

“Shepherding the Shepherds” September 19

“Shepherding the Shepherds” is sponsored by Area 9 agency in partnership with Alzheimer’s Association and Friends Fellowship Community. It is a program designed to help members of the faith community minister to those in their congregation who are facing the challenges associated with Alzheimer’s Disease. The program will be on **September 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** This will be followed by a tour of The Courtyards) It will be held at Friends Fellowship Community in the Community room, 2030 Chester Blvd., Richmond, Indiana.

9:00 a.m. Dr. Keith Dobyns, Medical Director of FFC—Keynote speaker
Medical and Spiritual Management of the Demented Patient and Family

10:45 a.m. – Caregiver Panel
Sharing their personal stories about taking care of a loved one with AD

Noon- Lunch
12:30 p.m. – Maureen McCarthy –FFC Chaplain
Ministering to the Person with Alzheimer’s Disease

There is no fee for attending but registration is a must.
Contact Linda Sayne at Area 9 at 765-966-1795 or 1-800-458-9345 to reserve your spot.

Special Called District Conference to be held October 21

FROM: S/CIN Church of the Brethren District Board



Brothers and Sisters of the South/Central Indiana District of the Church of the Brethren:

The South/Central Indiana District Board announces a special called District Conference. This Conference is set for October 21, 2006 at the Kokomo Church of the Brethren at 9:00 am. The Conference is to be attended by all of your Conference delegates. Only registered delegates will be allowed to vote. Other members are welcome to attend.

Moderator-elect Gerry Longenbaugh will be leading the meeting. The special called District Conference will have one item of business, a recommendation from the District Board on how to deal with congregations that may perform a same-sex covenant. This topic will NOT be discussed at the regularly scheduled District Conference to be held September 15-16, 2006.

Delegates will need to be registered for the October 21, 2006 Conference. A registration form will be available for each Church at the September District Conference.

Below is the recommendation passed by district board on August 20, 2006.

The District Board of S/C Indiana recommends that any Church that allows a same sex covenant service on church property will have a three year moratorium placed upon their participation in elected and appointed District offices, including seating delegates at District conference. During this time of moratorium, the Church will also submit to work with the District Board, Ministry of Reconciliation and Annual Conference Council and other entities as directed by the 2004 Annual Conference paper – Congregational Disagreement with Annual Conference decisions, to address the issues surrounding their broken relationships with the larger church. Further, that the Church will be directed to suspend indefinitely conducting or facilitating same sex covenant services, on church property or with the assistance of church ministerial leadership.

Denominational News

*As announced earlier this year, the **Annual Conference Office relocates** from the Church of the Brethren General Offices in Elgin, Ill., **to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md.**, this month. The move takes place the week of Aug. 21-25. The office will open for business in New Windsor on Aug. 28. The new address of the Annual Conference Office is 500 Main Street, P.O. Box 720, New Windsor, MD, 21776-0720;