



## Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship

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## 2011 Annual Conference Highlights

by Pastor Len Smith

Pastor Len and Milt Greenlee shared verbal Annual Conference reports during Sunday morning worship on July 10<sup>th</sup>. However, there were many additional noteworthy items about Annual Conference that are also important to mention. Pastor Len has obtained summaries of many of these items from the *Church of the Brethren: Newslines Overview of the 2011 Annual Conference*.



Logo for the Church of the Brethren's 2011 Annual Conference

Pastor Bob Krouse of the Little Swatara Church of the Brethren near Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania was nominated from the floor of conference and chosen as moderator-elect for the 2012 Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. He will then serve as moderator of the 2013 Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Other individuals were chosen or had their appointments confirmed for the Program & Arrangements Committee, Bethany Seminary trustees, Committee on Interchurch Relations, Pastoral Compensation & Benefits Advisory Committee, Brethren Benefit Trust, as well as the Mission and Ministry Board. New members were also named to the nominating committee and the Appeals Committee of the Standing Committee of Annual Conference.

The "Ethics in Congregations" 1993 paper is being reviewed, revised, and updated. The revised paper will include guidelines and suggestions for a denominational accountability process. Congregational Life Ministries will bring the revised ethics paper for future Annual

Conference action. The delegates also heard an update on the ongoing development of a new ministerial leadership paper that could involve a new ministry designation that would be recognized only by a local congregation, but would not be nationally recognized.

Milt Greenlee was among the 185 individuals who attended a new delegate meeting while Pastor Len was attending the annual Fellowship of Brethren Genealogists meeting. 150 walkers and runners participated in the annual 5K Fitness Challenge sponsored by the Brethren Benefit Trust. Two new fellowships and two new congregations were welcomed by the Annual Conference Delegates.

Worship offerings towards conference expenses not covered by the delegate fees totaled more than \$53,000. Two mini quilts and five quilted wall hangings were auctioned for \$5,085 to raise money for the hungry and the Global Food Crisis Fund. Many ladies were busy quilting in the early days of conference preparing for the live auction event. There was also a silent auction of donated comforters that raised enough money to buy 648 quality blankets for disaster relief shipments here and abroad.

Junior and senior high students at conference donated and loaded 314 pounds of food for the West Michigan Food Bank. There were many special activities for the youth and the children. A special children's choir performed during one of our worship sessions. Ten individuals even traveled to conference from Elgin, Illinois via bicycle and a ferry across Lake Michigan to attend conference.

The Pastor, his wife, Teresa, and Milt Greenlee first drove to Goshen, Indiana dropping off Teresa to allow her to spend five days with two granddaughters and a grandson. Pastor Len and Milt then traveled by car about 100 miles one way to the Grand Rapids, Michigan convention site. Pastor Len and Milt were very honored to represent the Broadfording Church of the Brethren at the 2011 Annual Conference.



## How donations to the Global Food Crisis Fund are at work

Here in capsule form are ways our contributions to the Global Food Crisis Fund (GFCF) reduce malnutrition and infant mortality, partner with smallholder farmers to develop sustainable food production, and make known to hungry neighbors the fullness of Christ's love.

**Micro-loans:** To help Lenca Indians in 11 communities in Honduras rise out of poverty, GFCF is assisting Project Global Village in issuing loans to impoverished families for the purchase of small livestock.

**Goats:** In an outreach venture initiated by Haitian pastors, 100 school children from poor families in the Bombardopolis area of Haiti are each receiving a goat, along with training on how to care for the animal.

**"Foodlife":** At Asia Rural Institute in Nasushiobara, Japan, agricultural leaders from developing countries live in community and grow and prepare their own food. They return home to teach "Foodlife" concepts to others.

**Moringa:** Seeds from the miracle Moringa tree purify water. Its leaves are highly nutritious, its branches a source of fuel. Teamed with Nagarta in Niger, GFCF helps villagers plant trees, dig wells, and diversify produce.

**Super flour:** To stem the high rate of malnourishment among mothers and infants in Nepal, GFCF is helping the Nutrition Rehabilitation Center promote a super-flour porridge. The flour is readily made from local ingredients.

**Bateyes:** In the Dominican Republic, Brethren are co-lead sponsors of a Foods Resource Bank program to generate food and income for 770 Haitian immigrant families. They live in extreme poverty in 32 bateyes.

**Water harvest:** On La Tortue island along Haiti's northern coast, a GFCF grant is enabling community residents to build a cistern and shore up a retention pond, storing potable water for use in the dry season.

**School farm:** In southern Sudan, at the new Ayok Anei School for girls, GFCF is helping launch a school farm along with gardening classes for community residents. The goal is to equip the school's 200 students with life skills.

**Seeds:** To help restore Liberia's agriculture left in ruins by years of civil war, GFCF has partnered with Church Aid Incorporated in distributing several hundred thousand seed packets for school and family gardens.

**Income.** To help jobless youth in Sudan find sources of income, a GFCF grant has supplied Bible schools of the African Inland Church with hand tools, seedlings, and sprayers, integrating gardening with religious training.

**Irrigation:** GFCF grants help support India's Rural Service Center in Gujarat State, an enterprise established by Brethren mission workers in the 1950s. Drip irrigation and land leveling are among the center's current thrusts.

**Letters:** Bread for the World, a GFCF partner, engages congregations in an annual Offering of Letters, urging governmental actions that protect the hungry at home and abroad. Study resources ground the advocacy effort.

**Transformation:** In Kenya's Rift Valley, GFCF is helping Care for Creation establish a training/demonstration base dedicated to calling East Africa churches to glorify God through environmental and agricultural stewardship.

**Model farmers:** Partnering with Foods Resource Bank, Brethren are lead sponsors of the Rivers of Life food security program in the Rio Coco basin of Nicaragua, mentoring 540 campesinos from 16 poor communities.

**Rural food security:** On the steep slopes of western Guatemala, the Tonicapan Nebaj program of Foods Resource Bank is working to improve the food security of 500 Mayan families. GFCF serves as the lead sponsor.

**Startups.** To assist Church of the Brethren congregations in covering the cost of launching a local or community growing project for Foods Resource Bank, GFCF offers \$1,000 startup grants the first two years.

—E-news of the Global Food Crisis Fund  
of the Church of the Brethren  
July/August 2011

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*And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*  
—Micah 6:8

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Note: A portion of Broadfording's outreach giving each week helps to support the Global Food Crisis Fund.



## Bob and Judy Kay say “Hi” and “Thank You”

*Judy and I thank you for Broadfording's gift to Crossworld for our ministry in late June. Your help is HUGE and we are very grateful to you.*

*As you know, we have 80 students in our church-based Bible school which is at Central church. Students come from six churches, and we are praying the school will help train the next generation of pastors/leaders for the Dominican Bible churches here in Santiago. We also pray that the school helps to motivate a church plant. We just finished teaching Bible study methods; I feel that God used the course to change the thinking of people, encouraging them to study and meditate on the Word through observation, interpretation, and application.*

*One lady shared that she now understands Ephesians 1. Another student said, "I now read the Bible with different eyes. Now when I read a verse, I apply these methods and feel that my spiritual life is enriched." Another wrote of how he's able to avoid being fooled by false doctrine resulting from faulty interpretation.*

*We continue with other ministries—I preached this Sunday at Central for the first time. That went well, preaching on "How to live a holy life"—quick response is "I love you more!" We're counseling a couple in a custody battle. God dissuaded them from going to court. It took us three hours to get to that point. We were exhausted, but it was worth it.*

*I was just at La Yaguita children's center. We have a team coming July 30, 7 people plus a 1-year-old for La Yaguita. THAT will be a challenge, but we have small children as neighbors, so I know they'll spend a lot of time together.*

*We started an Extension Bible school at the Haitian church this Sunday afternoon. We had a good talk on how God gave us His Word and had six students.*

*Please tell everyone at Broadfording that we said hi!*

*In Christ, Bob and Judy Kay*

## Children's Disaster Services responds in Joplin

*by Jane Yount*



*Children's Disaster Services (CDS) volunteers are caring for children in Joplin, Missouri in the aftermath of the tornado that caused massive destruction on Sunday, May 22. The twister has since been upgraded to an EF5 — the strongest level possible — packing winds over 200 mph. The storm cut a path up to a mile wide and 13.8 miles long through the most densely populated area of the city of 49,000, claiming 141 lives.*

*This was the first time out for volunteer Susan Kruger, and the first child she cared for at the shelter was a little 4-year-old boy. Susan invited him to play with toy cars on the floor. He kept crashing the cars over and over in a frenzy, while jabbering furiously. Susan said she picked up the word 'tornado' about four times, and then he stopped, looked straight at her and said, "You know, my town has been destroyed." She said to him, "Yes, I know, but it will be fixed." After that, he calmed down and played quietly for the next 40 minutes. When his grandparents came to sign him out, Susan learned that their cars had been crushed by a tree. The toy cars had helped him to process this frightening event.*

*Sometimes, a child is drawn to a particular caregiver. Volunteer Kathy Howell recalled two siblings who "were bloodied from fighting with each other" just before they came into the CDS center. "The brother was very fragile and quickly in tears when he was sure his sister cheated to win at Uno," Kathy said, but "when one of our staff showed up that he knew from a previous day, he immediately relaxed and insisted on giving her a granola bar from his backpack."*

*One mom sat in a chair outside the CDS center, watching her kids "totally absorbed" in their play. She would just smile whenever a caregiver caught her eye. "When she finally came over to sign her kids out," relayed Kathy, "she said this was the happiest and most contented she had seen them since the storm." When the mother asked them if they wanted to stay five more minutes, they exclaimed, "No, five more hours!"*

*CDS has had 26 volunteer caregivers in Joplin working in four centers—a Red Cross shelter, a Multi-Agency Resource Center, and two Disaster Assistance Centers run by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). As of June 7, CDS had cared for 684 children.*

*—Bridges, Vol. 12, Summer 2011 (published by Brethren Disaster Ministries)*

Note: Children's Disaster Services is a ministry of Brethren Disaster Ministries.












## From your pastor and church secretary

*We'd like to stay in touch with you and your family.*

Please call the church office at 301-791-5432 if any of the following situations apply to you.

### Give us a call when ...

-  A member of your family is ill or hospitalized.
-  You have a new family member.
-  You would like the pastor to visit.
-  Pastoral needs arise (wedding, funeral, child dedication, counseling, etc.)
-  There is a change in your address or phone number.
-  You, or someone you know, desire to be anointed or baptized.
-  You, or some you know, would like to receive communion.
-  You are planning to be away for an extended period of time. We want to pray for you and not wonder or worry about you.
-  You want the pastor to know about something that is important to you. Remember, our pastor is not a mind reader.

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### Fahrney-Keedy again scores above average in nursing home satisfaction survey

*by Glen Sargent, Administrative Assistant*

For the fourth consecutive year Fahrney-Keedy has received high scores in Maryland's survey of residents' families. Annually, responsible parties for nursing home residents in the state receive a questionnaire about their feelings regarding all aspects of care where their family member or friend lives.

For 2010, the survey contacted 16,765 persons representing residents at 224 homes. Questions covered staff and administration, care provided, food and meals, autonomy and resident rights, and physical aspects of the home. Fahrney-Keedy received higher ratings from its responsible parties than did other nursing care homes in the state average. Packets were sent out last September; responses recorded by early December were included in the survey scores.

Of Fahrney-Keedy's responding parties in 2010, 98% said they would recommend the nursing home to others. This compared with a 90% average statewide willing to recommend the facility about which they were surveyed. For overall care received, Fahrney-Keedy respondents rated the home at 9.3 on a 10-point scale. Statewide in this category, homes received an average rating of 8.4 out of 10. As for surveys returned, 75% of Fahrney-Keedy responsible parties contacted did so, as compared to an average of nearly 56% statewide.

"Much of the credit for our high scores is directly related to the hard-working and dedicated staff," said Nola Blowe, NHA, Vice President of Health Services.

—Excerpts from an article in the Fahrney Keedy Home & Village News, Summer 2011

### Brethren Disaster Ministries: Goals for Haiti earthquake response

#### 2011 Home Construction Goal: Build or Repair 50 homes

- 21 new homes completed as of May 23, 2011
- 111 new or repaired homes since work began in 2009 following storm damage

**Goal: Support sustainable agricultural development in communities impacted by the earthquake or receiving survivors.** In 2011 ten new projects in different communities have received seeds, plantain plants, or goats according to an approved proposal from the community.

**Goal: Build a hospitality center (building) to house U.S. guests/volunteers and to provide a national office for the Haitian Church of the Brethren.** As of May 13, 2011, the walls and roof were completed, with finish work and the purchase of furniture still needed. The structure is on schedule to be used in early June. The Haitian Church plans to build additional structures to create a ministry center in the Croix des Bouquet area.

**Goal: Support partners in improving health care for all Haitians.** Through a partnership with IMA World Health, integrated health care strengthening is underway in parts of Haiti.

**Goal: Support Haitian pastors and church members in emotional and spiritual recovery from the trauma of disasters.** Through a partnership with Eastern Mennonite University, Brethren leadership has been trained and more will be trained to share a program on recovery and resilience.

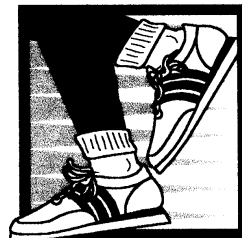
—Bridges, Vol. 12, Summer 2011

Note: A portion of Broadfording's outreach giving each week helps to support Brethren Disaster Ministries.

# 2011 Clear Spring Area Crop Walk

Date: Sunday, October 2, 2011

Place: Western Maryland Rail Trail, Big Pool, MD  
Time: Registration 1:30-1:55 p.m. WALK 2:00 p.m.



The Clear Spring Lions Club will supply a refreshing drink at the halfway point of the walk. This year's meal of soup, sandwiches, drink and dessert following the walk will be provided by Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship. The meal will be served at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Big Pool.

## 2010 Crop Walk Treasurer's Report

<u>Participating Churches</u>	<u>Number of Walkers</u>	<u>Amount Raised</u>
St. Andrew's Episcopal	7	\$ 255.00
Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship	16	1,007.00
St. John's United Church of Christ	2	449.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church	3	365.00
St. Peter's Lutheran	5	1,550.00
St. Paul's United Methodist	<u>3</u>	<u>121.00</u>
Totals	<u>36</u>	<u>\$3,747.00*</u>

\* The Clear Spring Food Bank received a check for \$936.75 (25% of the total amount raised).

**Plan now to be a walker in 2011 or ask for the name of a walker you can sponsor!**



### **Clear Spring Lions Club appreciates food bank support**

Lion Harry Bryan, Clear Spring Food Bank Manager, writes:

*Just a brief note of thanks for your continued support of the Clear Spring Food Bank. We have recently received 124 items of food from your Bible School and a check in the amount of \$193.00 from your church. The support of your congregation is outstanding and is to be highly commended for the work you do in the Clear Spring School District. Without support such as yours food banks would not be able to meet the demands of the those less fortunate.*

*Again, thanks for the outstanding support you continue to give to our food bank.*

Note: The check in the amount of \$193.00 represents the offering collected at our Good Friday Service.

### **Stan Noffsinger to preach at 41st Annual Dunker Church Service**

Stan Noffsinger, the Church of the Brethren General Secretary, will be the preacher for the 41st Annual Dunker Church Service on Sunday, September 18, 2011, 3:00 p.m., at the Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, Maryland.

This worship service will be in the restored Mumma Meeting House, commonly referred to today as the Dunker Church. It was built in 1853 and heavily damaged by the September 17, 1862, Battle of Antietam. After extensive repairs were made, services resumed in the summer of 1864.

This service is sponsored by area Churches of the Brethren.

### **Chuck and Debby Baldwin rejoice in the birth of their first grandchild**

Charlieanna Wripleigh Wright, a beautiful baby girl, was born June 21, 2011. Grandma Debby Baldwin was privileged to visit with daughter Julie and son-in-law C.W. for six weeks in Roanoke, Virginia to share in the blessed event. Chuck and Jean-Luc remained in Rwanda.

**Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village**

8507 Mapleville Road, Boonsboro, Maryland

**Annual Summer Festival**

**Saturday, August 6**

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Enjoy a day of family fun including children's games, face painting, petting zoo, inflatables play area, arts and crafts vendors, magician, and food and bake sale.

Fahrney-Keedy is a non-profit continuing care retirement community serving nearly 200 seniors and employing approximately 180 citizens from the tri-state area.

The ultimate goal of the Summer Festival is to increase public awareness of the campus and to raise money for the community's Benevolent Fund to assist residents who exhaust their financial resources.

For more information call Kathy Neville: 301-671-5005.

**Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministry Center**

16869 Taylors Landing Road, Sharpsburg, Maryland

**20th Anniversary Celebration**

**Saturday, August 6**

1:-00—7:00 p.m.

Wagon tours of Shepherd's Spring, tours of Global Village, kiss a furry friend, milestone rock auction, dunking booth, hot dogs, ice cream, craft and miscellaneous items for sale, children's activities throughout the day, praise music starting at 2:00, swimming 3:30—6:30, chicken dinner (\$10.00 / person) 4:00—6:30, and closing vespers at 7:00.

For more information contact Judy Clister: [jclister@frontiernet.net](mailto:jclister@frontiernet.net) or 304-379-3564.

**Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship**

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**9th Annual Benefit Auction**



**Saturday, August 27**

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Food available all day

Concert by "Wendy and the Boys" from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Silent auction from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Live auction starts at 11:00 a.m.

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*Spaghetti  
Dinner*



**Saturday, September 17**

Served 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Suggested donation: Adults - \$7.00  
Children under 8 - \$3.00

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