

VIRLINA DISTRICT

Church
Of the
Brethren



MEMO FOR MINISTERS

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2021

- 1 Staff Meeting/Office
- 2 OFF
- 3 Office
- 4 OPEN
- 5 Preach at New Bethel/Blackwell Funeral at Red Oak Grove/
Leadership Team at Williamson Road
- 6 Northern Area Ministers Meeting - Ninth Street/Virginia Council
of Churches Judicatory Checkin - (Z)
- 7 Office/Commission on Stewardship
- 8 Staff Meeting/Office
- 9 OFF
- 10 Office/Commission on Ministry
- 11 OPEN
- 12 Worship at New Hope
- 13 Office/Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida S/C Christmas Meal
- 14 Office/Dentist/Executive Committee - Germantown Brick
- 15 Staff Meeting and Birthday Outing/Office/Copper Hill Placement
- 16 OFF
- 17 Office
- 18 OPEN
- 19 Worship at Christiansburg/Ed Baker Memorial Service - Daleville
- 20 Office
- 21 Office
- 22 Staff Meeting/Office
- 23 OFF
- 24 **District Resource Center Closed - Christmas Eve**
- 25 **Christmas Day**
- 26 Preach at Daleville
- 27-30 **Vacation - District Resource Center Open**
- 31 **District Resource Center Closed - New Year's Eve**

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2022

- 1 **District Resource Center Closed - New Year's Day**
- 2 Worship Undetermined
- 3 Northern Area Ministers - Oak Grove/Historical Committee/Office
- 4 Office
- 5 Staff Meeting/Office
- 6 OFF
- 7 Office
- 8 OPEN
- 9 Worship Undetermined
- 10 Office/Moneta-Lake Side Steering Committee
- 11 Office
- 12 Staff Meeting/Office
- 13 OFF
- 14 Office
- 15 District Board Retreat at Camp Bethel
- 16 Worship Undetermined
- 17 Office/Southern Area Ministers Meeting at Antioch
- 18 Awakening Committee/Office
- 19 Staff Meeting/Office

DISTRICT CONFERENCE VIDEO AVAILABLE

Our in-person 2021 Conference was essentially limited to the church delegates and district board members. However, the Friday night worship service and Saturday's business sessions were recorded on both DVD and a flash drive. If you or your congregation would like to watch the events from the 2021 District Conference held at Grandin Court Baptist Church in Roanoke, please contact the District Office to check their availability.

Borrowers are asked to keep the recordings for no longer than a two-week period. It is our hope to also have the Friday night worship service available for viewing on the virlina.org website. Program and Arrangements hopes you receive a blessing from the instrumental music of Stephen Wills of Roanoke, Oak Grove, and from the message delivered by David Sollenberger, the 2022 Annual Conference Moderator.

KENTUCKY TORNADO OFFERING

Congregational offerings for the **Kentucky Tornado Response** may be sent to the District Resource Center marked for **Account #33501**.

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20 OFF
21 Virginia Council of Churches (Z)/Office
22 Nominating and Personnel
23 Worship Undetermined
24 - 27 Council of District Executives Meetings (Z)
28 Office
29 OPEN
30 Worship Undetermined
31 Office/Iglesia Cristiana Buen Pastor Steering Committee at Parkway

MARY SINK ST. JOHN SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2019

1 Staff Meeting/Office
2-3 Office
6 OFF
7 Office
8 Staff Meeting/Office
9-10 Office
13 OFF/Disaster Response Committee
14 Office
15 Staff Meeting/Office
16-17 Office
20 OFF
21 Office/Race Education Team
22 Staff Meeting/Office
23 Office
24-27 **District Center Closed for Christmas**
28-29 Office
30 Office/Spiritual Development Retreat Committee
31 **District Resource Center Closed - New Year's Eve**

MARY SINK ST. JOHN SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2020

1 **District Resource Center Closed - New Year's Day**
3 OFF
4 Office
5 Staff Meeting/Office
6-7 Office
10 OFF
11 Office/Race Education Team
12 Staff Meeting/Office
13-14 Office
15 District Board Retreat at Camp Bethel
17 OFF
18 Office
19 Staff Meeting/Office
20-21 Office
22 Program and Arrangements/Nominating and Personnel
24 OFF
25 Office
26 Staff Meeting/Office
27-28 Office
31 OFF

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTER

We will also be closed for the Christmas Holiday beginning on Thursday, December 23, at 6 p.m. until Tuesday, December 27, at 9 a.m. and for the New Year Holiday beginning on Thursday, December 30, at 6 p.m. until Monday, January 3, 2022 at 9 a.m.

We do monitor telephone messages and e-mail periodically when the center is closed. The District Executive Minister will be on vacation from December 26, 2021 through January 3, 2022.

We wish you and your congregation a Blessed Christmas and New Year!

PILGRIMAGE XXIV - MARCH 18-20, 2022

Pilgrimage XXIV is now scheduled for March 18-20, 2022, at Camp Bethel. Individuals from 60 congregations in our district have participated in this spiritual retreat for adults.

Pilgrimage is for everyone who wants to draw closer to God. It is for the young and old, for the new Christian and the one who has been a Christian for decades. The retreat includes spiritual talks, small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more. God continues to work in wonderful ways through this ministry! Prayerfully consider participation.

God works in wonderful ways through this ministry! Please consider your participation. For more information, please call Karen Haynes at (336) 765-5263 or at haynesmk1986@yahoo.com or go to our website at www.experiencepilgrimage.com.

DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORT IN HAITI

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on August 14, 2021 killing 2,248 people and injuring 12,763. The material damage was also devastating. Attached is a .pdf from Brethren Disaster Ministries outlining the denominational response to this tragic event. Please print and post on your congregational bulletin board.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT REPORT

- **BASSETT** - Full time position, profile pending - *Allen Alderman and Clyde Hylton serving as pulpit supply.*
- **BETHANY** - Part time position, no profile available - Emma Jean Woodard serving as interim pastor.
- **BETHEL** - Part time position, no profile available.
- **BETHLEHEM** - Full time position, profile circulating (P/3) - Horace D. Light, Jr. serving as interim pastor.
- **CHRISTIANSBURG** - Full or part time position - *Pulpit supply.*
- **COPPER HILL** - Full time position, profile pending (P/1)- William J. Hinton, Sr. serving as interim.
- **COULSON** - Full time position - *Pulpit supply.*
- **FAIRVIEW (ROCKY MOUNT)** - Part time position, no profile available - Jeffery A. Wray has resigned effective December 31, 2021.
- **GREEN HILL** - Part time position, profile pending (P) - J. Michael Varner serving as interim pastor.
- **LIGHTHOUSE** - Part time position, no profile available - Don D. Street, lay speaker from Mount Hermon, serving as pulpit supply.
- **MAPLE GROVE** - Part time position, no profile available - Jeremiah Beasley serving as pulpit supply.
- **MONETA, LAKE SIDE** - Part time position, profile circulating (P) - Christian J. Becker (FGBC) continues as pulpit supply
- **MONTE VISTA** - Part time position, no profile available - Edward C. Woodard providing pulpit supply.
- **NEW BETHEL** - Part time position, no profile available - Greg Hedrick serving as interim pastor through December 31, 2021.
- **NEWPORT NEWS, IVY FARMS** - Part time position, profile circulating (P) - Pulpit supply.
- **OAK GROVE, SOUTH** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **OAKVALE** - Part time position, no profile available - Josh Lucas continues as associate.
- **PLEASANTDALE** - Part time position, no profile available - W. Leonard Foley has resigned effective December 31, 2021.
- **PLEASANT VIEW** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **ROANOKE, HOLLINS ROAD** - *Harold E. Boyd began as pastor on a 2/3 time basis on December 1, 2021.*
- **ROANOKE, IGLESIA CRISTIANA RENACER** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.
- **SAINT PAUL** - Part time position, no profile available
- **SELMA** - Part time position, no profile available - Alvis Jackson serving as pulpit supply.
- **SHELTON** - Part time position, no profile available - Pulpit supply.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH INSTITUTE - ROANOKE CENTER - BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 2022

- *Teaching and Learning in the Church*, a class covering basic Christian Education methods, will be offered beginning January 8, 2021. Tabitha Hartman Rudy, pastor of the Smith Mountain Lake Church, will serve as instructor. Class sessions are scheduled for the following Saturdays from 12 noon until 4 p.m. at the District Resource Center (unless a move to a larger facility is necessitated by enrollment): January 8 and 22, February 5 and 19. Tuition for the class will be \$100.00 for CGI Students and \$35 for Continuing Education Units including certificate for ordained ministers.

- For more information or to obtain a registration form please contact Donna Hornsby, CGI Coordinator at (540) 266-0733 or dshornsby912@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to VIRLINA DISTRICT and mail with the registration form to arrive by December 24 to: Donna Hornsby, 420 Bluebell Lane, Apt 304, Roanoke, VA 24012.

MINISTERS MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 2022

- The Virlina District **Northern Area Ministers** are meeting at Oak Grove Church of the Brethren at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022. Our speaker is Phil Stone, former president of Bridgewater College and Sweet Briar College. His topic is Church Leadership in a post-Covid age. Because of the timeliness of the topic, this meeting is open to lay leaders in our congregations as well. Board chairs, commission chairs, and congregational moderators are invited to attend. For more information, contact Donna Hornsby at <dshornsby912@gmail.com>.

- The **Southern Area Ministers and Spouses** of the Virlina District are scheduled to meet at the Antioch Church of the Brethren on Monday, January 17, 2022 beginning at 6 p.m. Our speaker for the evening is Mary Anne Glover, General Minister of the Virginia Council of Churches. Since our meeting is on Martin Luther King Day and because racial issues are important to the life of the church and our society, she will speak on her experience as a clergy woman of color in a pre-dominantly white denomination. Mary Anne was a regional minister and is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The meal preceding the program is \$10.00. Please call Andy Duffey, pastor at Antioch at (540) 483-2087 to reserve meals by Friday, January 14.

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CLERGY TAX SEMINAR - NEW INFORMATION - JANUARY 29, 2022

Clergy, students and anyone who deals with clergy finances such as congregational treasurers are invited to participate in this online Zoom seminar. Learn how to prepare clergy taxes correctly and legally. Comply with regulations while maximizing tax deductions. Please note the revised schedule for the January 29 event, including new material and an increase to 0.4 CEUs!*

The seminar will run from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (EST). It is sponsored by The Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry, and Bethany Theological Seminary.

Session schedules:

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (0.15 CEUs) - Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Clergy Taxation, Part One.

Topics covered: Stimulus checks, advanced child tax credit, who is considered a minister and what work is considered ministerial.

12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. (0.15 CEUs) - Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Clergy Taxation, Part Two.

Topics covered: Housing exclusion, parsonages and parsonage adjustments, and self-employment taxes, as well as business expenses and how they can reduce self-employment income. (Topics may appear in different sections than described.)

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (0.1 CEU) - NEW! Pastoral Compensation & Benefits Committee (PC&BAC).

The Chair of PC&BAC is very pleased to bring you the brand new "Pastoral Compensation Calculator" and "Integrated Annual Ministry Agreement" (which will replace both the start-up and renewal agreements)! Full of critical changes regarding how pastors and congregations negotiate around scale and ministry responsibilities, and effective at Annual Conference this summer! Get a sneak peek and volunteer to be a beta tester!

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Completing the Clergy Tax Return.

Rev. Zeke Zacharias, pastor at Litlold Church, has been struggling through the same congregational-COVID issues that all of you have. Let's see how he's handled himself in 2021. We'll be using H&R Block's Self-Employed version of their downloadable software.

During this six-hour (-6-) webinar, you will learn a great deal about clergy tax law, tax preparation, and clergy compensation. It will be a resource-full day, so plan to take care of yourself as you learn. Eat when you're hungry. Get a drink when you're thirsty. Stand up and walk around when you need to. But most importantly, ask questions! If you have a question, it is guaranteed that at least 6 other people are wondering the same thing!

Registration and Cost

Registration is \$40 per person (generally nonrefundable to keep fees and overhead low). Current Brethren Academy, Bethany Theological Seminary and Earlham School of Religion students may attend the seminar at no cost, although registration is still required to allow us to provide you with web access to the seminar. Instructions and handouts will be sent a few days prior to the event. Registrations are not complete until payment is received. For quality reasons, registrations may be capped at eighty-five persons. Prompt registration is advised as the registration deadline is January 19, 2022. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the seminar.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE AT BRIDGEWATER - FEBRUARY 25-27, 2022

The annual Roundtable at Bridgewater College for youth, grades 9-12, is scheduled for February 25-27, 2022. Chris Michael, a former Interdistrict Youth Cabinet (IYC) member, high school art teacher, Tik-Tok comedian and artist, is the featured speaker. An IYC newsletter, with registration information, will be mailed to youth leaders in January.

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AWAKENING SERVICES - APRIL 3-6, 2022

The Awakening Services for congregations in the Roanoke-area, including Bedford, Botetourt and Franklin Counties, are scheduled to be held at the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren on April 3-6, 2022. These nightly services will feature the powerful preaching of Paul Munday, the immediate past Annual Conference Moderator. Bible studies will be held during the mornings of April 4-6 at selected area congregations. More information will be forthcoming.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - JULY 23-28, 2022

National Youth Conference 2022 (NYC 2022) will focus on Colossians 2: 5-7 (NRSV) and the theme "Foundational" The event is scheduled for July 23-28, 2022. Youth who have completed ninth grade through one year of college at the time of NYC (or are age equivalent) and their advisors will gather at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. Online registration will open on December 1, 2021. The registration fee, which includes food, lodging, and programming, will be \$550. This does not include transportation.

The theme scripture from Colossians 2:5-7 reads "For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

"Throughout the Bible, God is revealed as a foundation for our lives in many ways. Some examples of this are the cornerstone, the way God can be seen as an anchor for our lives, and how we remain rooted in God in all circumstances," wrote Erika Clary, 2022 NYC Coordinator.

Members of the National Youth Cabinet include Ben Tatum (Virgina), Bella Torres (Atlantic Northeast), Elise Gage (MidAtlantic), Geo Romero (Illinois/Wisconsin), Hayley Daubert (Shenandoah), and Luke Schweitzer (Southern Ohio/ Kentucky). Advisors include Kayla Alphonse (Atlantic Southeast) and Jason Haldeman (Atlantic Northeast). The Cabinet is led by Erika Clary and accompanied by Becky Ullom Naugle, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Watch for NYC 2022 updates at www.brethren.org/yya/nyc/ and on social media (Facebook: National Youth Conference; Instagram: @cobnyc2022).

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE BUS TRIP - JULY 19 - 30, 2022

The Virgina District is planning a bus trip to National Youth Conference (NYC) leaving on July 19 and returning on July 30, 2022. Tara Myers Riddle, a member of the Antioch Church of the Brethren, is the district coordinator. Please contact Tara by phone at (540) 352-2217 or by e-mail at timtarariddle@gmail.com to indicate individual or congregational interest in the bus trip. Firm numbers are not needed at this time. However, such contact will be helpful to anticipate needs.

NEW MEMBERS REPORT FORM

A New Members Report Form is enclosed for you to copy and use throughout the year to report the names of persons who become members of your congregation. You can complete and send the form to the District Resource Center, or you can email the new member information to [<virlinasecretary@gmail.com>](mailto:virlinasecretary@gmail.com).

2022 ADDITIONAL OFFICERS FORM

The Additional Officers Form for 2022 is enclosed in this memo. Please complete the form and return it to the Virgina District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road, Roanoke, VA 24012. This information helps the district staff in making contact and sending material to persons in certain positions of service. This form is due by January 15.

DISTRICT BOARD REORGANIZATION FOR 2021-22

Please review and draw any corrections to our attention at [<nuchurch@aol.com>](mailto:nuchurch@aol.com).

ATTACHMENTS/ENCLOSURES

Financial Secretary's Report for November 30, 2022
Additional Officers Form
District Board Reorganization for 2021-22

D/C 2022 Nomination Form
Haiti Earthquake Response
New Members Report Form