



56th ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

October 10-11, 2025

Worship at Spring Creek CoB

Business Session at Elizabethtown College, KAV

Moderator: Adam Ulm; **Moderator-Elect:** David Sollenberger; **Parliamentarian:** Doug Balmer

Morning Business Session

- 7:00 Fellowship & Complimentary Buffet Breakfast in The Marketplace until 8:15am
7:30 Check-in and Expo Opens
8:15 Welcome and Introductions – Adam Ulm, Moderator
8:20 **Business Item #1:** Adoption of Agenda
8:25 Welcome from Elizabethtown College – Mark Clapper, Executive Director of Legacy Planning & Engagement (pgs. 9-12)
8:30 Songs: "Good Grace" and "King of Kings"
8:40 District Executive – Pete Kontra, District Executive (pgs. 13-17)
9:05 District Board– Jim Grossnickle-Batterton, Board Chair (pgs. 18-21)
9:15 **Business Item #2:** Disorganization – Blue Ball Church of the Brethren (pg. 22)
Business Item #3: Disorganization – Coventry Church of the Brethren (pg. 22)
Business Item #4: Revision: Plan of Organization (pg. 23)
9:30 Commissions (pgs. 25-35)
Church Development (Lexi Aligarbes, Chair)
Ministry (Ray Dotter, Chair)
Nurture (Karen Hackett, Chair)
Discussion (15 min)
Witness & Outreach (Tim Speicher, Chair)
Stewardship (Barb Coffman, Vice Chair)
Discussion (15 min)
10:25 Break
10:40 ANE Youth Update – Jamie Nace (Nurture Commission Vice Chair) and Crew
10:45 Discussion – Renewed by Unity: The Merger Journey of the Parker Ford Church
11:15 Hymn: "For We Are Strangers No More" – #322 in the blue hymnal
11:20 Announcements, Instructions and Prayer – Adam Ulm, Moderator
Those attending an insight session will be dismissed first for lunch.

11:30- 1:30 Lunch, Fellowship, Networking Expo. Please visit, fellowship and take a look at the following organizations: ANE Ministries, ANE Shalom Team, Brethren Disaster Ministries, Camp Swatara, COBYS Family Services, Eder Financial, Everence, On Earth Peace, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center. Lunch closes at 1:00pm.

Insight Sessions (one hour): Map on back cover. Golf cart transportation is available to the Hoover Center for those who may need it.

12:20 – Eder Financial (Hoover Hall Room 211)

12:20 – Conflict Resolution (Hoover Hall Room 212)

12:20 – Stories behind the Songs – A Brethren Hymn Sing (KAV)

Afternoon Session:

- 1:30 Hymn: "Move in Our Midst" – #418 in the blue hymnal
- 1:35 Financial Report – Ray Flagg, Treasurer (pgs. 36-40)
 Business Item #5: 2026 District Ministry Investment Plan
 Business Item #6: Approval of the 2026 Fair Share Giving Amount
- 1:45 Presentation of the 2026 Slate – David Sollenberger, Moderator-Elect (pgs. 42-47)
 Business Item #7: 2026 Slate
- 1:50 Mission & Ministry, Church of the Brethren Denomination – David Steele, General Secretary (pg. 48)
- 2:00 Question & Answer Time: Pete Kontra, District Executive, Jim Grossnickle-Batterton, Board Chair, and David Steele, General Secretary CoB
- 2:20 Eder Financial, Loyce Borgmann, Church of the Brethren Denominational Director (pgs. 49-50)
- 2:25 Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center – Audrey Hollenberg-Duffey, Director & Karen Hodges, Program Director (pgs. 51-53) – Graduate Recognition – ACTS
- 2:30 Camp Swatara, Tim Courtright, Executive Director (report in folder)
- 2:35 COBYS Family Services – J. Michael Lausch, Executive Director (pgs. 54-57)
- 2:40 Break
- 2:50 Time of Congregational Sharing
- 3:00 Clerk's Report and Slate Presentation Report – Sheri Johnson, Clerk
- 3:05 **Business Item #8:** Action on all Reports – Adam Ulm, Moderator
- 3:10 Consecration and Transfer of Leadership – Adam Ulm, Moderator and David Sollenberger, Moderator-Elect
- 3:20 Closing Hymns & Dismissal: "Holy Forever," "This I Believe (The Creed)"

Evaluations

Please remember to complete and submit your Conference Evaluation Form located in your folder. Boxes are available on the tables in the lobby for evaluation forms.
Surveys are available electronically via link in your email or on our website.

**We look forward to seeing you October 9 & 10
at Elizabethtown College in 2026!**