

# VIRLINA DISTRICT

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## MEMO FOR MINISTERS

### DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2017

- 1 Nominating and Personnel Committee
- 2 Worship at Smith Mountain Lake (Meal and Profile Meeting/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Williamson Road)
- 3 Awakening Bible Study - Poages Mill/Office/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Williamson Road
- 4 Awakening Bible Study - Roanoke, Summerdean/Office/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Williamson Road
- 5 Awakening Bible Study - Masons Cove/Office/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Williamson Road
- 6 OFF (AM)/Inquiring Minister Interview Committee at Buena Vista, Stone
- 7 Office/Commission on Ministry
- 8 OPEN
- 9 Worship at Antioch/Installation for Andy Duffey
- 10 Office/Lake Side Steering Committee - Moneta
- 11 Office/Roanoke, Renacer Steering Committee
- 12 Staff Meeting/Office
- 13 OFF/Daleville Love Feast
- 14 GOOD FRIDAY/District Resource Center Closed
- 15 OPEN
- 16 Worship - Daleville
- 17 Office/So. Area Ministers - Red Hill
- 18 Office/Mission Resourcing Committee
- 19 Staff Meeting/Office
- 20 OFF
- 21 Office/Commission on Stewardship
- 22 OPEN
- 23 Preach at Germantown Brick (Meal and Profile Meeting)
- 24-28 VACATION
- 29 Ordination for Aaron Klink - Durham, Peace Covenant
- 30 Worship at Shelton (AM)/Ordination Service at Fraternity (T-PM)

### DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2017

- 1 No. Area Ministers Meeting - Roanoke, First/Office
- 2 Office/District Board Executive Committee
- 3 Staff Meeting/Office
- 4 OFF
- 5 Office/Historical Committee
- 6 Ministry and Mission Day - Roanoke, Oak Grove
- 7 Preach and Install at Bassett/Reception for Emma Jean Woodard at Oak Grove, Roanoke
- 8 Discipleship and Reconciliation Committee/New Church Development Committee/Pastoral Program Assistance Committee
- 9 Virginia Council of Churches Meeting - Richmond, VA
- 10 Virginia Council of Churches Meeting - Richmond, VA
- 11 OFF
- 12 Office
- 13 OPEN
- 14 Worship Undetermined

### ROUNDTABLE - MARCH 31 - APRIL 2, 2017

Roundtable will be held March 31-April 2, 2017 at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, VA. "Wildfire in Our Very Soul" will be the theme. The speakers will be Tyler and Chelsea Goss from the West Richmond Church in Virlina District. The Friday night entertainment will be Mutual Kumquat. This event is planned by the Interdistrict Youth Cabinet (Abby Brubaker - Antioch and Emily Harvey - Oak Grove/Central serve on IYC). Virlina folks, Hannah Oakes, Tim Harvey, and Jonathan Wilson, will be leading workshops at Roundtable. For more information email or visit the website at <[ycroundtable@gmail.com](mailto:ycroundtable@gmail.com)>. For more information please e-mail <[ycroundtable@gmail.com](mailto:ycroundtable@gmail.com)> or visit website at <<http://ycroundtable.wixsite.com/ycbc/roundtable>>.

### SPRING VOLUNTEER WORKDAY - APRIL 1, 2017

Spring Volunteer Workday begins with free breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and includes free lunch at 1 p.m. Your help is needed! Workday projects (rain or shine; indoor and outdoor) for all skill levels and all ages. Please reserve meals no later than March 26 to (540) 992-2940 or [CampBethelOffice@gmail.com](mailto:CampBethelOffice@gmail.com). You will find more information at <[www.CampBethelVirginia.org](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org)>.

- 15 Office/Southern Area Ministers - Coulson
- 16 Office/Mission Resourcing Committee
- 17 Staff Meeting/Office
- 18 OFF
- 19 Office
- 20 District Board Meeting - Maple Grove
- 21 Worship - Fairview, Rocky Mount (85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration)  
Revival - Jeters Chapel
- 22 Office/Revival - Jeters Chapel
- 23 Office/Christian Growth Institute Administrative Committee - Buena Vista, Stone/Revival - Jeters Chapel
- 24 Staff Meeting/Office/Revival Jeters Chapel
- 25 OFF
- 26 Office
- 27 OPEN
- 28 Worship Undetermined
- 29<sup>+</sup> District Resource Center Closed for Memorial Day
- 30 Office/Roanoke, Renacer Steering Committee
- 31 Staff Meeting/Office

**ASSOCIATE DIST. EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2017**

- 1 Nominating and Personnel Committee
- 2 Worship Undetermined/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Williamson Road
- 3 Awakening Bible Study - Poages Mill/Office/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Williamson Road
- 4 OFF
- 5 Awakening Bible Study - Masons Cove/Office/Awakening Service - Roanoke, Williamson Road
- 6 Office
- 7 Office
- 8 OPEN
- 9 Worship Undetermined
- 10 Office
- 11 OFF
- 12 Staff Meeting/Office
- 13 Office
- 14 District Resource Center Closed
- 15 OPEN
- 16 Worship - Smith Mountain Lake
- 17 Office/So. Area Ministers - Red Hill
- 18 OFF
- 19 Staff Meeting/Office
- 20 Office
- 21 Office
- 22 OPEN
- 23 Worship at Jones Chapel
- 24 Office/Commission on Nurture
- 25 OFF
- 26 Staff Meeting/Office
- 27 Office/Commission on Witness
- 28 Office
- 29 Ordination for Aaron Klink - Durham, Peace Covenant
- 30 Worship Undetermined

**ASSOCIATE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2017**

- 1 No. Area Ministers - Roanoke, First/Office
- 2 District Board Executive Committee
- 3 Staff Meeting/Office
- 4 Office
- 5 Office
- 6 Ministry and Mission Day - Roanoke, Oak Grove
- 7 Worship Undetermined/Reception for Emma Jean Woodard at Oak Grove
- 8-21 VACATION

**UPCOMING NORTHERN AREA MINISTERS MEETINGS**

April 3 - 9:00 a.m. at the Poages Mill Church (6550 Bent Mountain Road, SW, Roanoke, Virginia). Breakfast is provided. Shawn Flory Replogle, former Annual Conference Moderator and 2017 AWAKENING speaker, will be leading Bible Study.

May 1 - 8:30 a.m. at the Roanoke, First Church (2001 Carroll Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia). Breakfast is provided at a cost of \$7.00. Anne Mitchell will provide the program.

**UPCOMING SOUTHERN AREA MINISTERS MEETINGS**

April 17 - 6:00 p.m. at the Red Hill Church (6050 Franklin Road, Roanoke, Virginia). Dinner is provided at a cost of \$10.00. David Shumate will provide the program.

May 15 - 6:00 p.m. at the Coulson Church (4127 Coulson Church Road, Hillsville, Virginia). Dinner is provided at a cost of \$10.00. The Preachers Choir will be featured.

**AWAKENING SERVICES IN ROANOKE - APRIL 2-5, 2017**

Awakening 2017 will take place at the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren on April 2-5, 2017. Services begin each evening with a hymn sing at 6:45 p.m. and worship beginning at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "A New Hope for Every Generation" presented by Shawn Flory Replogle. Brother Replogle was Moderator of Annual Conference in 2010 and was formerly pastor of the McPherson Church of the Brethren in Kansas. He is a native of Bridgewater, Virginia.

In addition to the evening services, Bible Studies will be held by Brother Replogle each morning, Monday through Wednesday, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. The study on Monday will be held at the Poages Mill Church, on Tuesday at the Summerdean Church and on Wednesday at the Masons Cove Church. Each of these will feature a light breakfast prior to the study.

**DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER CLOSED - APRIL 14-16, 2017**

In observance of the Easter Holiday, the Virgina District Resource Center will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, and reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 17. We will, as always, monitor e-mail at <virgina@aol.com>. If there is an emergency, call Emma Jean Woodard at 540-797-3044.

**PASTORAL PLACEMENT REPORT**

- **BETHEL** - Part time position, no profile available - *Lloyd David McDaniel has retired effective April 16, 2017.*
- **CHRISTIANSBURG** - Full time position, profile meeting on February 5 - *Pulpit supply by J. Hebron Quesenberry and Glen H. Sage.*
- **GERMANTOWN BRICK** - Full time position, profile meeting on April 23 - *Bruce E. Huffman is retiring effective November 1.*
- **HOPEWELL** - Part time position, no profile available - R. Wayne Pennington serving as interim pastor.
- **JONES CHAPEL** - *In negotiation, trial sermon and vote on April 23.*
- **MAPLE GROVE** - Part time position, no profile available - *Timothy Sink serving as interim pastor.*
- **OAKVALE** - Part time position, no profile available - *James J. Stade continues as pastor and Joshua N. Lucas as pulpit supply.*
- **PLEASANT VIEW** - Part time position, profile pending - *C. Richard Edwards is retiring effective June 30.*
- **RED OAK GROVE** - Part time position, no profile available - *J. Michael Varner serving as interim pastor through April 30.*
- **ROANOKE - HOLLINS ROAD** - Full time position, profile circulating (1) - Glenn D. Stevens serving as interim pastor.
- **SAINT PAUL** - Part time position, no profile available - Mark A. Bolt is serving as interim pastor on a part-time basis.
- **SAUNDERS GROVE** - Part time position, no profile available - *Pulpit supply by James Worline and Johnny Thompson.*
- **SHELTON** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **SMITH CHAPEL** - Part time position, no profile available. Pulpit supply.
- **SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMUNITY** - Full-time position, profile meeting on April 2. *Edward C. Woodard is serving as interim pastor effective March 15..*
- **TRINITY** - Part time position, profile circulating - *J. Neil Varner is serving as interim pastor effective January 1.*
- **WEST RICHMOND** - Full time position, profile meeting on March 12 - *Tracy K. Hartman, professor at Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, is serving as interim pastor effective March 19.*

**LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE WEBINAR- APRIL 6, 2017**

- 70 percent of people 65 and older will need long-term care. That's a big number. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 70 percent of people age 65 or more will sometime in their life need care for 90 days or longer. That means whether you are young or old, the odds are high that there will be a time sooner or later when you will need long-term care. With the Baby Boomers coming into retirement age, the need for long-term care facilities is rising, pushing up the cost of such care. Are you prepared for this?

- The Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust can help. Register for the LTC Planning Webinar "The Ins and Outs of Long-Term Care." This webinar will be introducing and explaining long-term care insurance. What is it? Who needs it? What are the options? What are the basic costs? This helpful webinar is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Each session will be 30 minutes with live Q&A to follow. It will be led by Randy Yoder, Independent Agent for Brethren Benefit Trust and Long-Term Care Specialist. If April 6 is not convenient, you may contact Randy Yoder by phone (847) 849-0205 or e-mail at <[ryoder@cobbt.org](mailto:ryoder@cobbt.org)> for a consultation by phone, a personal visit, or a group presentation for your church.

- To register for the 10 a.m. morning session and 7 p.m. evening session, please go to the Brethren Benefit Trust website at <<http://www.cobbt.org>>. Don't miss this chance to learn more and begin to prepare for your future needs.

**CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR - APRIL 22-27, 2017**

- The 2017 Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS) will take place on April 22-27. The theme will be "Native American Rights and Food Security," related to the scripture from Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

- CCS is for high school-aged students and will take place in New York and Washington, D.C. The cost of registration is \$400 per person which includes event programming, lodging for five nights, two dinner meals and transportation from New York to Washington, DC. Each participant will need to bring additional money for other meals, sightseeing, personal expenses, and subway/taxi fares. To register go to [www.brethren.org/ccs](http://www.brethren.org/ccs).

**WOMEN OF MANY HATS--WOMEN'S RETREAT - APRIL 29, 2017**

- "Women of Many Hats" is--an inspirational, fun filled time of fellowship for women of all ages planned just for YOU! This event will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017, at the Peters Creek Church, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., registration and fellowship time begins at 9, program begins at 10. Lunch will be provided by Peters Creek, cost \$10, reservations due by April 15, to Gwen Kropff, (540) 761-8672. Mark your calendar and plan now to attend. Additional information will be sent to churches soon. Sponsored by the Northern and Southern Area Women's Fellowship of the Virginia District

**MINISTRY AND MISSION IN VIRLINA EVENT - MAY 6, 2017**

The annual Ministry and Mission in Virlina event will be held at the Roanoke, Oak Grove Church of the Brethren (2138 McVitty Road, Roanoke, Virginia) on Saturday, May 6. It will be a day of worship, workshops, food, fellowship, and the Annual Conference Briefing. The theme will be "Listen to the Spirit!" with the scripture focus from Revelation 3:13-22. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. and the event will conclude by 3:00 p.m.

We will begin with worship at 9:00 a.m. and Timothy H. Emmons, Virlina District Conference Moderator, will preach. Following worship there will be a variety of workshops sponsored by the commissions (Ministry, Nurture, Stewardship and Witness) and committees (New Church Development and Outdoor Ministries) of the District Board. After lunch, the Standing Committee Delegates will facilitate the Annual Conference Delegate Briefing. Please mark your calendars and plan to be at Ministry and Mission in Virlina on May 6. A greater

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY - MAY 7, 2017**

Mark your calendar for May 7. That will be National Youth Sunday in the Church of the Brethren. More information will be available at <[www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org)>.

**RECEPTION FOR EMMA JEAN FRANKLIN WOODARD - MAY 7, 2017**

A reception to honor Emma Jean Franklin Woodard, Associate District Executive Minister, for her seventeen years and five months of faithful service will be held at the Roanoke, Oak Grove Church on Sunday, May 7, 2017, from 4 - 6 p.m. The program begins at 4 sharp. Please plan to be present for this special event!

**MEN OF VIRLINA DISTRICT - KEEPING IT REAL - MAY 23, 2017**

The Virlina District Spiritual Retreat Committee is sponsoring an evening of dinner, fellowship and fun for the men of Virlina District. It will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., at the Summerdean Church (6604 Plantation Road, Roanoke, VA). The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 (pay at the door). Mike Stevens, former WDBJ7 Sports Director, current Communications Director for the City of Salem, and member of the Roanoke, Oak Grove Church, will be the speaker for the evening. His topic will be "Keeping it Real."

Please post or otherwise distribute the attached flyer. To reserve your place for dinner, call or e-mail Betty Wills at the District Resource Center at (540) 362-1816 or <[virlinasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:virlinasecretary@gmail.com)>.

**2017 YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE - MAY 26-28, 2017**

The 2017 Young Adult Conference (YAC) will be held May 26-28 at Camp Harmony, near Hooversville, Pennsylvania. The theme is "Loving Neighbor" from Matthew 22:36-39. YAC offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects and more... with other fantastic. The registration is 150 which includes food, lodging and programming.

The speaker for YAC will be Emmet Eldred, Wendy McFadden, Monica Rice, and Dennis Lohr. Leah Hileman will provide music leadership and Jess Hoffer and Jenn Chillias Balmer will provide worship leadership. To register, go to <[www.brethren.org/yac](http://www.brethren.org/yac)>.

**NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE - JUNE 9-11, 2017**

The National Junior High Conference is for youth who have completed grades 6-8. Youth and their advisors will consider Jonah's story through the theme "Called for a Greater Cause: Jonah's Journey." The conference will be held June 9-11 on the campus of Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Come, sing, laugh, worship, make friends from all over the country, and spend time with God

Worship speakers will include Katie Heishman, Rudy Amaya, and Jeff Carter. Kyle Remnant will be coordinating music and worship will be coordinated by Rebekah Houff and Trent Smith. In addition to four celebrations of worship, there will be time for learning during workshops, and time for play during recreation and evening activities. The cost is \$175 per person. After March 31, the cost increases to \$200 per person. For more information or to register, visit <[www.brethren.org/njhc](http://www.brethren.org/njhc)> or call (847) 429-4385.

**PRACTICE OF MINISTRY DAY - AUGUST 5, 2017**

The 2017 Practice of Ministry Day will be Saturday, August 5, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Summerdean Church (6604 Plantation Road, Roanoke, Virginia). The theme will be "Addressing Difficult Issues in Pastoral Care." CEU credit will be available for ordained ministers. Additional information will be forthcoming.

**NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC) - SEPTEMBER 4-8, 2017**

Inspiration 2017, the National Older Adult Conference (NOAC), is a spirit filled gathering of those 50+. The theme will be "Generations" from Psalm 145:4, "One generation shall laud God's works to another and shall declare God's mighty acts." NOAC will be held September 4-8 at Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Western North Carolina. For more information or to register, go to the website, <[www.brethren.org/noac](http://www.brethren.org/noac)>.

NOAC leadership will include: Bible Studies - Stephen Reid, Preachers -Rodger Nishioka, Susan Boyer, and Wendy McFadden, and Keynote Speakers - Missy Buchanan, Jim Wallis, and Peggy Reiff Miller. In addition to Bible study, worship, and presentations, there are many activities, service projects, meals, fellowship times and ice cream socials.

Bus transportation will be available from two districts with stops in Roanoke: from the Mid-Atlantic District bus contact Pat Ecker at (410) 871-0765 or at <[wecker@gis.net](mailto:wecker@gis.net)> or from Shenandoah District contact Sandy Kinsey at (540-234-8555 or at <[districtoffice@shencob.org](mailto:districtoffice@shencob.org)>.

**SAVE-THE-DATE FOR SPIRITUAL RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Please mark your calendar for a Spiritual Retreat. It will be held at Camp Bethel in the House of Pillars on Saturday, September 30. Additional information will be available in April including theme, leadership, and activities. The Spiritual Development Retreat Committee will be sponsoring this retreat.

**"CHURCHES IN THE SKY BUS TOUR" - OCTOBER 14, 2017**

Our fall foliage bus tour is planned for Saturday, October 14, 2017. This year's outing is entitled "Churches in the Sky" and will include visits to a number of North Carolina and Virginia congregations in Southeastern and Virlina Districts. Among those visited will be New Haven, Mount Carmel, Peak Creek, Little Pine, Shelton and Saint Paul.

Cost will be reasonable, although not yet determined. The tour will depart from the District Resource Center in Roanoke and may make an intermediate stop in the Christiansburg-area if demand warrants. The luncheon meal will be available at the Peak Creek Church as they are having their annual Fall Festival that day!

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 10-11, 2017**

Virlina District congregations gather annually to worship, fellowship, learn, and handle business items. The 2017 Virlina District Conference will be held on November 10 and 11 at the Grandin Court Baptist Church (2660 Brambleton Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia). The theme will be Listen to the Spirit! with the scripture focus "Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying . . ." Revelation 3:13-22 (NRSV)

Samuel K. Sarpiya, 2018 Annual Conference Moderator, and David A. Steele, General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren, will be our preachers. Samuel Sarpiya will speak at the Ministers and Spouses Dinner and preach at the Saturday morning worship service. David Steele will preach at the Friday evening worship service.

The following are our conference officers: Timothy H. Emmons, Moderator, Deborah S. Humphrey, Moderator-Elect, and Pamela K. Clark, Clerk. The District Conference Committees, Program and Arrangements and Nominating and Personnel, have begun their work in preparations for conference and for the ballot respectively.

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss the 2017 District Conference!

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY/SELF ALLOCATION REPORT THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

The Virlina District Financial Secretary Penultimate Report for February 28, 2017 is attached. Please review your congregation's self-allocation giving for the year thus far in consultation with your treasurer and draw any discrepancies to our attention. Please remember that your offering plate is the offering plate of the district and denomination. **Blue indicates that we have not recieved your Form E - Congregational Outreach Report (was mailed from General Offices in Elgin and due December 5, 2016): If your congregation is listed below, please get the information mailed as soon as possible.** Bethlehem, Blacksburg-Iglesia del Buen Pastor Fellowship, Coulson, Crab Orchard, Fairview (Floyd County), Ferrum, Floyd-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Good Shepherd (Blacksburg), Henry Fork, Jeters Chapel, Laurel Branch, Lynchburg, Maple Grove, New Hope, Oakvale, Olean, Parkway, PleasantDale, Red Hill, Roanoke-Central, Roanoke-Hollins Road, Roanoke-Ninth Street, Roanoke-Oak Grove, Roanoke-Iglesia Cristiana Renacer Fellowship, Saint Paul, Schoolfield, Shelton, Spruce Run, Vinton, Virginia Beach-Christian Church Uniting, Wakefield Chapel, West Richmond.