2018 SOUTHERN PA DISTRICT CONFERENCE INSIGHT SESSIONS

Friday, September 14 - 2:10 - 3:10

Session No. 1 2019 District Financial Ministries (Budget)

Review with District Board members the proposed 2019 District Financial Ministries Plan and what the various items support.

Presenter/District Board Sponsored by District Stewards Commission

Session No. 2 Africa Great Lakes Church of the Brethren

From the heart of Africa, a partnership has developed between the US Church of the Brethren and three clusters of congregations in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. This insight session will provide the opportunity to learn about and discuss recent activity. Especially exciting is the involvement of Southern PA District with church buildings, pastoral training and community development.

Presenters/Marla Abe & Chris Elliott Sponsored by District Board

Session No. 3 The Church's Response to the Opioid Epidemic

The focus of this insight session will be a review and update from last year's presentation on opioids followed by suggestions for the church members on addressing the issues locally. Prevention and recovery materials will be available.

Presenters/Ashley Beach & Earl Eby Sponsored by District Witness Commission

Session No. 4 Bringing Back the Lost Sheep

All churches have them. Sometimes they are stolen. Sometimes they are angry. Sometimes they just get lazy and wander off the beaten path. Other times there is some type of conflict with the other sheep or even the shepherd. Sheep get lost for any number of reasons and it seems that the longer they stay away the more difficult it is to bring them back. What do you do with lost sheep? In this insight session we will look at some strategies for "finding" lost sheep and bringing them back to the fold; or if that isn't possible, putting those sheep in the best possible position to find another community of sheep. You can come with some proven ideas of your own...or ideas that didn't work...and we'll talk about and share our ideas to help our churches be more effective in bringing back the lost sheep.

Presenter/Eric Reamer Sponsored by District Church Development &

Revitalization Comm.

Session No. 5 Virtual Brethren Heritage Trip

Join Nevin Dulabaum on this pictorial tour of the places that are part of our Brethren heritage, from Europe to the United States. Learn about the social factors that helped lead to the formation of the Brethren movement, and see some of the hundreds of pictures Nevin has taken of the places that were important to the early Brethren.

Presenter/Nevin Dulabaum Sponsored by Brethren Benefit Trust