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August 21, 2014

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you in reference to an exciting opportunity. The Pastoral Support Committee, in conjunction with Jim Miller, has designed a Brethren Heritage Tour on Oct. 17-19, 2014, for anyone in the Shenandoah District. This includes stops at different Church of the Brethren historical sites (see attached schedule).

The tour is designed to help you and your spouse get away for a weekend and learn about our Brethren heritage. We believe it can be a time of rest, renewal and stimulation and pastors will receive 1.4 CEU credit for their participation.

The Shenandoah District is subsidizing the cost of the bus, so we believe the remaining costs reflect our desire that no one be excluded because of cost. The cost of \$158 per person includes two nights lodging (double occupancy) at the Red Roof Inn, dinner at an Amish home, admission and instructor fees and transportation by chartered bus. Participants will be responsible for additional meals and gratuities.

There will be three pick-up locations: Luray Park & Ride; Bridgewater CoB & Lowe's in Woodstock. The group will have a chance to eat at Ethnic restaurants in the Lancaster area and to have some free time.

The registration and \$50 deposit are due by September 5; with the balance due by October 1. There are only 15 seats left so get your registration in early. If you have any questions about this event, please feel free to email me at injantzi@shencob.org or call the District Office at 540-234-8555.

Blessings,

John Jantzi

District Executive Minister

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Together we reach out with Jesus. . .

Shenandoah District Church of the Brethren Brethren Heritage Tour in Pennsylvania

DATE: October 17-19, 2014 TRANSPORTATION: Richard's Bus Lines, Luray, VA

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:30 a.m. Depart from Luray Park & Ride

7:45 a.m. Depart from Bridgewater Church of the Brethren

8:45 a.m. Depart from Lowe's in Woodstock

10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tour Antietam Battlefield, Brethren Meeting House and Sharpsburg

African American Chapel (Tolson's Chapel)

Lunch (bus stop for fast food, Hagerstown MD?)

2:30 p.m. Arrive: Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College,

Elizabethtown, PA

Jeff Bach: Introduction to week end visits; purpose of the Young Center, Exhibits of

rare books and collections.

4:30 p.m. Travel and check in at Red Roof Inn of Lancaster, PA

5:15 p.m. Group A) 20 - 25 will go to Amish Family Dinner

Group B) 20 - 25 will go downtown Lancaster for ethnic dinner options

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

NOTE: Breakfast at motel (Open 6:00 to 9:00 a.m.)

8:30 Leave motel travel to Ephrata Cloisters

Interpretative tour of cloister by cloister staff Jeff Bach, additional tour and interpretation

Museum and gift shop

11:45 a.m. Drive to Lititz, PA

12:00 noon: Lititz: Kreider Meeting House (an old plain church). We will learn about and hear early Brethren singing from a group of musicians from neighboring churches. Jeff Bach will provide background and Jim Myer will be able to join us to talk about the meeting house.

12:45 p.m. Free time for lunch, visiting historic Lititz and shops.

4:00 p.m. Travel to motel in Lancaster, PA

5:15 p.m. Group B) 20 - 25 will go to Amish Family Dinner

Group A) 20-25 will go downtown Lancaster for ethnic dinner options

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

NOTE: Breakfast at motel (Open 6:00 to 9:00 a.m.)

7:00 a.m. Leave for Germantown (Philadelphia)

9:00 a.m. Bus tour of Alexander Mack, Jr., property

Visit and interpretation of first baptisms, Wissahickon Creek

Possibly drive by Christopher Saur press property?

10:30 a.m. Tour Germantown Church of the Brethren Cemetery and first meeting house

11:00 a.m. Worship with Germantown Church of the Brethren

12:30/1:00 p.m.: Common Meal with members of church, community center

2:30 p.m. Leave for Home

6:00 p.m. Arrive at Lowe's in Woodstock

7:00 p.m. Arrive at Bridgewater CoB

8:00 p.m. Arrive at Luray Park & Ride