



# Church of the Brethren

3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012



September 9, 2024

Dear Pastors, Interim Pastors & Congregational Contact Persons (Board Chairs),

The November 8-9, 2024 District Conference will be at Faith Fellowship Church, 100 Wirtz Road, Wirtz, VA. Enclosed is the District Conference pre-registration packet. Please note deadlines for food vendors, child care workers, and youth.

**This is the only mailing, other than the conference booklets, that we will mail prior to conference, and it is limited to one per congregation. We stress that you review this packet's contents carefully and distribute each form to your congregation's designated person(s).** All forms and information are available online at [virlina.org](http://virlina.org).

The following items are included:

1. District Conference information page/bulletin insert
2. Delegate Pre-Registration Form & the CoB yearbook guideline for number of delegates
3. Invitation to the Ministers, Spouses and Friends Dinner, 5:15 PM on-site Friday, November 8. Preregistration is required.
4. Lunch Reservation Form for Delegates & Non-Delegates (OMC and Board members must eat on-site in designated rooms assigned for reorganization.)
5. Children and Youth activities and registration forms. Please PRE-REGISTER!
6. Offering project...Monetary Offering will be to offset District Conference expenses and to aid the local food pantries. Please make checks out to *Virlina District, 3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012*. Church World Service buckets and all service kits will be accepted at the District Office through the end of the year.

The September District Headliner highlights the events and schedules of the 2024 District Conference. Conference booklets will be mailed to each congregation in October and the congregational delegates and pastors will be asked to pick them up *at their churches*.

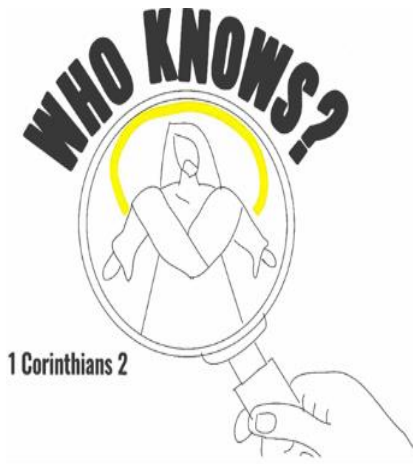
The Program and Arrangements Committee, Moderator Stacy Goff, Moderator-elect Naomi Powers, and the conference officers have prayed over each detail of conference. Please join us in praying. We recognize that we all approach worship and business sessions with unique frames of mind and opinions. Our theme is "Who Knows?" and refers to the whole chapter of 1 Corinthians 2. Please read the chapter and reflect on its message and how it speaks to you. You are invited to worship on Friday, and to join us as we conduct the business of God's church on Saturday.



In Christ's Love and Service,

*Mary Sink St. John*

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# 2024 Virilina District Conference

FAITH FELLOWSHIP  
WIRTZ, VA

November 8 & 9

Join us for worship Friday night, and music, voting, business sessions, Church of the Brethren reports, exhibits and fellowship on Saturday.

• **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8** •

### Ministers, Spouses, and Friends Dinner 5:15 PM

The Annual Dinner for Ministers, Spouses and Friends will take place at Germantown Brick Church of the Brethren (2363 Brick Church Road, Rocky Mount, VA 24151). Food is catered by Montanos. Guest speaker will be Founa Badet, Director of Intercultural Ministries for the Church of the Brethren. **Reservations are due October 21.** Check-in starts at 4:45. The meal is **\$23.00/person** and begins at 5:15 PM. (Preregistered onsite childcare is 5:00 – 6:30 PM. Bring a packed supper and drink for an indoor picnic.)

### Conference Registration

Delegates register by **September 30** with **\$30.00** fee made out to: Virilina District

3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.

Non-delegates may request report booklets by September 30.

Supplies limited on-site.

### Praise and Worship 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM

Worship Leader: Stacy Goff, Copper Hill

Worship and Praise led by Todd Reed, Cedar Bluff

Skits and Songs of Praise: Susan Thomas, pianist, Outspoken Band from Bridgewater College, Iglesia Band, Skit from Copper Hill.

Child-care from 6:45 – 8:15. Please pack snacks for children.

• **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9** •

### Registration 7:45 - 8:15 AM

Delegates will be sitting in the designated area on the main floor of the theater-style sanctuary. Nondelegates will have ample seating in elevated seats behind the delegates. Everyone is welcome to attend District Conference. Congregations will be mailed report booklets and asked to distribute to each delegate.

*Delegates are expected to bring report booklets to sessions.*

### Children & Youth Activities

A separate registration form is required to reserve a place in the child-care program or nursery for infants to kindergarten. Please provide snacks, drink and lunch. Children ages kindergarten – grade 5 who pre-register will have lessons, crafts, and a service project for the local animal shelter and food pantry. After lunch, they will go by passenger van to the animal shelter and Homestead Creamery. Please provide car seats if needed. Middle School and Senior High Youth will be having a separate retreat at Antioch with Bridgewater's IYC. Chaperones must provide transportation to and from Antioch. A separate registration form is required.

### Business Sessions 8:15 AM-12:00 and 1:20 - 3:30 PM

The business and worship will include commission and committee reports, voting on the 2024 ballot, budget and new business, reorganization, prayer and commissioning for Virilina's 2025 leadership and the installation of 2025 Moderator Naomi Powers. Some Brethren agencies will give reports as well. All business sessions will be recorded and may be borrowed from the District Resource Center after Saturday.

### Lunch 12:00 PM– 1:15 PM

On-site lunch, prepared by Old Oak Café, will need to be reserved by **October 21**. Lunch is \$15.00 and served in a room to the left of the lobby with an accessible ramp entrance. Local restaurants near Faith Fellowship are an option, as well.

### 2024 Officers

Moderator: Stacy Goff, Copper Hill

Moderator Elect: Naomi Powers, Daleville

Clerk: Rissa Craighead, Red Oak Grove

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FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

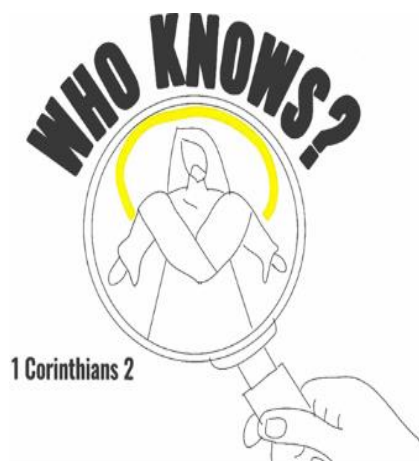
November 8 & 9

100 Wirtz Road, Wirtz, VA

## PRE-REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES

(Due: September 30)

Name of Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_



Please print clearly.

### Step 1: 2024 Virilina District Conference Delegates

(Please refer to the back of this sheet to find out how many delegates you may send.)

Pastor (Automatic Delegate) \_\_\_\_\_

Chair of Board (Automatic Delegate) \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Elected Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> Elected Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

5<sup>th</sup> Elected Delegate (251+) \_\_\_\_\_

*If your congregation has to send an alternate delegate in a registered delegate's place, please alert the District Office of this change as soon as possible. (540) 362-1816*

### Step 2: Send in this form and payment.

The registration fee is **\$30.00** per delegate. **Registration forms and payment are due by September 30.** This registration form will help determine how many conference booklets are printed. Mail form and payment (checks made payable to **Virilina District**) to:

**Virilina District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.**

**Registration Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_ (delegates) x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Congregations:** If you plan to cover the cost of meals for your ministers and/or delegates, and only want to send one check, please send all forms together with the check by the September 30 deadline. This makes the in-office registration process much easier. *Thank you!*

*For more information or questions regarding registration, call or email Mary Sink St.John,  
Director of District Conference, Nurture, and Witness:  
virilina.directordcnw@gmail.com or (540) 362-1816  
Forms and information will be available online! virilina.org*

### Number of Delegates Allowed for the 2024 Virilina District Conference

This list is based on the statistics from the 2023 *Yearbook*. Congregations are invited to send the Pastor, Board Chair, as well as 2 other delegates. Only those congregations with a membership of over 250 may send 3 delegates in addition to the Pastor and Board Chair.

(Up to 250 = 4; 251-350 = 5; 351-450 = 6; 451-550 = 7)

Congregation & Fellowship [f]	Members	Delegates	Congregation & Fellowship [f]	Members	Delegates	Congregation & Fellowship [f]	Members	Delegates
Antioch	304	5	Green Hill	119	4	Pulaski, First	50	4
Bassett	81	4	Hiwassee	52	4	Red Hill	80	4
			Hopewell	41	4	Red Oak Grove	31	4
Bethany	58	4	Jeters Chapel	100	4	Roanoke, Central	129	4
Bethel	66	4	Jones Chapel	62	4	Roanoke, First	168	4
Bethlehem	108	4	Lakeland (f)	16	4	Roanoke, Hollins Road	189	4
Blacksburg, Iglesia el Buen Pastor [f]	23	4	Laurel Branch	86	4			
Blue Ridge	76	4	Lighthouse	17	4	Roanoke, Ninth Street	178	4
			Lynchburg	102	4	Roanoke, Oak Grove	301	5
Boones Mill	52	4	Maple Grove	35	4	Roanoke, Summerdean	282	5
Burks Fork	51	4	Masons Cove	20	4	Roanoke, Williamson Rd.	67	4
Cedar Bluff	100	4				Rocky Mount, First	82	4
Christiansburg	157	4	Monte Vista	76	4			
Cloverdale	198	4	Mount Bethel	37	4	Saunders Grove	50	4
			Mount Hermon	137	4	Schoolfield	58	4
Concord, Living Faith	101	4	Mount Joy	57	4	Selma	26	4
Copper Hill	311	5	Mount Union	149	4	Shelton	160	4
			New Bethel	45	4	Smith Chapel	22	4
Crab Orchard	36	4	New Covenant	48	4	Smith Mountain Lake	45	4
Daleville	80	4	New Hope	105	4	Smith River	136	4
Danville, Emmanuel	51	4	Newport News, Ivy Farms	64	4	Spruce Run	151	4
Duncan Chapel	27	4	Nineveh	55	4	Stonewall	32	4
Durham, Peace Covenant	62	4	Oak Grove, South	104	4	Topeco	106	4
Eden, First	138	4	Oakvale	32	4	Trinity	23	4
Fairview, Floyd	38	4	Olean	10	4	Troutville (inc. New Bethel)	106	4
Fairview, Rocky Mount	106	4				Vinton	22	4
Ferrum	14	4	Peters Creek	180	4	Va Beach, Christ Church Uniting	8	4
Floyd, Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida [f]	41	4	Pleasant Dale	11	4	Wakefield Chapel	56	4
Fraternity	151	4	Pleasant Valley	129	4	West Richmond	137	4
Germantown Brick	233	4	Pleasant View	19	4	White Rock	29	4
Good Shepherd	5	4	Poages Mill	85	4	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,385</b>	<b>344</b>



# 2024 Virgina District Ministers and Friends Dinner

**FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

100 Wirtz Road, Wirtz, VA 24184

## Dear Ministers, Spouses, Delegates and Friends,

You're invited!

**What:** Dinner together for Virgina Ministers, Spouses, Delegates and Friends!

**When:** Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin at 4:45 PM. Dinner will be served at **5:15 PM**. You must preregister to be included in the meal count.

(There is free childcare beginning at 5:00 for the dinner at Germantown Brick. Please preregister and provide a packed dinner/ drink for your child.

**Where:** Germantown Brick Church (2363 Brick Church Rd, Rocky Mount, VA 24151)

**Cost:** **\$23.00** per person

**Food Vendor:** **Montano's International Gourmet**

**Menu:** Garden Salad, choice of Beef Medallions with cabernet demi or oven roasted chicken, homestyle green beans, scalloped potatoes, bread, and dessert, Sweet and Unsweet Tea, Coffee

**Program:** Founa Badet, Director of Intercultural Ministries for the Church of the Brethren Pastors receive 0.1 CEU for attendance.

**Forms and information will be available at [virlina.org](http://virlina.org)**



### 2024 Reservation Form for Ministers, Spouses and Friends Dinner

Name(s):1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form and payment (made payable to Virgina District) by October 21 to Virgina District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road NE, Roanoke, VA 24012**



1 Corinthians 2

## 2024 Virgina District Conference

**FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

Saturday, November 9

100 Wirtz Road, Wirtz, VA 24184

### **SATURDAY LUNCH RESERVATION FORM**

Due: October 21

Lunch on Saturday, November 9:

- **When:** 12:00 noon to 1:15 PM
- **Where:** Faith Fellowship Church hall to the left of the sanctuary (OMC and new and returning Board members eat together in designated rooms for reorganization. Meals will be delivered.)
- **Cost:** \$15.00 per person (no refunds after registration deadline)
- **Provider:** Old Oak Café, Moneta
- **Menu:** **Option (A):** Turkey Caesar wrap, macaroni salad, chips, cookie, drink **Option (B):** Ham and Cheddar wrap, macaroni salad, chips, cookie, drink **Option (C):** Veggie Wrap, macaroni salad, chips, cookie, drink \* **Please indicate if you have a gluten allergy.**
- **Meal Tickets** will be distributed on Friday evening and Saturday morning at registration. No extra meals will be sold on-site at District Conference.
- **Registration Deadline:** October 21.

#### **To Register:**

1. Complete the Meal Registration Form below.
2. Mail the form below with payment (made payable to **Virgina District**) by October 21 to:  
Virgina District Resource Center, 3402 Plantation Road NE, Roanoke, VA 24012.

Forms and information are available online!

<http://virgina.org/district-conference.html>



### **2024 Virgina District Conference Lunch Reservation Form**

Name	\$15.00 each meal (choose one per person)
1.	Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____
2.	Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____
3.	Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____
4.	Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____
5.	Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____
6.	Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____
7.	Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____
8.	Option (A)_____ (B)_____ (C)_____

Total number of lunches: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2024 District Conference Age Group Activities Registration Form

Due: October 21, Only 1 form per family

Name of Child/Youth	Age	Childcare for Infants-PreK		Grade	Children's Activities (\$10.00)	Youth Activities (\$10.00)
		Fri.	Sat.			
<i>Sample -- Alexander Mack</i>	<i>8</i>			<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sample -- Anna Beahm</i>	<i>13</i>			<i>7<sup>th</sup></i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Total Registration Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Any food, allergy, or behavioral issues we need to be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Middle and High School Youth must list attending chaperone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have children or youth participating in the activities, we need the following information from you!**

Emergency Contact (besides parent/guardians listed above):

\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to minor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*I, the parent/guardian, understand that there are risks involved in an off-site trip and in hiking and other outside activities. I understand that I will be contacted if there is an emergency, but I indemnify and hold harmless the Virgina District Board – Church of the Brethren, Inc. and its staff, officers, and volunteers from any and all liability, claims, damage, injury or illness sustained by my child or children.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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