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From the President

By Dr. Larry Koslovsky

70th Biennial Convention

The 70th Biennial Convention was held July 20-22 at Camp Allen, Navasota Texas. Camp Allen is a beautiful Episcopal Conference Center as well as a camping facility for youth nestled in the piney woods of Grimes County. This venue had been chosen by the 2017 convention; however, due to the pandemic in 2019 and a slow return to normalcy in 2021, it was not until this year that the convention was able to meet at this location. Previous to this time period, pastors had met at Camp Allen for a retreat and felt it would be an ideal venue for our church convention. The facility is self-contained in terms of meeting space, housing, and meals (no one has to leave the campus) and provides excellent services in all three of these areas. Having it in such a setting lifts the burden from the congregations having to deal with all the logistics of hosting a convention. The 70th Biennial Convention unanimously voted to return to Camp Allen in 2025 because of the wonderful experience had by all.

Newly Elected Officers of the Synodical Committee

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Referendum Procedure

Each congregation (per the bylaws which are mutually agreed upon procedures) is asked to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the referendum - decisions made at this summer's 70th Biennial Convention. By the time you are reading this article, your congregation will have received these decisions that must be voted on and the results returned to the secretary by September 26, 2023.

Convention decisions requiring congregational approval are: 1) decisions that involve finances, 2) bylaw changes that receive a 2/3 majority vote, 3) any decisions that passed only by a simple majority and 4) Constitutional changes.

At this congregational meeting, each congregation also elects a representative to the Synodical Committee which meets a minimum of twice a year - in the spring and fall (scheduled for September 29th at the Hus Encampment). Representatives serve on the Synodical Committee much in the same capacity as a member of the Board of Elders. If your representative cannot attend, the congregation cannot send another person to substitute in the place of your elected representative (other than as a guest but has no voice or voting privilege). If for any reason your representative cannot fulfill the 2-year term,

the congregation then must elect a new individual to serve in this capacity. The Board of Elders confirms the new representative with a letter sent to the Executive Committee Secretary. Technically, the congregational representatives make up part of the legal body of the Unity of the Brethren, and are responsible for corporate decisions.

Hus Encampment

In 1957, the Hus Encampment was completed — two dorms and a main building that housed the kitchen, dining area, large meeting area and a smaller meeting room. The original plot of land was 17 acres, 14 acres donated by Mr & Mrs John E. Stefka and 3 acres by Mr & Mrs B. K. Trcalek. For at least the last 50 years, there has been the dream to purchase more land adjacent to the camp for expansion as well as a buffer to the present property. This summer 12 acres became available for the Unity to purchase at a cost of \$425,000. Donations may be sent to the

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If you have questions and concerns about the Unity, you may contact me by email, text or phone.

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Decisions for Referendum

From the 70th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren and Election of Lay Representative

All congregations should have received by email or regular mail the Decisions for Referendum from the 70th Biennial Convention that was held on July 20-22, 2023. These decisions were passed at the convention and will become valid only after a simple majority of the congregations of the Unity of the Brethren have approved the decisions in a referendum by a simple majority vote in a meeting called for this purpose.

These decisions are to be acted upon in a congregational meeting – not at an Elders meeting. Each congregation also elects one lay representative at this same meeting. The deadline to return the Referendum results with the name of the elected Lay Representative is **September 26**. Failure to return the referendum by the deadline will result in the congregation being counted as favorable to all decisions. The results

are to be mailed to: Liz Ripple, 311 W State Hwy 71, Fayetteville, TX 78940. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Ripple or Rev. Larry Koslovsky. From this convention comes eleven (11) decisions as follows:

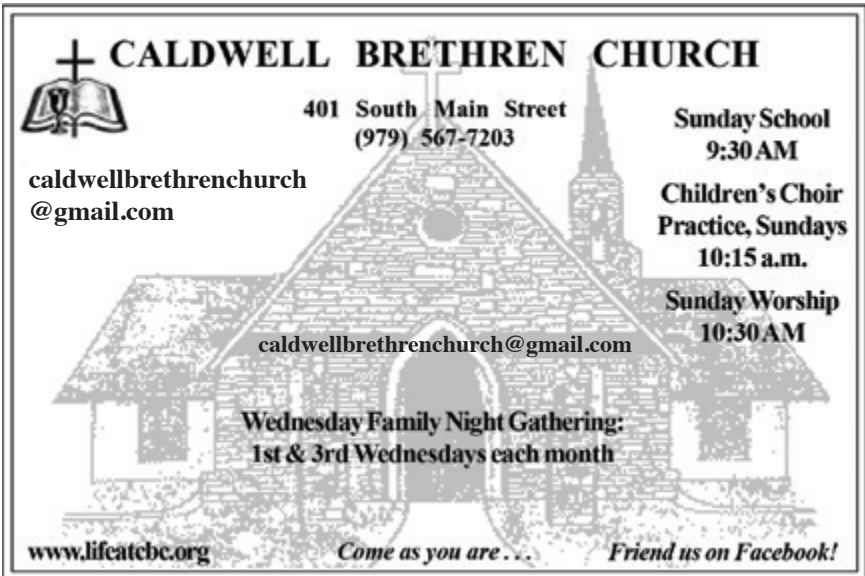
4 motions concern financial matters:

1. MOTION from the Finance Committee to increase the expense allowance for the Youth Coordinator from \$1,800/yr. to \$3,000/yr., an increase of \$1,200.00. The funding source would be the current allotment from the Brethren Fund, donations & Major Gifts.

SECOND by the ByLaws/Motions Committee. Passes unanimously. (ref. pg. 8 – Convention Minutes)

Exe. Asst. Note: Currently, the State Youth Coordinator's salary/matching FICA tax/expenses is funded from the Educational Ministries allotment (currently at 35%), voluntary contri-

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2. MOTION from the Finance Committee to pay a lump sum payment to Liz Ripple and Jennifer Chervenka in the amount of \$1,000.00 per year for 2023 & 2024. Total cost would be \$4,000.00 to come from Major Gifts. Explanation: Liz & Jennifer do so much for our Unity and we feel they deserve a bonus. They have not had increases since 2019. (Attachment VIII)

SECOND by the ByLaws/Motions Committee. Discussion.

Passes unanimously. (reference pg. 8 of the Convention Minutes)

3. MOTION from the Brethren Journal & Website Committee that the Unity website be redesigned and maintained; \$2,900.00 for year 1 - the initial design/setup/domain/host/administration and \$1,400.00/yr. for subsequent years for domain/host and administration; to be funded by the Contingency fund. (Attachment IX)

SECOND by the ByLaws/Motions Committee.

Discussion. The Executive Committee will take care of the details. Passes unanimously.

(reference pg. 8 of the Convention Minutes)

4. MOTION and **SECOND** as

amended: The Convention gives the Synodical Committee authority to spend up to \$600,000.00 toward improvements at the camp. These funds are in addition to the funds already paid for the Hlavaty property. The expenditure of these funds shall be managed by the Board of Trustees.

Discussion. For – 43; Against – 4. The motion as amended passes. (ref. pg. 10 – Convention minutes)

7 Motions concerning the By-Laws:

5. Article II. Congregations. Section B. (By-Laws p. 6):

(reference pg. 4 of the Convention Minutes)

MOTION from the Executive Committee to add “The congregation must include the statement “A congregation of the Unity of the Brethren” following its name in the congregation’s Constitution, By-Laws and official correspondence documents.”

Current text: “A congregation shall choose its own name, such name, however, must be approved by the Synodical Committee.”

Proposed text: “A congregation shall choose its own name, such name, however, must be approved by the Synodical Committee. **The congregation must include the statement “A congregation of the Unity of the Brethren” following its name in the congregation’s Constitution, By-Laws and official correspondence docu-**



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ments.”

SECOND by the ByLaws/Motions committee to accept the proposed recommendation.

FOR – 50; AGAINST – 1. Passes. (reference pg. 4 of the Convention Minutes)

6. Article II. Congregations – L. (By-Laws p. 9) (reference pg. 8 of the Convention Minutes)

MOTION from the Executive Committee to change percentages of the Contingency Fund from 18% to 9% and Executive Assistant position from 9% to 18% and to keep the Brethren Fund assessment at \$40.

SECOND from the Finance Committee to adopt the proposal. Explanation: Reallocate current Brethren Fund disbursements to more properly fund Admin. Asst. salary package.

18% to the Hus School Encampment

10% to *The Brethren Journal*;

~~18%~~ 9% to be placed in a Contingency Fund.....;

35% to Educational Ministries;

10% to the Administrative Fund; and

~~9%~~ 18% to the Executive Assistant position.

Discussion. For – 52; Against – 1. Passes

NOTE: These allotments would change on January 1, 2024.

7. Article III. Office of the Ministry, B. Pastors (By-Laws p. 10) (reference pg. 4 – Convention minutes)

MOTION from the Executive Committee to Amend #2 to say: “Pastors of the Unity of the Brethren are employees of the denomination. The congregations, where the pastors serve, act in behalf (as agents) of the denomination in paying salaries. The Synodical Committee, with information furnished by local church treasurers, will file all appropriate employment forms.”

And to renumber remaining numbers 2-14 to be 3-15.

The proposal from the By-Laws/Motions Committee is not to amend but add a New Number 2. to say: **“Pastors of the Unity of the Brethren are employees of the denomination. The congregations, where the pastors serve, act in behalf (as agents) of the denomination in paying salaries. The Synodical Committee, with information furnished by local church treasurers, will file all appropriate employment forms.”**

And to renumber remaining numbers 2-14 to be 3-15.

SECOND from the ByLaws/Motions Committee for adoption of this proposal. Passes unanimously.

8. Article XVIII. Archivist (By-Laws p.29) (reference pg. 5 of the Convention Minutes)

MOTION from the Executive Committee to delete the entire Article and renumber other articles as they pertain to the change and adjust “Contents –



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The By-Laws of the Unity of the Brethren” and renumber pages as necessary.

SECOND from the By-Laws/Motions Committee. For-35; Against-16. Passes.

9. Article XI. Treasurer, A & E. (By-Laws p. 24) (reference pg. 9 of the Convention Minutes)

MOTION from the Executive. Committee to fill “xxx” with an amount in **F:**

“The treasurer shall keep records of gifts received by the Unity, whether in the form of grant, memorial, or bequest. Such funds shall be under the management of the Executive Committee of the Synodical Committee. Any disbursement of \$xxx or above must receive prior approval of a majority of voting members at a Synodical Committee meeting.”

NEW MOTION from the ByLaws/ Motion Committee to amend as:

“The treasurer shall keep records of gifts received by the Unity, whether in the form of grant, memorial, or bequest. Such funds shall be under the management of the Executive Committee of the Synodical Committee. ~~Any disbursement of \$xxx or above must receive prior approval of a majority of voting members at a Synodical Committee meeting.”~~

Section A currently reads: “The treasurer shall receive from the financial secretary all of the Unity of the Brethren’s funds, shall care for them

diligently and shall pay out from them current expenses of the Unity of the Brethren, but only on the written order of the president. During the auditing of the books the treasurer must present legal receipts for all items paid out.”

After the first sentence of Section **A**, insert the new sentence: “Any disbursement of \$25,000 or above must receive prior approval of a majority of voting members at a Synodical Committee meeting.”

Section **A** now reads: “The treasurer shall receive from the financial secretary all of the Unity of the Brethren’s funds, shall care for them diligently and shall pay out from them current expenses of the Unity of the Brethren, but only on the written order of the president. Any disbursement of \$25,000 or above must receive prior approval of a majority of voting members at a Synodical Committee meeting. During the auditing of the books the treasurer must present legal receipts for all items paid out.”

SECOND by Rev. Groseclose. Discussion. Passes unanimously.



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10. Article XIX. Book Store (By-Laws p. 29-30) (reference pg. 5 of the Convention Minutes)

MOTION from the Executive Committee to delete the entire Article and renumber other articles as they pertain to the change and adjust “Contents – The By-Laws of the Unity of the Brethren” and renumber pages as necessary.

SECOND from the By-Laws/Motions Committee. Passes unanimously.

11. Appendix A. By-Laws of the Hus School Encampment, Article III. Administration E. (By-Laws p 33). (reference pg. 5 of the Convention Minutes)

MOTION from the Executive Committee to amend:

“The Board members shall be elected/appointed for a two-year term, and may be re-elected/re-appointed (cf. Unity of the Brethren By-Laws, Article XIV, Section C, Paragraph 4 **3. Vacancies are to be filled by the agency of the church concerned.**”

EXPLANTATION: There is no “Paragraph 4” and the “vacancies by an agency” was deleted in 2015. **SECOND** from the ByLaws/Motions Committee for adoption of this proposal.

No discussion. Passes unanimously.

Spring Synodical Committee Meeting Minutes Saturday, May 20, 2023

President Rev. Dr. Larry Koslovsky called the meeting to order.

There were 36 in attendance as follows: 23 Voting Members: 10 pastors – G. Davis, J. Emerson, J. Gotcher, B. Herridge, D. Johnson, L. Koslovsky, B. Kruse, V. Mitchell, J. Polasek, M. Sebek;

13 Lay members from 11 churches: Bryan C/S – A. Haisler; Caldwell – L. Shimek; J. Mitchell (replace M. Huffman); Houston – J.T. Verwold; Industry – H. Treybig; New Tabor – R. Campbell; Pasadena – P. Michalik; Port Arthur – M. Vargas; Rosenberg

– A. Kocurek; Taylor – K. Marek, S. Srnensky; Wall – P. Beatty; West – M. James.

12 Churches not represented by lay members: Buckholts, Crosby, Dime Box, Fayetteville, Granger, Nelsonville, Ocker, Seaton, Snook, Temple, Wesley, Westheimer; 13 non-voting guests.

Welcome and prayer given by Rev. Larry Koslovsky.

Music led by Rev. Joe Emerson. **Meditation** given by Pastor David Johnson – from Amos 6:1 titled “At Ease in Zion”; we have become comfortable in our identity – in our church culture and denomination, we need to change, adjust and adapt for the future; we need to be useful to God if we are to continue to exist.

1. Pastoral Licenses

Wall – a. Brady Collard, serving as Youth Pastor at Wall Brethren and Dale Weise, currently serving as pulpit supply. Dale is an associate minister for the Methodist Church in San Angelo, and was raised in the Brethren Church. Rev. Tallas is still there. Wall is in the process of possibly calling Rob-

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bie Price of Albuquerque, New Mexico as their pastor. A Teams Meeting was set up with Brady, Dale and Lance LaBedelle since they were unable to attend the meeting in person. Questions were asked of Brady and Dale.

Brady – He has been doing Youth Ministry for about one year. He studied Biblical theology and entrepreneurship from Brown University and he is working on a Master’s of Divinity degree at Abilene Christian (he grew up in the Church of Christ until the age of 9, his dad was a pastor). Questioned about our documents with the bylaws, Catechism – infant baptism is different than what he is used to, but he feels he can get used to it. He was asked if his goal is to be an ordained pastor in the UOB, answered that was not his immediate goal for now, but eventually.

b. Dale Weise – Shortly after moving back to San Angelo, he made First United Methodist their church home. In 2005, he felt he was getting called into a more active ministry. In 2007, he took a course through the United Methodist Church to become licensed, now affiliated with the global United Methodist Church, right now a quarter time

licensed pastor. At Wall, he currently fills the pulpit about once or twice a month. He does not feel called to leave the Methodist church. He is going to ask and if they are fine with a double licensure then he would ask to be licensed in the Unity for Wall. Wall has sent two letters to the Synodical Committee (Attachment 1a & 1b) The Team meeting ended with the people at Wall. The Synodical Meeting continued with discussion on licensing: Brady is asking for a license through June and Dale presented himself as a possibility in the future.

MOTION: by Rev. Joe Emerson to give Brady a one-year license to Wall Brethren Church.

SECOND: Sid Srnensky. Discussion.

The process is that we have a mentor pastor to work with Brady to understand the polity and the Unity. The Unity is a group that trains and ordains. Kent Laza, Chair of Hus Camp asked a question about them to serve communion at the camp, to add the camp to the license. Brady has been the camp pastor for 2 camps this year. A question was asked if our bylaws allow them to do that. Our interpretation in the past has been to have a license to one church, not the denomination. No one oversteps if they are licensed to a specific church. A license will give the authority to conduct funerals, weddings and give sacraments.

Bro. Joe withdraws his motion and renews it to say -

New MOTION: by Bro. Joe for one-year license to Brady Collard to ministry of the Unity of the Brethren at large.

SECOND: Sid Srnensky.

Alice Kocurek expressed concern that she is not comfortable about licensing a new person to the whole Unity. Other discussion. When someone has a license, it may motivate a person to continue to develop and continue to work toward ordination.

For – 12; Opposed – 5. Motion passes.
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Motion and **Second** to accept Mateo Vargas as the Representative for Port Arthur. Passes.

Granger – c. Pastor Judy Gotcher. Suzanne Huser has a request from Granger Brethren to have Judy Gotcher as their pastor. She was the pastor of United Methodist Church in Granger. Question asked what vision does Granger have as they move forward. Suzanne answered of how active the church is, even though they are small. Bro. Tommy Tallas and Bro. Larry Zabcik sent Bro. Koslovsky words of support for Pastor Judy.

Motion and **Second** for a one-year license to Pastor Judy at Granger Brethren Church. Passes.

2. Congregations

Port Arthur – Jose’ Pantin Mora

Bro. Jose has been leading worship at Port Arthur and they respond to his ministry. Bro. Koslovsky has been taking communion to Port Arthur about every 2 months. They have received a letter from a superintendent saying he served as a pastor for 22 years in the Nicaraguan Moravian church. We want to set him up as a Supply Pastor. Bro. Koslovsky has given Port Arthur 3 choices: to bring in gringos and have services translated, allow Jose to lead worship or have no services. Port Arthur agrees with Jose continuing to serve them.

Motion passed to confirm Jose as Pulpit Supply for Port Arthur.

3. Hus Encampment – Purchase of property adjacent to camp

Bro. Koslovsky talked about the impact of Hus Camp and the opportunity we have today to purchase a piece of property.

Kent Laza, Chair of the Hus Camp Board of Trustees – came forward to present a Power Point and talked about this opportunity. Edwin Hlavaty that lived next door passed away in June of 2022. There have been some issues with our group with him, he sued us in 1993 and there were some hard feelings. It is 12 acres across the fence from the camp, dense wooded area, a big creek and a deep ravine. A map was shown and pictures of the house and shop. The estate was left to the Texas Czech Genealogical Society. The appraisals came in at \$417,500 and \$439,211. The Unity of the Brethren owns the land the camp is on (17 acres), so the Hus Board needs to go through the Unity to purchase additional land. The TCGS would want to rent the house for 1 to 2 years to house their stuff if they make this purchase. →

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chase. Kent drew up some possibilities of what could be done with the land. Pros and Cons of the property: **Pros:** adjoining land is rare to obtain, accrue in value, chance to control who your neighbor is, greater flexibility for placement of new dorms and auxiliary buildings, better use of existing buildings, better traffic flow. **Cons:** No specific plans for property yet, enrollment at camps is down 120 v. 150, target age group is largely missing in our churches, membership is down in Unity, funding may be better used elsewhere. Kent has polled the Hus Camp trustees and they recommend making this purchase, money they now have: Operating Fund - \$52,893; Savings - \$85,930; and Building Fund - \$75,893. The mineral rights do not come with the property.

Kent believes there are some people who will donate funds for this purchase and they will hold a funding campaign. About half of the property is usable and it is fenced.

MOTION by Sid Srnensky to move forward with the purchase of the property.

SECOND by Kayla Marek.

There was a lot of discussion about how we could pay for it. There are some concerns that our denomination is drastically declining and question asked if will we be able to sustain this in the long haul. We do have to move on this but there is concern with the health of several congregations on the verge of closing. It was also mentioned the need for Youth Pastors. Are we looking "bigger" for the future and having the facility fully staffed? Kent said yes, there is a vision. We have the money, there is over 2 million in our accounts.

Lunch break, Rev. Joseph Polasek gave a prayer.

1:10 p.m. – The meeting continues

- The discussion is still about the purchase of the land the adjoins the Hus Camp.

VOTE on MOTION to move for-

ward with the purchase of the property. Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION by Joel Mitchell to have Kent Laza as an agent from the Unity of the Brethren to negotiate and bring back to the executive committee for Bro. Koslovsky to sign the contract.

SECOND by Rev. Mark Sebek. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Convention

Motion passed to set a fee of \$250 per delegate for convention expenses.

Nominating Committee: Lynette Shimek, Pastor D Johnson, Phil Michalik.

A letter has been received by the Board of Christian Ed Chair, Kari Raesz with the recommendation that the board be dissolved. This will be part of a bylaws change. There may be other organizations that need to be eliminated, it is hard to find people to serve. We may need to streamline our leadership, and have a smaller group of dedicated people. Other things to look at with bylaws is the Brethren Fund and Brethren Journal allocations; & the amount that the executive committee can write a check for without coming back to the Synodical Committee.

Bro. Koslovsky gave a reminder to everyone that the executive committee has asked for everyone's Constitution & Bylaws and to send them to Liz Ripple, Exe. Assistant, and it needs to be underscored that a congregation is a congregation of the Unity of the Brethren.

Bro. Mark Sebek brought up the sale of Cade Lake and questioned the money from the sale of the 2 lots. They want to be able to touch the money instantly without being under the Unity. Lynette made a recommendation to set a threshold for spending money at Cade Lake. There also needs to be accountability of how the money is spent. We will discuss this further in the future and possibly at the convention.

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5. Officer Reports:

No written reports: President; 1st VP; 2nd VP – Lance LaBedelle (absent); 3rd VP; Acting secretary – Liz Ripple; Financial Secretary – Kayla Marek (Attachment #5-A); Treasurer – Lynette Shimek (Attachment #5-B)

Announcements: The Unity has lost 2 individuals who served the Unity:

Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez – served as Pastor at Port Arthur, Good Shepherd Moravian Church. He died March 3 at age 90. Dorothy Hinson – member at

Houston Brethren, served on the Synodical Committee, Christian Sisters, Home Missions, Mutual Aid; died March 22 at age 92.

Motion passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m. The closing prayer was given by Pastor Judy Gotcher.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Ripple,
Administrative Assistant
Due to the resignation of Unity Secretary, Angie Hairrell, 2021-2022

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The Hussites

By Jim Pokorny

The Four Articles of Prague were translated into Latin, Bohemian and German. They were then distributed throughout Europe. The Diet of Caslau formally adopted the articles in June 1421. At the same time, this body renounced its allegiance to Sigismund and appointed 20 regents to run the government. Despite this, things were not harmonious among the Hussites. Two main parties rose to prominence. These were the Utraquists and the Taborites.

The Utraquists were led by several men. Among them was John of Rokycana (the uncle of Gregory the Patriarch who founded the ancient Unity of the Brethren in 1457). These leaders tended to adhere to the University of Prague. They also tended to be aristocratic and conservative. As for the Four Articles of Prague, they hoped for an eventual reconciliation with the established Church after it had been reformed. This resulted in a policy that was unstable. The Utraquists insisted that lay people be permitted the Cup during Holy Communion. They emblazoned the Cup on their banners.

The Taborites came into being in 1415 at Austi. There, a weaver named Pytel opened his home to various Hussite leaders whose views were in opposition to the University. In 1420, by order of Jan Zizka, Tabor was founded.

This party was progressive, democratic, and radical. Its stance went beyond the Four Articles of Prague, and, unlike the Utraquists, it was at odds with the established Church. Like Hus, they believed that the Bible was the source of faith and Christ was the lawgiver of the people. They held that

every man had the right to his own interpretation of the Bible. As for the sacraments, they acknowledged two: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. As for the second, they held that this sacrament need not be held in a church or chapel, nor was it necessary for someone ordained to administer this sacrament. They deemed invalid any form of ministry practiced by a priest guilty of mortal sin. Moreover, they rejected transubstantiation, purgatory, prayers for the dead and the invocation of saints. The leaders of this party included nobles of lower rank, burghers, landholders, and peasants. Nicholas Pelhrimov was the only bishop they appointed.

The Taborites' system was of a scriptural character that reappeared in Protestantism, but some of its views were extreme. They opposed the Latin language. And while they carefully trained their children in the Bible and other branches, they considered giving or receiving a degree to be a mortal sin. Martin Hauska, for example, was expelled from Tabor because some found his view on the Lord's Supper offensive. About 300 chose to follow him. Together, they wandered about Bohemia until Zizka caught up with them and dispersed them. Hauska was captured and executed in 1421. After the Taborites established a community of goods, possession of private property was considered a mortal sin. The destruction of churches, chapels, altars and works of art were also attributed to them.

Some erroneously attributed the rise of a third group, the Adamites, to the

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Taborites. The Adamites dressed like Adam and Eve before the fall and made their headquarters on an island on the River Nesarka and managed to survive even after Ziska destroyed their camp. Yet another faction arose following the death of Ziska. They were those who previously followed Ziska and chose to go by the name Orphans. There were other factions, but these are of minor note.

Concerted efforts were made to unite the Hussite factions, but the only common ground they could find consisted of the Articles of Prague. When the cries of war arose, they managed to set aside their differences. It must be said that during times of war, cruelties and atrocities were committed by both sides. Imperial forces waged four crusades against the Hussites and four times these crusades were turned back. In 1427, Procop the Great succeeded Ziska and led the Hussites militarily. Together, they invaded Austria,

Silesia, Bavaria, Hungary, Franconia, and Saxony. Even the word "Hussites" struck fear in the hearts of Europe.

The Hussites greatest victory came at Taus. There, the Hussites faced 130,000 crusaders that were led by the Margrave of Brandenburg and the Legate Julian on August 14, 1431. After this force fled from the Hussites, no additional crusades were waged against them. Sigismund was forced to conclude that it would take Bohemians to subdue other Bohemians. And, despite papal armies, anathemas, and letters, the Hussite cause remained a force with which to be reckoned.

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In Christ's Love...

from the Foreign Missions Fields

From the Thiessen's

July 31, 2023
The Last Chapter

Dear friends,

Today is my very last day as an “official” missionary. You already know that our full-time ministry in Mexico among the unreached came to an end in May of 2022. That was when Anne stepped away from Multiply (the denominational mission agency of the Mennonite Brethren in NA), while I spent the last year exploring if there were further roles for me in First Nations ministry and/or training for long-term missionaries.

At the beginning of July, Multiply and I began conversations around these options not working, and about winding things down. There was an official letter from the agency a couple of weeks ago to our financial donors, and this is now my letter to all the whole group of friends and supporters (in all the many other ways we have needed you) from over thirty-five years.

Of course, Anne has been at this longer than I have. She grew up in Honduras from five years old onwards, returning after college for several more years of first refugee work and then missions capacity building. We met there in 1988 when I began to live cross-culturally. It was thirty-five years ago that I left Ontario in the spring to start an apprenticeship in healthy church development (Church Planting).

And it will be thirty years ago this coming fall that we left Ontario together for southern Mexico, driving an old, donated Ford pickup. So many parts to all the many next phases of that journey! So many chapters. We've sent out letters along the way, on average ten a year, so that's three hundred one-page

chapters. And this will be the last, of that book anyway.

We are looking forward to seeing what will be written in not just the next chapter, but the whole next book. It's mostly a blank right now, but I imagine that like many second books, the author's “style” will still come through and the characters seem similar.

God is the author, and we are his characters. The story is new, but we can trust how he will unfold the plot. We finally get to play the parts of the story we spent those three decades trying to help others fill. Like being local leaders in the coming of the Kingdom, self-supported and catalyzing multiplication from within local resources. And being ambassadors of God's goodness while living amid the responsibilities of every-day types of jobs and time constraints. I'll be working as a machinist and jack-of-all and Anne as an educational assistant. We're part of my home church (since 1970) while also looking for other opportunities to see new expressions of the Church arise. Most likely among the deconstructed and post-modern. That's a huge field!

This next book might be a lot more anonymous, too. Not sure who might all want to get the infrequent installments. Let me know.

We thank you, the many hundreds we send out to, for all the love and support you've given us. Some of you are from the very beginning, others only quite recently. We love you all and are grateful for how you participated in this last book. Only God really knows the whole tale, and he will be sure to give credit where it is due.

*May you be blessed
as we have been,
Robert and Anne.*

New Tabor Brethren Church 130th Anniversary Celebration Invitation

The New Tabor Brethren Church would like to invite you to join in the celebration of their 130th Anniversary on Sunday October 15, 2023. The celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a worship service followed by a catered lunch in the Fellowship Building.

Everyone is invited – current and past members, visitors, and friends of New Tabor Brethren Church. Please come and join our celebration!

RSVP is appreciated by October 1, 2023, if planning to join us for lunch. Please contact one of the following:

Lillie Chafin 979-777-6674

Adelle Morehead 979-324-3878

Cathy Homeyer 979-324-4561

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The church is located at 2439 County Rd. 225, Caldwell, TX 77836



Sunday School Helper

For we are God's
handiwork, created in
Christ Jesus to do good
works, which God
prepared in advance
for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

Fruit grows on vines, trees, and other plants. But in order for these vines and trees to produce fruit, they must be watered, given lots of sunlight and some fertilizer. It's a lot of hard work, but it is worth it!

The Fruits of the Spirit are the same. When we invite Jesus into our heart, these fruits begin to grow. But we have to tend to them. The activities this month will focus on tending the Fruits of the Spirit.

Cooking with Jesus

Scripture: Galatians 5: 22-26, Fruit of the Spirit (FotS)

Ask children if they like pizza. Have them describe what is on a pizza. Ask children if they have heard of a fruit pizza. (Show one.) A fruit pizza is a cookie (the crust) with a whipped topping (the sauce) that is topped with lots of different fruits. Doesn't that sound yummy?

The fruit on this pizza reminds me of the Fruits of the Spirit. They are not actual fruits you can eat, but what people see in us when we give our hearts to Jesus.

Read Galatians 5: 22-26. List the Fruits of the Spirit.

The fruit we eat grows on plants, but only when those plants have been taken care of. They need water, sunlight, and fertilizer. It is the same with the FotS. They don't come to us naturally. We need God's help to grow these in our heart.

Fruit Pizza Snacks

Materials: sugar cookies (one per child), icing, cut up fruit

1. Give each child a sugar cookie.
2. Let me spread icing over the cookie.
3. Add fruit and enjoy.

Talk about how fruit is good for our bodies and the FotS are good for our hearts!

Showy Fruit

Materials: Fruit shapes, markers

Preparation: Write the name of each FotS on a fruit shape.

Hold up a fruit shape with a FotS. Ask children to give examples how they can show that characteristic. For example, for love it could be giving a hug.



Recipe for Success

Materials: 9 bowls (labeled with the FotS), strawberries, orange slices, grapes, banana slices, diced pears, apple slices, starfruit slices, kiwi slices, cherries, whipped topping, paper bowls, forks, You can dress up as a chef to make it even more fun!

Each child receives a bowl. Introduce yourself as Chef Tellthetruth, creator of the Fruit of the Spirit Salad. For each bowl, talk about the FotS, and how we can show that characteristic. Then place that fruit in each child's bowl. Enjoy!

Love: Strawberries represent love because they are red, shaped like a heart.

Joy: Orange slices look like little smiles. Put the orange slice in your mouth and make a smile.

Peace: Grapes are round like the world and we want peace in the world.

Patience: Bananas are for patience because when we buy them at the grocery store they are green. We have to be patient for them to ripen.

Kindness: Pears represent kindness.

Goodness: Apples represent goodness because they are good for us and good to eat!

Faithfulness: The starfruit is for faithfulness because it reminds us of the Christmas Star. God was faithful when he sent Jesus.

Gentleness: The kiwi looks tough on the outside, but it is really soft and sweet.

Self-control: Whipped topping and a cherry are the last ingredients. We have to have self-control when using whipped topping!



Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

September 16-17 – Youth Retreat at Hus Encampment. (Deadline to register has passed.)

September 30, 2023 - Fall Synodical Committee Meeting at the Hus Encampment – 9:00 a.m.; refreshments served at 8:00 a.m. with a light lunch served at noon. The newly elected officers for 2023-2025 will be installed and the results of the referendum decisions from the 70th Biennial Unity Convention will be canvassed. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Koslovsky, 713-594-4518.

Save the Dates ...

October 15, 2023 – New Tabor Brethren Church 130th Anniversary Celebration. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a worship service followed by a catered lunch in the Fellowship Building. All are invited. RSVP to Cathy Homeyer at 979-324-4561. For more information, see the article in this issue.

November 4 – 5 – Youth Retreat at Hus Encampment. Deadline to register is October 15. For more information, see the retreat article in this issue. You can also visit www.unityofthebrethrenyouth.org to find additional information and see photos of past activities or contact Jennifer Chervenka, state youth coordinator 254-913-1244; jennchervenka@gmail.com.

For more information about the Hus School Encampment go to ...

www.huscamp.org

*Does your church/organization have an activity that you would like to include in this listing? Please send activity information including a contact name, phone number and/or email address to the Brethren Journal Editor at: **editor.brethrenjournal@gmail.com**. Information must be received by the first day of the month immediately preceding the month of publication.*

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Brethren Youth Leadership Team 2023-24

Congratulations to those who will be serving on the leadership team. This group is responsible for helping to plan retreats and service projects for the BYF. The first meeting will be on Sunday, August 13 at Wall Brethren Church.

Youth Members:

Joanna Chervenka (Ocker)
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Riley Green (Snook)
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Alyson Cocke (Taylor)

Adult Members:

Dillon Barbisch (Ocker)
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Kayla Marek (Taylor)
Jennifer Chervenka (Youth Coordinator)

BYF Retreat Dates for 2023-2024

The retreats will be held at the Hus Encampment. Please visit the youth website for more information about each retreat and for registration information. Retreat fee is \$30. Registration deadlines in ().

T-shirts are available for an additional charge. Retreats are for any youth ages 12-21. Youth do need to be a member of a local BYF to attend.

Nov. 4-5 (Oct. 15) • **Jan. 6-7** (Dec. 17) • **March 1-3** (Feb. 11)

The **State Children's Rally** for ages 3-11 will be **Saturday, March 2**, at the camp.

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Daily Morsels for Sept. 2023

by Mari-Anne K. Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

From the Holy Bible New Revised Standard Version, slightly modified

1. Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. Ps. 124:8

2. Listen to Me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Isa. 51:1a

3. Listen to Me, My people, and give heed to Me, My nation. Isa. 51:4a

4. I will bring near My deliverance swiftly; My salvation has gone out and My arms will rule the peoples. Isa. 51:5a

5. The coastlands wait for Me, and for My arm they hope. Isa. 51:5

6. My salvation will be forever, and My deliverance will never be ended. Isa. 51:6b

7. He (God) said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Ex. 3:6

8. God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Ex. 3:14

9. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. Jer. 15:21

10. Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Ps. 119:33

11. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Ps. 119:34

12. Lead me in the path of Your commandments for I delight in it. Ps. 119:35

13. Turn my heart to Your decrees and not to selfish gain. Ps. 119:36

14. Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in Your ways. Ps. 119:37

15. Confirm to Your servant Your promise, which is for those who fear You. Ps. 119:38

16. In Your righteousness give me life. Ps. 119:40b

17. The commandments... are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Rom. 13:9

18. Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Rom. 13:10

19. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. Ps. 78:1

20. They repented and sought God earnestly. Ps. 78:34b

21. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Ps. 98:4

22. They remembered that God was their rock, the Most High God their redeemer. Ps. 78:35

23. He, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them. Ps. 78:38a

24. The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor. 1:18

25. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." 1 Cor. 1:19

26. Where is the one who is wise? ... Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the

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world? 1 Cor. 1:20

27. For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 1 Cor. 1:21

28. Whoever believes in Him has eternal life. Jn. 3:15

29. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. Jn. 3:16

30. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Jn. 3:17

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And so fulfill the Law of
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VITAL STATISTICS

RECENT DEATHS



BALETKA, JOYCE LUCILLE (SIPTAK), 92, of Bryan and a member of the New Tabor Brethren Church completed her earthly journey and went to join the Lord on August 3, 2023. She was born in Caldwell, Texas to Joe Harold Siptak and Mary Maresh Siptak on November 26, 1930. She graduated from Caldwell High School in 1948. In the summer of 1948, her parents encouraged her to attend The Unity of the Brethren's Hus School held in Nelsonville, Texas. where she met Assistant Teacher John Baletka and the rest was history as they say. She began attending Sam Houston Teacher College in the fall of 1948 majoring in Home Economics. However, after John's ordination into the ministry, they got married on August 16, 1951 when she was just six credit hours short of graduation!

John and Joyce began their lifelong ministry in 1951 at the Temple Brethren Church and continued in that pastorate for sixteen years. During their time in Temple, they were blessed with three sons: John Mark, James Craig and William Andrew.

In 1957, they were instrumental in the development of the Unity of the Brethren's Hus Encampment permanent home outside of Caldwell, Texas. Throughout the years, the teaching program and facilities were expanded. They continued their involvement with the Hus Encampment through 2005.

They moved to Austin in 1966 and served the Brethren Church there for eleven years. During their time in Austin, Joyce commuted to Sam Houston State University and completed her Bachelor of Arts degree which she used in service as a Special Education teacher's aide. In 1977, they accepted a call to serve the Wall Brethren Church and continued that pastorate for eight years. In 1985, they moved to Caldwell where they served the nearby New Tabor Brethren Church until John's retirement from the active ministry in 1993. At each congregation they served, Joyce would be the musical and choir director. She was gifted with a beautiful and strong singing voice, and everyone would know when she was present!

On August 16, 2011, John and Joyce celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary just before John passed away on October 20, 2011.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents, husband and her sons James Craig and William Andrew. She is survived by her son John Mark and his wife Susan, daughter-in-law Dawn Marie, brother Joe H. Siptak and sister-in-law Adelle Windrum. Additional survivors include six grandchildren and five great grandchildren, numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Visitation was on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at the Strickland Funeral Home in Caldwell, Texas.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 11 at 10:30 am at the New Tabor Brethren Church in New Tabor, Texas with burial at the Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hus Encampment Building Fund (c/o Susan Marek, 1304 T H Johnson Dr., Taylor, TX 76574).

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Austin – Bible Study at 10 AM
Worship at 11 AM.
– Rev. Joe Emerson
“the last service was held on Sunday, July 3, 2022”

Bryan-College Station – Sunday School at 9:15 AM and Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Mark Sebek

Buckholts – Worship at 9 AM every Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

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10 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

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– Supply Pastors

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– Rev. Mike Groseclose

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Granger – Worship service Sundays, 10 AM.
Bible Study Wednesdays, 5:30 PM.
– Judy Gotcher - Pulpit Supply

Houston – Sunday School at 9:15 AM;
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

Industry – Worship at 5:00 PM on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays.
– Rev. Mike Groseclose

Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9 AM
Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

New Beginnings (1103 Harrisonburg Ln., College Station, TX 77845) – A Home Mission Project since 10/22/11 – Sunday School at 10:30 AM; Worship at 11:45 AM; Lunch after the service.
– Rev. Kay Polasek

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9 AM & Worship at 10 AM every Sunday, “Tune Up” on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.
– Rev. David Johnson

Ocker – Worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School at 9 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Brad Herridge

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Community Christian Church of Rosenberg – Sunday: Adult Bible Study and Sunday School for children at 9 AM; worship at 10:30 AM.
Wednesday: 5:30 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM Bible Study.
– Pastor Ben Kruse

Seaton – Sunday, 9:15 AM –Prayer Gathering; 9:30 AM – Sunday School, All Ages; 10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kids' and Adult Bible Study.
– Rev. Denise Mikeska

Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM;
Worship – 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Joseph Polasek

Taylor – Worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School 9 AM every Sunday with free breakfast every 5th Sunday at 8:30 AM.; Friends Fellowship (seniors) 4th Tuesday (except Nov. & Dec.) at 2 PM.
– Rev. James Hejl

Temple – Cross Church on Birdcreek – Sunday School at 9:30 AM.; Worship at 10:45 AM.
– Rev. Tim Chaplin

Vsetin – A non-official member congregation of the Unity of the Brethren – Worship at 10 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

Wall – Sunday School (all ages) at 9:30 AM; worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
Wednesday – Children's Awanas, 5:30 PM.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley – Worship at 9 AM every Sunday.
Sunday School follows.
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West – Sunday School at 9 AM and worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
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