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Shenandoah District Conference, November 1 & 2, 2024

“And Immediately They Left Their Nets”

Dear Shenandoah District Delegate,

Welcome to the 2024 Shenandoah District Conference! We are delighted that you are attending and representing your congregation. District Conferences provide multiple opportunities for learning and fellowship and this year is no different.

We begin at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren with a Continuing Education Event for pastors on Friday afternoon, November 1, followed by the Pastor’s Appreciation Dinner (by invitation) at 5 pm. District worship led by our moderator Carol Scheppard, begins at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The theme for this year’s District Conference is “And Immediately They Left Their Nets” based on Mark 1:16-20. We look forward to worshipping around this theme at our service on Friday evening and continuing throughout the day on Saturday at Harrisonburg First Church of the Brethren.

This packet contains several items for your review prior to District Conference. These are all action items and provides you an opportunity to peruse prior to discussion and action on Saturday.

The Gifts Discernment Slate

We are pleased with the depth and quality of this year’s slate. Please review carefully and prayerfully. These are your representatives in District leadership structures. We are grateful for each one’s willingness to serve.

The 2025 Shenandoah District Proposed Budget.

Many thanks to our Director of Finance, Gary Higgs, for his work in preparing this budget for your consideration.

2024 District Conference Saturday Business Agenda

Note that the formal opening of the District Conference is 8:45AM, fifteen minutes earlier than in previous years. Scattered throughout the day are worship vignettes that continue the theme of Friday evening worship. In addition, there are the normal actions of acting on the slate and budget, hearing reports from staff and agencies and having the opportunity to participate in equipping sessions.

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Together we reach out with Jesus. . .

Query

In addition, the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren is bringing a query, processed by the District Leadership Team, and sent to District Conference for consideration and action. Two things to note.

- This query, if passed, will be sent to Annual Conference for response and action. There will be no more action or process required of the District.
- The query requires a simple majority for passage.

I continue to be extraordinarily grateful for the work of congregations in the Shenandoah District. Faithfulness, creativity, passion, and firm commitment to follow Jesus Christ form a solid foundation for our life together. Thank You.

If you have any questions about the material you are receiving, do not hesitate to be in contact with the District Office.

Serving Christ Together,

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