

2023 Shenandoah District Conference Slate

District Leadership Team Chair (2026) — Kevin Daggett



(Bridgewater, Va.) Pastor Kevin Daggett grew up in Bridgewater, graduated from Bridgewater College (1984), and completed his studies at Bethany Seminary (1989). He considers it a privilege to have served the Stone Church (Buena Vista), Daleville, Mill Creek (NC), Sangerville and Dayton congregations. He has served on the Ministerial Leadership Team and District Leadership Team and as moderator of the District Conference. He also was a part of the denomination's Compelling Vision Planning Team. Daggett says, "I am eager to see us grow in our relationship with the Lord and with our sisters and brothers in Christ."

Ministerial Leadership Team (2024) — Phil Stone



(Linville, Va.) Phil is a member of Sunrise Church of the Brethren, where he has served as Leadership Team chair, moderator and deacon. He grew up in Rockingham County and graduated from Bridgewater College (1987). After practicing for two years as a CPA, he obtained his law degree from Washington & Lee University School of Law. He now practices with his father and brother, advising individuals, businesses and other organizations, including the Shenandoah District. He currently serves on the District's Ministerial Leadership Team.

Services Team (2026) — Keith Zirkle



(Mt. Jackson Va.) Keith Zirkle is a retired contractor after 40 years of owning his own business. He is an active member of Wakemans Grove and has been a member of the Church Board for numerous years, serving as chair for a large part of that time. He has also served as a longtime deacon. He was elected to the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors and served for eight (8) years. Keith is a former member of the District Witness Commission and was also a member of the Disaster Auction Committee. He and his wife, Diana, reside west of Mt. Jackson on a 100-acre farm where they have a small herd of cows, grow a large garden, maintain 4 acres of lawn including numerous shrubs and flower beds, and have a two-year-old black and white cat that they rescued that is the supervisor of all farming operations. Together, they have five children and seven grandchildren.

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Gifts Discernment Team (2026) — Gail Johnson



(Dayton, Va.) Since her husband, Bob, accepted the call as pastor at Briery Branch, Gail has had the privilege of serving the congregations of Melrose, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Zion-Linville, Blue Ridge Chapel, Smith Creek, Friends Run, Grottoes and Middle River. Along with the role of the pastor's wife, Gail lends her talents in music to the congregations. Gail is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University (when it was a College!) and the University of North Carolina's School of Public Health. She began and ended her 40-year nursing career at Augusta Health, having cared for patients, trained and supervised staff, developed community outreach programs and directed the hospital's foundation. After RV travel she took Bob to Louisville and Memphis where she continued to work until 2022 when retirement began. Gail enjoys supporting Bob in his ministry and looks forward to continuing in God's plan.

Gifts Discernment Team (2026) — Sharon Poff



(Massanutten, Va.) Sharon Poff came to the Harrisonburg area in 2005 through Brethren Volunteer Service, serving Big Brothers Big Sisters as an enrollment specialist. She first attended the Fairview Church of the Brethren in Singers Glen before moving to Massanutten, where she became a member of Mountain View Fellowship in McGaheysville. At Mountain View, she has served as clerk and chair of the Leadership Team, as a Sunday School teacher for grades 2-5 and grades 6-8, and as a deacon. She also was the children's coordinator for five years and assisted with the youth program.

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Standing Committee (2025) — Marty Barlow (filling an unexpired term)



(Harrisonburg, Va.) Marty Barlow is a member of Montezuma Church, currently serving as a deacon. Marty is mostly retired after a career as a licensed professional counselor. Over the years, she has also worked as a mediator with groups and individuals in conflict. She says, “When intense uncompromising opinions and positions are the rule, my objective has been to listen under all that for the voice of God's yearning.” Barlow served as District Conference moderator during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic and has volunteered as a photographer at the Disaster Auction and Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center.

Standing Committee (2026) — Karl Magenhofer



(Timberville, Va.) Karl is a graduate of the Christian Growth Institute and was appointed to serve as Timberville Church of the Brethren's Pastor in August of 2022. Prior to that, he served as the Ministry Intern for the Montezuma congregation and as pulpit supply throughout the Shenandoah District. He was ordained in October of 2023 at Timberville. The ministry is a second career for Karl, who spent more than 20 years in radio mostly at WSVA in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He also spent a year at WNAV in Annapolis, Maryland, where in addition to news he broadcast minor league baseball. He continues to do some work on the side predominantly with Bridgewater College where he broadcasts home football and basketball games.

Karl has also served in various roles with non-profit, civic, and governmental entities, most notably on the board of the Sadie Rose Foundation and as former Chairman of the Timberville Planning Commission.

Karl has been happily married for 15 years to his wife, Angie. They have three children: Brooklyn, Cardie and Adrian.

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Moderator (2024) — Carol Scheppard



(Mount Sidney, Va.) Carol Scheppard grew up in the small clock-manufacturing town of Thomaston, nestled in Connecticut's industrial Naugatuck Valley. She earned her undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University and graduate degrees from Lesley College, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the University of Pennsylvania. She moved to the Shenandoah Valley in 1998 when she joined the faculty of Bridgewater College in the Department of Philosophy and Religion. A medieval historian by training, her primary area of research is in the history of biblical interpretation, particularly in Ireland during the early Middle Ages. At Bridgewater, she has served in several capacities on the faculty and in administration. She now holds the position of Professor of the College. Dr. Scheppard was Moderator of the Church of the Brethren in 2016-2017 and served on the Board of Trustees for Bethany Seminary for a decade under Presidents Gene Roop and Ruthann Johansen. She is a member of the Lebanon Church of the Brethren in Mt. Sidney, Virginia, and shares life on a small farm with a Great Pyrenees, two cats, two goats, one sheep, one horse, and six very large fish. She enjoys playing bagpipes with Staunton's Shenandoah Bagpipe Band.

Moderator-elect (2024) — Marty Doss



(Harrisonburg, Va.) Pastor of Harrisonburg First, Marty is married to Cheryl, and they have a daughter, Jill. He has served the District as chair of the Outdoor Ministries Team and on the Program and Arrangements Committee for the District, and he was a member of the Spiritual Renewal Team.

Marty has served as a dean at Brethren Woods, volunteered with Outdoor School and served as a cabin counselor and camp coordinator at Camp Bethel in the Virginia District, where he also served as a leader on the Pilgrimage Team (a weekend retreat for spiritual renewal). He is also the cohost of the 2 Preachers Talking podcast on podbean.com.

2023 Shenandoah District Conference Update

Due to the resignation of the previously elected District Conference moderator, the District Leadership Team appointed Glenn to fulfill the current, unexpired 2023 term. This position is not a part of this year's slate and does not require a vote. The text below is provided by the District Leadership Team for information purposes only.

Moderator (2023) Fulfilling Unexpired Term — Glenn Bollinger



(Port Republic, Va.) Glenn is the senior pastor at Mill Creek. After graduating from Bridgewater College (1987), he became active in the Shenandoah District before taking a few year's leave to obtain his MDiv from Bethany Theological Seminary (1993). He has served on the District Executive Committee, District Board, Outdoor Ministry Commission, District Pastors Fellowship, Program & Arrangements Committee, NYC transportation coordinator, and director of Pastoral Placement. He previously served as District Moderator in 2013. Denominationally, Glenn has been a district representative for the Standing Committee and chaired the Annual Conference Nominating Committee. Glenn and his wife, Debbie, enjoy hanging out with the chickens, goats, donkeys, camels, sheep and horse.

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