report, inform, and inspire.

Moderator: Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

Delegates: Understanding Jesus' meaning, we have been praying in private, in small groups, and in our worship services, seeking Jesus to be in us, to lead us, and empower us, so that our work always bears God's fruit.

Moderator: Let us dedicate ourselves now to God's work. Let us pray.

Moderator and Delegates in Unison (Prayer of Dedication): O God,

You are gracious and kind, merciful and good. We are believers, your followers, your servants. We are gathered here to conduct your business.

We call on you to be in us and to work through us, in our thoughts, our minds, and our hearts. May we accomplish your will as we give in to your guidance. We dedicate ourselves – our time, our energy, and our hearts to you. Grant us a spirit of unity in the bond of peace. Fill us with love, respect, and compassion for one another. May what we do here be so uplifting and inspiring that we cannot help but share the good news with our congregations when we return home.

We recognize that apart from you we can do nothing. So, enable us to do all things through Jesus Christ who gives us strength. We commit ourselves to you in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

