

## SHENANDOAH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022

The year 2022 presented new opportunities and new challenges for our District Leadership Team as we experienced some recovery from shutdowns caused by COVID but as we also experienced the withdrawal of some congregations and struggles faced by others.

Nevertheless, the work of the district continued through the innovative efforts of our Ministry Teams.

Spiritual Formation and Leadership Development Team is chaired by Jane Baker. They sponsored a workshop on Servant Leadership in February held at Round Hill Church and led by Jay Foreman. They are planning a second event for February 2023 to be held in the central part of our district.

Discipleship Ministries Team chair is Jan Orndorff. This team held an all-day discipleship training event at Pleasant Valley Church on October 22. It was led by Nate Polzin, a Brethren pastor from Michigan with the title “Jesus’ Blueprint for Disciple Making”.

Ministerial Leadership Team is led by Matthew Fike. They have several new team members in place and have been busy conducting licensing and ordination interviews. There is a severe shortage of pastors, but in our district many are receiving training through the Christian Growth Institute program.

New Church Development Team chair is Leah Hileman. It is exciting to announce a new congregation, Gordonsville Chapel, being received into our district. They are an outgrowth of Knights Chapel and are now becoming independent congregation.

Outdoor Ministries Team is chaired by Marty Doss. This has been a year of major transitions at Brethren Woods with Linetta Ballew being called to the Executive Director position and Pieter Tramper set to become the Program Director. They had an excellent Spring Festival and summer camp. Staff housing needs are also being addressed.

Development Team is led by Paul Davis. This year has seen significant improvements to the district office. Drainage problems were addressed by excavation and new paving, interior renovations have been completed largely by volunteers, and new replacement windows and doors are being installed. Upgrades at the district office and Brethren Woods were paid for by our multi-year Capital Campaign which concluded this year.

Congregational Care Team chaired by Bruce Bowman has several new members and now has representatives in all five sections of our district. They have attempted to maintain contact with congregations throughout the COVID crisis. CCT held a deacon training event in March, led by Bernie Fuska, with plans for a follow-up event early next year.

Service Ministries is chaired by Don Driver. They sponsored a Big Meal in March at Pleasant Valley Church to thank those who have supported disaster ministries and our Disaster Response Auction. They request that each congregation name disaster response and disaster auction representatives.

Thanks are extended to all members of the District Leadership Team and special thanks to the five members whose terms conclude this year: Jan Orndorff, Leah Hileman, Marty Doss, Paul Davis, and Bruce Bowman. Also, our heartfelt thanks to our District Executive Minister, John Jantzi, and to district staff for their faithful leadership and dedicated service to Shenandoah District.

Wayne Pence, District Leadership Team chair