

## ARTICLE XIII. BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- A. A Board of Christian Education shall be established by the Unity of the Brethren to further develop and promote programs of Christian education, such as the Sunday School, the State Youth Program, the Hus Encampment Program, and others aligned with the purposes of Christian education within the Unity of the Brethren.
- B. The Board shall:
  - 1. Coordinate and share information among the Unity's educational groups and between congregations toward common and more effective work for the Lord;
  - 2. Develop goals and objectives for approval and evaluation by the Synodical Committee;
  - 3. Strengthen church members' knowledge of the Christian faith by recommending and/or developing educational resources (e.g., a bibliography of resources for Christian education, confirmation materials, Sunday School teaching materials, and devotional materials) and events (e.g., confirmation retreats, Sunday School training opportunities, and lay leader training opportunities);
  - 4. Counsel and encourage the local Sunday Schools in their ministry;
  - 5. Work so that members would be brought into the best possible knowledge of the Word of God, using pure teaching of the Word of God, Christian songs, and prayers;
  - 6. Publicize events and meetings through *The Brethren Journal* and the Unity of the Brethren website so as to encourage a broad base of participation; and
  - 7. Publish and distribute the Catechism, certificates, and other denominational literature.
- C. The Convention of the Unity of the Brethren shall elect a Chairperson of the Board of Christian Education, which shall be comprised of seven (7) qualified members interested in this responsibility of the Unity of the Brethren.
  - 1. Five (5) members shall be appointed by the Synodical Committee from the membership of the Unity of the Brethren, recognizing interest as well as demographic and geographic distribution.
  - 2. One member shall be the Youth Coordinator.
  - 3. The term of office for all members except the Youth Coordinator shall be 2 years, subject to re-election or re-appointment with a maximum of 4 consecutive terms.
  - 4. If a vacancy is created on the Board, the executive officers of the Synodical Committee shall appoint a new member to fill the term of the vacant position.
  - 5. The third vice-president shall serve as the Synodical Committee liaison with this board. (By-Laws Article VIII, Section F, Paragraph 1)
- D. Operating expenses of the Board of Christian Education shall be paid through the Unity in the usual manner.