



SPECIAL EDITION

March 22, 2005

Illinois/Wisconsin District COB

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

The Ministerial Leadership Development Team in cooperation with the Leadership Team and Brotherhood Office of Ministry will sponsor two Ethics Training Opportunities in May 2005.

All persons ordained, ordained emeritus, licensed, pastor of a congregation, seeking licensing or ordination, or serving on the Ethics Team are required by polity to participate in this training. We are pleased to be able to offer two dates and locations within the District and request that each one--in any of these categories--will choose a date and return the registration form to the District Office no later than April 30, 2005.

Or you may register by email: Dixon Meeting 3/12/05 to kwideawake@hotmail.com or Champaign Meeting 3/14/05 to rrichardson217@aol.com.

For those ordained that have already returned their renewal forms, the District office will note the date you choose on your review form. If you have not returned the form please note, on that form, under "Ethics Training" which of the sessions you will attend. You must attend one of these sessions as this is the training required for this current five year renewal/review cycle.

The "Northern" session will take place at the Dixon Church of the Brethren on Thursday, May 12, 2005, from 9am to 4pm. The "Southern" session will take place at the Champaign Church of the Brethren on Saturday, May 14, 2005 from 9am to 4pm. Coffee and donuts will be available at 8:30 and a lunch will be provided by the Women's Fellowship of each congregation. Our trainer, Nancy Cruz, prefers that no one plan to "go out" for lunch so if you have nutrition restrictions we ask that you bring a sack lunch.

Each person attending is asked to bring a notebook, pen or pencils, and a copy of the 1996 Ethics in Ministry paper. (This can be downloaded from the COB web site or purchased from the Brethren Press.) All other materials will be provided. You can see from the schedule that it is important to be on time and stay till the end of the day.

We ask that each one that receives this letter, sees the newsletter or email from the district will please, talk with anyone you know that should attend. We do not want any who should attend to lack information regarding these sessions.

Thank you for your expeditious response.

In His Love and Service,

The Ministry Leadership Development Team

Rex Richardson — Kathleen Brinkmeier — Tom Cline — Jean McBride — Mary Beth Petcher

(see registration form on page 2)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Ordained _____ Licensed _____ Pastor _____ Ethics team _____

Seeking License _____ Seeking Ordination _____ Other _____

Congregation _____

Telephone & email _____

I will be attending the session on May 12 _____ May 14 _____

The **Freeport Church of the Brethren** Youth are holding a rummage and bake sale on Saturday, April 16, 8 AM-2 PM. Proceeds will go toward their trip to National Youth Conference in 2006. There will be free coffee with lots of pies, cookies, etc. for purchase. A BBQ & hot dog lunch will be offered as well. After noon, clothes will be \$1/bag.

Donations of any kind are welcome. Call the church at 232-1938 to arrange a drop-off time or if you need something delivered from your home.

The church is located at 777 W. Pleasant Street (at the corner of Hwy. 26).

CONTACT: Linda Simler, 815-232-7344 or skate@aeroinc.net

SHARINGS FROM OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

A prayer concern at Douglas Park is for Carol Aldridge. Carol entered the hospital on Nov.13,2004. She was finally diagnose with a blood infection (severe). She is still in the hospital. She had trache put in shortly after entering the hospital. She lost her ability to walk and talk. She was partially comatose for several weeks. She is slowly regaining her ability to move. She is able to stand for an hour now and is trying to talk. She communicates by writing. She is in a rehab center now. The hopes are for her to be home in a couple months. Please request prayers for her continued recovery. Her husband A D has been so

faithful in going to see her as well as continuing working.

Other news; are pastor now is Shirley Petracek. She does not use a computer, so my e-mail will have to do. Shirley was licensed on Oct.31,2004. We have also a moderator now. WE voted Deborah Lolling in as our moderator.

God Bless you as you continue in the steps of Jesus.

Twyla Mackowiak



219th Church of the Brethren Annual Conference

July 2nd through 6th

Our District is hosting and we need a lot of HELP!! Watch next months newsletter for all the ways YOU can help!! Please help the Illinois & Wisconsin District service our Sisters and Brothers across the denomination.

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