

Please join us for Western Plains District's
Leadership Training for pastors AND lay church leaders pre-district conference event!

July 26-27, 2018

McPherson Church of the Brethren, McPherson, KS

You are encouraged to arrive at district conference as early as Thursday at 4:00pm to take advantage of the opportunity for refreshing personal time in addition to stimulating fellowship and inspiring training.

As with the February training opportunity all costs to participate, including lodging and meals for Thursday supper – Friday lunch, are underwritten by district funds as a part of our transformation initiative. These events are planned for all pastors and all congregational and district leaders to provide transformational training as well as fellowship and other spiritual growth opportunities.

Focus for our time together

- Thursday evening we will gather from 6:30pm – 8:30pm for worship and fellowship.
- Friday morning from 9:00am – noon Bethany Theological Seminary Academic Dean and Professor Steven Schweitzer will join us by Skype to lead us in:

Covenant and Conscience

We will examine the biblical concepts of covenant and conscience with a survey across the Old and New Testaments and examples from the history of the Church of the Brethren, especially Annual Conference statements, which recognize conscience in the process of decision-making. The two concepts work together throughout Scripture to promote the value of community while allowing for differences of belief and practice. As will be seen, the biblical witness demonstrates that the community of faith exists together through covenant, while allowing space for matters of conscience. The affirmation of balance between the covenant of the community and the importance of individual conscience is the faithful heritage of both the New Testament and the Church of the Brethren. (CEUs available)

- Child care will be available upon request—Please mark on Registration Form if needed

Schedule: Thursday, July 26

4:00-7:00	Registration for Training and District Conference
5:00-6:00	Dinner
6:30-8:30	Worship & Fellowship

Friday, July 27

7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:00-5:00	Registration for Training and District Conference
9:00-12:00	Training
12:00-1:00	Lunch

If you have any questions, please contact the District Office at 620-241-4240 or wpdcb@sbcglobal.net or Leslie Frye at leslie.a.b.frye@gmail.com.