

homosexual practices will be licensed or ordained in the Church of the Brethren.” Other questions and concerns raised in the query are “of either a theological or structural nature,” the letter said, and require “further discussion within the district and the entire denomination.” The Council said it would “encourage and lead” such discussions. – taken from *Agenda*

Theme for the 2004 Annual Conference Announced

The Annual Conference Program & Arrangements Committee has announced "**Loving God and Neighbor**," based on Jesus' discussion of the "greatest commandment" in the gospel of Mark, as the theme for the 2004 Annual Conference in Charleston, W.Va. Dr. Jesse Hopkins, recently retired from the faculty of Bridgewater (Va.) College, will serve as choir director for the Conference, and Westminster (Md.) Church of the Brethren pastor Scott Duffey as music coordinator. There will be **no logo contest** for the 2004 Conference. Moderator Chris Bowman plans to work with Program & Arrangements Committee to create the logo to help illustrate the theme. – *Newsline September 19*

Church of the Brethren Grants to Aid Those in Need



The Church of the Brethren **General Board's special-purpose** funds continued a busy stretch this month, making two more grants in the past two weeks. The **Global Food Crisis Fund** will send \$15,000 to Angola, in support of an appeal by Church World Service (CWS). The southeast African nation is recovering from a long civil war, when many people were displaced. The funds will help to provide seeds and tools for about 6,000 rural farming families who are trying to rebuild their lives. It is the fifth grant from the Global Food Crisis Fund this year.

The other new grant comes from the **Emergency Disaster Fund**, sending \$5,000 in aid to Ohio and Indiana. The two states were hit by heavy rains and flooding in July. CWS is now working at long-term recovery efforts by providing coordination of response efforts and seed grants to new recovery organizations. The fund has made 19 grants this year. –*Newsline, September 19*



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Camp Mack News

Rose window challenge: A family has offered camp a matching gift of up to \$10,000 for the repair of the rose window in Quinter-Miller that has been covered for years because of its unstable condition. The gift will also create an endowment to care for all camp's stained glass windows. Your gifts for the rose Window will help meet this challenge. Please send your donations to P.O. Box 158, Milford, IN 46542.

Church Signs

- 1) *How will you spend eternity -- Smoking or Non-smoking?*
- 2) *Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives*
- 3) *It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.*
- 4) *Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.*
- 5) *If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.*
- 6) *If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd*
- 7) *Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.*
- 8) *Forbidden fruit creates many jams.* 9) *In the dark? Follow the Son.* – (Christiansunite.com)