

Suggestion to the 2024 Annual Conference at Cedarville, Ohio

May 28, 2024

Pleasant View Congregation, Eldorado, Ohio

The Annual Meeting of the Old German Baptist Brethren - New Conference has been a great blessing to our church fellowship, and this gathering has so much potential for us all, as we seek the blessing of the Lord and also seek to pursue a continued unity of purpose and mission.

After a series of preaching services, and other activities each year, we return home refreshed and appreciating the bond that ties us together in the Christian faith.

Believing that these many benefits could be expanded yet more, we offer the following proposal to the Messenger Body to consider at our upcoming Conference of 2024.

Option #1 - When there are no questions needing attention by the Messengers, could the Messenger Body maintain a practice of assembling still, for the purpose of having a time of devotion, praying together, sharing their experiences with each other, and maintaining a close bond? This gathering could include all messengers including the Conference Committee when it is possible. This gathering could be on Monday afternoon or as the Messenger Body sees fit.

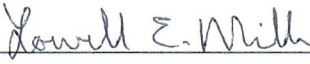
Option #2 - The Ministry in all of our churches often express appreciation for the blessing they experience when they are able to gather with other ministers and share together. Many of the ministers are not messengers, and yet could be blessed by a Ministers' Meeting at our Conferences, to have a brief season of prayer and fellowship. This meeting could be Friday afternoon, or as the Messenger Body may feel to suggest.

If this is worthy of consideration, could this suggestion be placed into the hands of the Messenger Body to consider as separate suggestions, or combine into one?

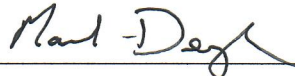
Could the Messengers offer a proposal to consider?

Signed:

Ministers



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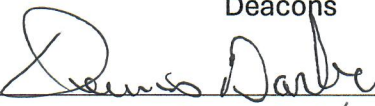


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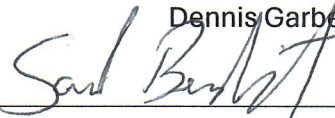


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