

Yours truly,  
The Nettle Creek Worship Team  
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### **Pastor Sabbath and Midwest Pastors' Conference**

Camp Mack Conference and Retreat Center in Milford, Indiana will be the site for both Pastor Sabbath and the Midwest Pastors' Conference. The Conference is sponsored by Congregational Life Team of Area 2, which includes Illinois-Wisconsin District, Michigan District, Northern Indiana District, Northern Ohio District, South/Central Indiana District, Southern Ohio District and Camp Mack. The Theme for the Conference is "Stewardship in a New Century". Primary leadership will be Rev. Wayne Antworth, Associative Minister of Stewardship, Marble Collegiate Church, New York, New York. He is also Program Director for annual giving, gift planning and special gifts. Continuing Education Credits will be available for pastors. Pastor Carol will be attending November 9-12, 2003.

### **District Conference Report – September 12-14, 2003**

Camp Mack was the site of the 333<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Conference for the South/Central Indiana District. The conference was blessed with an abundance of sunshine, good weather, and the "Holy Hospitality" of the camp staff. The Moderator for this year's conference was Allen Kahler and the Moderator-Elect was Dave Donaldson.



The Friday evening worship was led by Moderator Allen Kahler. Annual Conference Moderator Chris Bowman gave the message entitled "Loving God and Neighbor – In Jesus Name". His message included many hopes that Moderator Bowman has for the Church of the Brethren.

Ed Jackson (Anderson) was elected to the position of Moderator-Elect. Helen Wenger (Anderson) was elected to serve as Conference Secretary Committee.

Business actions of the Conference:

- Approval of "Articles of Acceptance of Camp Mack, Inc."
- Approval of the Statement from the District Board – reaffirming the Annual Conference position on homosexuality.
- Approval of the 2004 Proposal for the District Budget.
- Approval of the appointees to serve on the governing boards of related agencies or institutions of the Church of the Brethren with our state.

In addition to the business items and reports, there were times of celebration. Some of these included recognition of Ron and Harriet Finney for their 10 years of service as our District Ministers. Also, the Lower Deer Creek congregation brought greetings and announced their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mission Village was also dedicated as the newest camper facility at Camp Mack.

Complete election results and reports may be obtained from any of the District Conference delegates. The Delegates from Nettle Creek this year included Pastor Carol Pfeiffer, Church Board Chair, Curtis Heulton, Valerie Heulton, and Linda DeVinney. We would like to again thank the Congregation for allowing us to serve in this manner. (Submitted by Linda DeVinney)

### **Tapestry – A new newsletter**

*Tapestry* is a newsletter highlighting the mission and ministries of the Church of the Brethren General Board. It is a successor to *Agenda*, which finished its long run in September. It was passed out in worship November 2, but you may view it online at [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org). Keep up to date with the broader church and read this new newsletter.