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**BADGE CHECKERS AT ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

Annual Conference has a new volunteer opportunity for badge checkers in Peoria this summer. In the past this was done by conference center staff or a paid security service. It was a significant cost to the Annual Conference Office budget. Volunteers fulfilling this responsibility will eliminate this expense.

Volunteering will help to cut costs but the real benefit is the satisfaction in serving. An additional benefit is seeing Brethren brothers and sisters from across the United States. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time as a badge checker this year. Contact Kevin Kessler by phone (309-647-4828 or 309-6547-1828) or my email ([cobcantan@netzero.net](mailto:cobcantan@netzero.net)). He will be glad to schedule you to serve in this capacity.

**CALLING ALL  
DEACONS!**

Invitation to Serve at Annual Conference 2005 (Peoria, Illinois)

**Greeters** are needed at Annual Conference to stand at the entrances and elevators to help direct people (particularly on the first day - Sunday of conference.) Deacon greeters will receive a ribbon to attach to their name tag to identify themselves as Deacon Greeters. Contact Kathy Reid [kreid\\_abc@brethren.org](mailto:kreid_abc@brethren.org) Pick up your "Greeter" Ribbon and assignment at the ABC booth in the exhibit area.



July 5. People with disabilities have a challenge maneuvering the buffet line, and many older adults or those with small children find it tough. Volunteer for one meal or all week by e-mailing Kathy Reid [kreid\\_abc@brethren.org](mailto:kreid_abc@brethren.org) or sign up at the Association of Brethren Caregivers exhibit area. Look for the volunteers wearing the aprons with the ABC logo!

Several people have requested a "**Buddy.**" The Buddy System is a special program of ABC's Disabilities Ministry which pairs people with disabling conditions with someone who is able to assist. Volunteers are needed to guide and assist people to insight sessions in the evenings. Again, contact Kathy Reid [kreid\\_abc@brethren.org](mailto:kreid_abc@brethren.org) or call 847-742-5100 Ext. 301.

For more information, contact the Association of Brethren Caregivers, 847-742-5100 or e-mail Kathy Reid ([kreid\\_abc@brethren.org](mailto:kreid_abc@brethren.org)).



**REQUESTS OF TWO ITEMS FOR  
NEWSLINE, OUR EMAIL NEWS SERVICE**

1) I am planning another Newsline update on tsunami giving across the denomination. If there are giving efforts related to the tsunami in your district that we have not yet reported, could you send that information to me or let me know who to talk with in your district? Also, if you have updates on any figures for giving in your district to date, I'd appreciate receiving those as well. If you could get that information to me within the next week, that would be great.

**Deacons** are invited to assist those who need help carrying their plates, trays, or food at the lunch cash buffet in the exhibit hall of the Peoria Civic Center (201 SW Jefferson St.). Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. beginning Sunday July 3 through Tuesday

2) I would like to report on each district conference in Newslines this year. Could you make sure to send in a report following your district conference, or assign a leader in your district to write such a report? The length should be kept to one page, single spaced. The focus of the report may be on new leadership chosen at district conference, new initiatives in the district, district budget, any other important business, and special events that take place at the conference such as worship, auctions, etc.

Thank you so much. If you have any questions or concerns about these two requests, please be in touch with me--

With best wishes, in Christ

Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford

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### **PEACE POLE AND PEACE GARDEN DEDICATION IN CANTON**

On Saturday, March 19, 2005, the Canton Church of the Brethren participated in an interfaith Peace Pole and Peace Garden Dedication service held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Canton, IL. The service included prayers and readings from various faith traditions, speakers from three faith traditions and two county agencies that promote peaceful and non-violent means of human interaction.

The peace pole is planted in the peace garden on the property of the First Congregational United Church of Christ. The FCUCC congregation has extended an open invitation to all of Fulton County to use the site for rallies, demonstrations, services, and vigils promoting peace and non-violence.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Duane Steiner has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant for the Illinois and Wisconsin District beginning on June 14. He will be in the District Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for five hours each day.

### **BRAZILIAN MISSIONARIES TO SPEAK AT PEORIA CHURCH**

Karin and Greg Laszakovits are Brethren Missionaries who live in Campinas, Brazil. The Sunday after Annual conference they will present a program on the Brethren in Brazil. After the Sunday Morning program, the Church will sponsor a Brazilian flavored pot luck in the Fellowship Hall.

Greg and Karin will bring with them Brazilian music, a video-tape greetings from our Brazilian Brethren and tell us what it's like to represent the Brethren in Brazil

All are invited and welcome to attend our Brazilian Sunday at the First Church of the Brethren, 4714 North Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL.. Call 309-682-3980 for more information. July 10, 2005.. Sunday School – 9:00 AM, Church – 10:15 AM.

### **CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE EVENT**

The Peoria area Christian Motorcycle Association will be sponsoring a fun Saturday afternoon of FAMILY events at the First Church of the Brethren of Peoria on June 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be games for the children, refreshments, a "slow" motorcycle race, and topping the evening off with a concert by The Chastains. You do not have to be a "biker" to attend. Come and enjoy the fun and games and see some really great looking motorcycles.

Sunday morning service participation by the Christian Motorcycle Association and songs by The Chastains will cap the week end event. A formal "Blessing of the Bikes" will be held during Sunday School hour. (9:00 AM) ALL ARE WELCOME... for more information call: 309-694-4569, First Church of the Brethren, 4714 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria.

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## ***"Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus"***

***Hebrews 12:1-4***

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