Western Plains District Pre-Conference **Leadership Training Information**

July 27-28, 2017 **McPherson, Kansas**

**Cost** All costs, including lodging and meals, are underwritten by district funds as a part of our transformation initiative. Transportation is the only cost to Western Plains participants. These events are planned for all pastors as well as all lay congregational and district leaders to provide transformation training as well as fellowship and other spiritual growth opportunities.

**Pre-** Please complete and send registration form by **Monday, July 10**. Mail to Western Plains

**Registration** District Office, PO Box 394, McPherson, KS 67460, or email to: wpdcb@sbcglobal.net

**On-site** If you register for dormitory lodging and/or meals, you must stop by the on-site

**Registration** registration table to pick up room keys and meal tickets.

**Childcare** Childcare will be provided Thursday evening and Friday morning if requested. Please indicate on registration form if you will need childcare.

**Topic** We will explore Spiritual Discernment through presentations, reflective exercises/ worship, and sharing with colleagues. Topics include defining discernment, principles of discernment, models for discernment, and obstacles to discernment. **CEUs available.**

**Leadership** Connie Burkholder is a member of the Monitor Church of the Brethren Pastoral Team. She has a Music Education degree from Lebanon Valley College, a Master of Divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary, and a graduate level certificate in Spiritual Direction and Directed Retreats from Creighton University’s Christian Spirituality Program. Her spiritual direction training was focused in Ignatian Spirituality which is known for providing foundations for spiritual discernment across many Christian traditions.

**Location** McPherson Church of the Brethren, 200 N. Carrie, McPherson, KS 67460. Registration will be located in the church foyer off of main entrance at Euclid and Carrie streets.

**Schedule** Thursday, July 27

4:00-7:00 Registration for Training and District Conference

5:00-6:00 Dinner

6:30-8:30 Prayer & Fellowship

Friday, July 28

7:00-8:00 Breakfast

8:00-5:00 Registration for Training and District Conference

8:30-12:00 Training

12:00-1:00 Lunch

**Lodging** McPherson College, Dotzour Hall. *Please Note*: Dotzour Hall does NOT provide bedding or linens. You need to bring all of your bedding (sheets, pillow, blankets), toiletries, towels, and washcloths. Bathrooms are shared with others on your floor.

**Meals** McPherson College cafeteria. *Please Note:* If you indicate dietary restrictions on the registration form, please note that separate plates are prepared for those who inform us of special dietary needs. It is your responsibility to indicate to cafeteria staff of your name/dietary need at each meal so they can serve you.

**Contact** If you have any questions, please contact the District Office at 620-241-4240 or wpdcb@sbcglobal.net.