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February—
March 2026



MEMO FOR MINISTERS

VIRLINA DISTRICT

District Executive Minister Schedule

February 2026

- 1 CODE Meetings in Miami, FL
- 2 Return from CODE Meetings
- 3 Office
- 4 Office
- 5 Off
- 6 Office/Commission on Ministry
- 7 Matthew 18 Workshop
- 8 Worship at Monte Vista/Office
- 9 Discipleship and Reconciliation/Historical Committee
- 10 Office/Virlina Bible Study
- 11 Office
- 12 Off
- 13 Office
- 14 Flex Day
- 15 Preach at Olean
- 16 Office/New Church Development/Southern Area Ministers
- 17 Awakening Committee/Christian Growth Institute Administrative Committee
- 18 Office
- 19 Off
- 20 Office/Ministers and Spouses Retreat
- 21 Ministers and Spouses Retreat
- 22 Preach at Red Hill (Pastoral Installation and Licensing Service)
- 23 Office
- 24 Office/Commission on Stewardship
- 25 Office
- 26 Off
- 27 Review and Evaluation Committee/Office
- 28 Flex Day

March 2026

- 1 Preach and Profile Meeting at West Richmond (snow date from 1/26)
- 2 Office/Northern Area Ministers
- 3 Office
- 4 Office
- 5 Off
- 6 Office
- 7 Flex Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Matthew 18 Conflict Transformation Workshop (.75 CEU's)

The Virlina District Discipleship and Reconciliation Committee and the On Earth Peace Assembly will be sponsoring a Matthew 18 Healthy Conflict and Communication Workshop on February 7, 2026 at Camp Bethel. Led by Andrew Duffy and Ewun Benjamin, the Matthew 18 workshop is a beginning – a first step – a starting place toward understanding the conflicts in our lives and how to work through them in healthy ways. The different parts of Matthew 18 work together. Throughout the workshop, we try to see how each section helps us to understand how to live together as a “church,” particularly when there’s conflict or brokenness.

Where: Camp Bethel

When: Saturday February 7, 2026 from 9am to 5pm

Cost: \$55/
participant (*Congregations sending 5 or more participants will receive a discounted price of \$45 per participant.*)

To register visit www.virlina.org

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8 Worship at Smith Chapel
9 Office/Virlina Bible Study
10 Office/District Board Executive Committee
11 Office
12 Off
13 Office
14 Flex Day
15 Worship Undetermined
16 Office/Southern Area Ministers
17 Office
18 Office
19 Off
20 Office
21 District Board Meeting at Trinity COB
22 Worship Undetermined/Awakening at Mount Union
23 Awakening Bible Study/Office/Awakening
24 Awakening Bible Study/Office/Awakening
25 Awakening Bible Study/Office/Awakening
26 Off
27 Office
28 Office
29 Worship at Monte Vista
30 DEM on Vacation
31 DEM on Vacation

Associate District Executive Minister Schedule

February 2026

1 CODE meetings- Miami, FL
2 Return from CODE Meetings
3 OFFICE
4 OFFICE
5 OFFICE
6 OUT-Available by Email-Angella@virlina.org
7 Matthew 18 Training
8 Worship undetermined
9 OFF
10 OFFICE/Witness Commission Meeting/District Bible Study
11 OFFICE
12 OFFICE/Peace Affairs Meeting
13 OUT-Available by Email-Angella@virlina.org
14 OFF
15 Worship Undetermined
16 OFF
17 OFFICE/Awakening Committee Meeting
18 OFFICE/Staff Meeting
19 OFFICE
20 Ministers and Spouses Retreat
21 Ministers and Spouses Retreat

Pilgrimage XXVII

Pilgrimage XXVII will be held March 22-24, 2026, at Camp Bethel. Pilgrimage is a weekend retreat for adults of all ages who want to spend some intimate time with our Heavenly Father. Filled with speakers, small groups, worship, reflection, and fun, Pilgrimage offers an opportunity for you to share and learn with others as we journey together on the road to a deeper relationship with God. God works in wonderful ways through this ministry! The only way to truly understand what Pilgrimage has to offer is to experience it. Prayerfully consider if this is your year to attend. If you would like more information, please contact Karen Haynes at 336-408-0403 or haynesmk1986@yahoo.com or go to www.experiencepilgrimage.com.

NATIONAL YOUTH

CONFERENCE 2026

VIRLINA BUS TRIP

Virlina District Bus Trip to NYC: July 14-25, 2026 Cost: \$1,200 per person (does not include NYC registration.) The travel package will include motor coach transportation provided by Varsity Travel, 6 nights lodging in hotels with continental or full breakfast, sightseeing at the Badlands, Wall Drug, Bear Country USA, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Fort Hays Chuckwagon show & dinner, and the St. Louis Arch. A **\$200 non-refundable deposit** is due by **March 1, 2026**. Our one bus will fill on a first come, first served basis. Final payments for the bus trip will be on June 14, 2026. Visit <https://www.brethren.org/nyc/> for more information regarding NYC registration and cost. Please contact Kim Martin with questions at 540-589-8006 or kim@virlina.org.

22 Red Hill Pastor Installation
23 OFF
24 OFFICE
25 OFFICE
26 OFFICE
27 OUT-Available by Email-Angella@virlina.org
28 OFF

March 2026

1 Worship Undetermined
2 OFF/Northern Area Ministers
3 OFFICE
4 OFFICE
5 OFFICE
6 OUT-Available by Email-Angella@virlina.org
7 Nominating & Personnel Meeting
8 Worship Undetermined
9 OFF/ Virlina Bible Study
10 OFFICE/District Executive Board
11 OFFICE
12 OFFICE/Programs & Arrangements
13 OUT-Available by Email-Angella@virlina.org
14 OFF
15 Worship Undetermined
16 OFF
17 OFFICE
18 OFFICE/Staff Meeting
19 OFFICE
20 OUT-Available by Email-Angella@virlina.org
21 District Board
22 Worship Undetermined/ Awakening
23 OFF/Awakening
24 OFFICE/Awakening
25 OFFICE/Awakening
26 OFFICE
27 OUT-Available by Email-Angella@virlina.org
28 OFF
29 Worship Undetermined
30 OFF
31 OFFICE

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT OFFICES

The nominating and personnel committee is seeking the nominations of gifted, dedicated and qualified persons to serve the Virlina District. Next years there will be open positions for the following offices: District Conference Moderator-Elect (Laity), District Board-Commission on Ministry, District Board commission on Nurture, District Board-Commission on New Church Development, District Board-Commission on Outdoor Ministries, District Board-Commission on Stewardship, District Board-Commission on Witness, District Conference Program and Arrangements Committee, and Nominating and Personnel-Area All Areas.

For more information regarding the terms and responsibilities of these offices or to nominate someone, please <https://www.virlina.org/nominations.html>.

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Pastoral Placement

BETHEL – Part time position, no profile available – Jimmy Stovall serving as pulpit supply.

BETHANY – *Harvey S. Leddy has been called on a part-time basis effective February 1.*

COPPER HILL – Part time position, profile circulating – Horace Light Jr. is serving interim pastor.

DURHAM, PEACE COVENANT – Part time position, profile circulating (1) – Amber Harris (c), Gary Bauer, Aaron Klink and Matthew Incorvaia serving as an interim pastoral team.

FERRUM – Part-time position, no profile available – Andrew Ratliff (NB) serving as interim pastor.

GERMANTOWN BRICK – Full time position, profile pending – Jerry Naff is serving as pulpit supply.

NEWPORT NEWS, IVY FARMS - Part time position, profile circulating – pulpit supply.

OLEAN – Plural ministry position, no profile available – Kerry Johnson serving as pulpit supply.

POAGES MILL – Full or part time position, profile circulating – Zach Tabor serving as interim pastor.

RED HILL – *Michael A. Wray has been called as pastor on a part time basis effective January 1.*

RED OAK GROVE – Part time position, no profile available – Enedino Herrera and Annette Hubbard serving as interim pastors.

SAUNDERS GROVE – Part time position, no profile available – Ed Woodard serving as interim pastor.

SELMA - Part time position, no profile available – Jim Abe serving as pulpit supply.

SHELTON - Part time position, no profile available – Ron Flora serving as interim pastor.

SMITH RIVER – Part time position, no profile available – Logan Boyd is serving as interim pastor.

SPRUCE RUN – Plural ministry position, no profile available – Dewey Broyles continues as pastor. Annette Hubbard and Kerry Johnson are serving as interim pastors in the shared ministry program.

TOPECO – Part time position, no profile available – pulpit supply.

VINTON – Part time position, no profile available – *Ray Bayse serving as interim pastor.*

WEST RICHMOND – Full time position, profile pending – *Tracy Hartman (NB) is serving as intentional interim pastor.*

MINISTERS AND SPOUSES RETREAT

The 2026 Virlina Ministers and Spouses Retreat will be held on Friday February 20-Saturday February 21 at Camp Bethel. Jan Glass King, an ordained minister in the Atlantic Northeast District, will lead the retreat focused on the them of “Spiritual Disciplines for Your Walk .” This will provide a time for clergy and their spouses to intentionally connect with God and with each other. Please note, the retreat will open with dinner in the Ark Dining Hall at 6:30 pm on Friday. For more information, or to register, visit <https://www.virlina.org/ministers--spouses-retreat.html>.

This event offers 0.5 CEU's.

IRS SETS 2025 STANDARD BUSINESS MILEAGE RATE

Beginning January 1, 2026, the IRS has set the standard business mileage rate at \$0.725 per mile. This is the rate that congregations should be reimbursing their pastors for all mileage travelled on behalf of the congregation (excluding commute to and from the church). Reimbursements should be on an accountable reimbursement plan. If you need assistance with this, please email dan@virlina.org or call the District Office at 540-362-1816.

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BRETHREN FAITH IN ACTION GRANT FUNDS

Formed by funds generated from the sale of the upper campus of the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, the Brethren Faith in Action Fund provides grants to fund outreach ministry projects that serve their communities, strengthen the congregation, and expand the reign of God. Such ministries will honor and continue the legacy of service that the Center has epitomized while also addressing the dynamics of the present age. Grants of up to \$5,000 per congregation or ministry project per year are awarded, with a maximum of \$15,000 allocated to any one ministry project over multiple years. For more information, or to apply visit <https://www.brethren.org/faith-in-action/>.

NEW Congregational Information Form!!!

The District Office is revamping our outdated database of information and seeking to keep up with who the officers are for our congregations. To assist in that process, we have developed a new fillable form. We encourage every pastor and/or church board chairperson to fill out the forms with contact information for your congregation's officers. The district will be using this information for communication purposes and will share it with the denominational offices. The new form can be found at www.virlina.org.

Camp Supporter Luncheon

The annual Camp Supporter Luncheon will take place on February 7 at noon in the Ark Dining Hall. Please make sure your congregation is represented. Hannah Jarrett and Kathleen Nettin will be presenting important information regarding the 2026 Summer Camping Program. For more information, visit <https://www.campbethelvirginia.org/events.html>.

Spring Volunteer Workday at Camp Bethel

Camp Bethel Spring Workday will take place on Saturday April 5 with breakfast in the Ark Dining Hall for all volunteers beginning at 7:30 am. There are projects for every age and skill level. For more information or to register for meals, visit <https://www.campbethelvirginia.org/events.html>.

Financial Secretary/Self-Allocation Report

A copy of the preliminary December 31, 2025 Financial Secretary/Self-Allocation Report is attached or enclosed. Please review this report with your Church Treasurer to make sure your congregation's contributions were correctly posted. **Also, if your congregation's self-allocation pledges to the Virlina District and/or Camp Bethel have changed for 2026, please email dan@virlina.org to let us know about the changes.**

Attachments/Enclosures

Financial Secretary's report for December 31, 2025 (preliminary)
Updated Pulpit Supply List
Ministers/Spouses Retreat Brochure