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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
HERITAGE RESOURCE BOX**

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- _____ **Adult Studies in the Faith and Practices of The Church of the Brethren 1982, (286.5 GLE)** by Elmer Gleim.
- _____ **Anabaptist World USA, (Library 289.7 KRA)** by Donald B Kraybill & C Nelson Hostetter - Anchored on a database of 5,400 congregations, Anabaptist World USA provides an authoritative overview of more than sixty Amish, Brethren, Hutterite, and Mennonite groups. Lively interpretative essays, helpful graphics, photographs, group profiles, state-by-state summaries, and the first-ever comprehensive directory of all Anabaptist congregations make this the standard turn-of-the-century reference on Anabaptist groups in the United States. Kraybill & Hostetter trace the origins of the Anabaptist Movement and relationships between Anabaptist groups. They describe common convictions as well as the colorful diversity. This guide to the puzzles of the Anabaptist World will assist scholars, leaders, and members of the described communities as well as others who want an accessible introduction to the Anabaptist World in the United States. **\$24.99**
- _____ **Brethren History A Self-Instruction Guide - (286.5 MIL)** Heritage Learning Program, by Donald Miller - This is a book about the story of the Church of the Brethren. In this book there is a question at the bottom of each page. You are to answer the question before you turn to the next page.
- _____ **The Church of the Brethren Past and Present**, Edited by Donald Durnbaugh **(286 DURc)** The Church of the Brethren Past and Present tells the story of the oldest of the Free or Believers' churches. Begun in Germany in 1708 and established soon thereafter in the U.S., the Church of the Brethren today is known to many for its service ministries to the suffering of the world.
- _____ **The Church of the Brethren Past and Present**, Forerunners Card Game
- _____ **Church of the Brethren Yesterday and Today, (286.5 DUR)** Donald Durnbaugh, Editor In the fall of 1708 a small group of German religious dissenters and refugees "agreed to establish a covenant of good conscience with God, to accept all ordinances of Jesus Christ as an easy yoke, and thus follow after their Lord Jesus...until the blessed end." From these humble beginnings the Church of the Brethren, known in the nineteenth century as the German Baptist Brethren, or "Dunkers," later took root and flourished in the U.S. Today this largely rural denomination is widely known for its heritage of nonconformity, a Biblical peace witness, and relief and services ministries around the globe. The interpretive essays in this volume trace the development of the Brethren to the present. Emphasis is given to certain key aspects of Brethren life such as worship, mission activity, beliefs and practices, relationships with other Christian bodies, and social outreach. Collectively they affirm anew the denomination's quest for identity in a secular age, and the tension between being God's people in the world, but not of it. This book can help new generations or newcomers decide what is worth saving, what is worth restoring, what can be lightly left behind and what might need to be faced with courage.
- _____ **The Complete Writings of Alexander Mack**, William Eberly, Editor **(286.5 EBE)**
- _____ **Heritage and Promise**, by Emmert Bittinger **(286.5 BIT)** Heritage and Promise offers a contemporary look at the Church of the Brethren in the light of its history. The origins and growth of the denomination are clearly outlined in the context of church history and in the setting of a changing society. Basic beliefs and styles of life among Brethren receive equal prominence with institutional developments.
- _____ **COB Heritage Learning Program - Teacher's Guide Kindergarten, Grades 1,2,3 - (286.5 GRE)** The Christian must do God's will first and then everything else assumes its proper place and true value. The activities in this book attempt to life up those New Testament teachings that will have meaning to primary children and that may help them learn to value a simple, uncluttered, Christ-centered life-style. Each of the first 6 sessions is based on a Bible passage that emphasizes some quality of simple living. Sometimes it is told directly as a story. Other times folktales, games, songs and other activities are used to teach. In an in-dept exposure John Kline and Dan West are introduced in sessions 6 through 12.
- _____ **Index Church of the Brethren Annual Conference and General Board Statements and Resolutions 1946-1996 (286.5 CHAw)**
- _____ **A Journey With Giants, (259.2 ESH)** by Theresa & Warren Eshbach - Curriculum materials for elementary classes (1st & 2nd grades) A study of Church of the Brethren founders and leaders.
- _____ **Let Our Joys Be Known - A Brethren Heritage Curriculum for Adults, (286.5 GAR)** by Richard Gardner & Kenneth Shaffer. In this volume, adults explore the themes that have imprinted the Brethren family over the past three centuries, leaving us with the sense that God has called us together for a reason. Call these themes signposts, core

convictions, or call them bearings for our journey. Together they portray a picture of how we think about ourselves, our faith, and our mission.

_____ **Let Our Joys Be Known - A Brethren Heritage Curriculum Younger Children, (286.5 GEI)** by Alice Geiman.

This curriculum highlights 12 memorable Brethren and their families who represent various beliefs or events that shaped the church. Let Our Joys Be Known leaves the children with the sense that they will also shape the church as it continually follows where God leads. These sessions are built around a heritage story. Afterward children will participate in activities that reinforce the main idea of the story.

_____ **Let Our Joys Be Known - A Brethren Heritage Curriculum for Youth, (286.5 RAM)** by Frank Ramirez. All sessions in this unit focus on one choice-the choice for a relationship that informs all choices-the choice to be a follower of Jesus Christ. As you present these lessons to youth, characterize the COB as a group formed in radical obedience to the teachings of Jesus in the NT. Emphasize that obedience to Jesus and the scripture meant disobedience to the state, yet the Brethren chose to be faithful. It is important that youth understand that church is an option they can choose for themselves.

_____ **Meet the Brethren, (286.5 DUR)** Edited by Donald Durnbaugh This book contains foundational articles written for The Brethren Encyclopedia. An article covering the common history from 1708 to 1883 provides an introduction to the five denominational articles. An accompanying portfolio of photographs was selected from illustrations used in the encyclopedia. A brief reading list is appended. This book has two purposes: it will enable readers belonging to one of the five Brethren bodies to inform themselves quickly about the history and beliefs of the other Brethren; it will also enable non-Brethren readers to obtain in brief compass authoritative information about the Brethren family of Christians.

_____ **Texts in Transit, (286.5 SNY)** by Graydon Synder & Kenneth Shaffer - A study of New Testament passages that shaped the Brethren.

_____ **Texts in Transit II, (286.5 SNY)** by Graydon Synder & Kenneth Shaffer - The first Texts in Transit, published in 1976, focused on 13 New Testament scriptures central to the Brethren and their understanding of the faith. Fifteen years later, the authors present a revised and expanded version, Texts in Transit II, with 26 studies of New Testament passages: 13 revised studies and 13 new ones.

_____ **To Follow in Jesus' Steps A Manual for Participation in the Church of the Brethren, (286.5 ZUN)** by C. Wayne Zunkel. New churches are being born. Entire congregations are coming into the denomination-Hispanic, black, Asian, white. All Across the land, people from many backgrounds are becoming part of the Church of the Brethren. To Follow in Jesus's Steps is written to introduce these new brothers and sisters to the Brethren. It is also being used by church school classes, various study groups and membership classes in established congregations. It is for all who want an overview of what the Church of the Brethren believes and practices.

_____ **Whatza Wissahickon? A Heritage Curriculum For Children, (286.5 LOG)** by Linda Logan Introduction - Dear Teacher; 1. Not Until You Clean Up Your Room; 2. Going by the Book; 3. A New Church in Schwarzenau; 4. Germantown, Pennsylvania: A New Home for the Brethren; 5. Whaza Wissahickon; 6) Westward Ho!; 7) We've a Story to tell to the Nations; 8) Make Peace!; Brethren Service; 9) Finding the Lost Sheep; 10) Live Simply That Others May Simply Live; 11) All God's People; 12) Who's the Boss?; 13) Brethren Heritage in the Year 2095; Resources.

_____ **Who Are These Brethren?** by Joan Deeter (286.5 DEEW) A people of conviction, a people of covenant, a people of compassion, a people of conversation. A people of God. A people seeking to translate faith into action.

Materials in Membership Box as listed below: (copy of cover in Membership Box Material folder)

_____ **Heart Soul and Mind - Membership in the Church of the Brethren** by John David Bowman. (Video)

_____ **Heart Soul and Mind - Membership handbook** by Rhonda Pittman Gingrich.

_____ **Heart Soul and Mind - Leader's Guide** by Rhonda Pittman Gingrich.

_____ **Invitation to the Journey - Membership in the Church of the Brethren** by John David Bowman.

_____ **Journey in Jesus' Way - Participation in the Church of the Brethren** produced by David Sollenberger (Tape 1, 2, 3, 4).

Materials in Curriculum Box as listed below: - (copy of cover and table of contents in Curriculum folder)

_____ **Brethren in Historical and Theological Perspectives A User's Guide**, by Dale Brown

_____ **Without Fear or Hesitation An Interactive Encounter With the Early Brethren**, Multimedia CD-ROM for Windows and Macintosh. Explore the world and social conditions that led to the formation of a new Christian movement in Schwarzenau in 1708. Through 7 narrated episodes, the story of the early Brethren from 1689 to 1736 comes to life.

Reference Materials in District Office Library - (copy of cover and table of contents in Reference Materials folder (can't be checked out/reference only))

_____ **Background & Development of Brethren Doctrines 1650-1987**, by Dale Stoffer(Library 286.5 STO)

_____ **Brethren Beginnings (The Origin of the Church of the Brethren in early eighteenth-century Europe)**, by Donald Durnbaugh (Library 286 DURbre)

_____ **Fruit of the Vine, A History of the Brethren 1708-1995**, by Donald Durnbaugh (Library 286.5 DURf)

VIDEO MATERIAL

_____ **Brethren Heritage Tour Switzerland, France, Germany, The Netherlands**

Oct 9-20, 1995, by Donald & Hedda Durnbaugh. This video features visitation of historic sites representing the foundational strands of the heritage - Anabaptism and Pietism- and the original hometowns of the first Brethren. Also included are highlights of personal contact with members of the Schwarzenau Heritage Society and with Mennonite congregations in Krefeld and Surhuisterveen.

_____ **By Water and the Word The Birth of the Brethren**, 25 minutes. This video chronicles the birth of a people who almost 300 years ago cut their ties with the religious and political systems of the day. The dissenters chose not to identify with a particular leader or doctrine, but followed the New Testament and called themselves simply "Brethren." Also revealed is how the Brethren in Europe brought vibrant spirituality and intentional community together. They preached the gospel of peace in a climate of war. They risked going public with their declaration of faith and their claim for the right of conscience.

- ☹ **Cloud of Witnesses Rediscovering Anabaptism**, 65 minutes. Christians in England are discovering that Anabaptism was not just for the 16th century, but for today as well. Their stories and those of early Anabaptists will help you begin to explore these topics for yourself: discipleship, living faithfully, understanding the Bible, evangelism, living for peace and justice and forming community. The forces of individualism, consumption, and multiple options are all around us in today's post-Christian society. The voices of Anabaptists offer insight into passionate, faithful spirituality that is **based in the context of a community of believers. (Jacob Miller returned 1/29/04 . Paul Bentzel was to check into replacing 2/4/04 755-3836)**

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