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**DENOMINATIONAL VIRTUAL CHOIR MOVING FORWARD**  
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ELGIN, IL – Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Moderator Paul Mundey has announced plans for a denominational virtual choir. A webpage will be available shortly, with resources that will allow persons from across the church to add their voice to a mass Church of the Brethren choir. Three hymns are projected to be a part of the overall project: “Blessed Assurance,” “I See A New World Coming,” and “Move In Our Midst.”

Assisting Mundey with this project are Moderator-Elect David Sollenberger and Enten Eller, who coordinated the recent denomination-wide Love Feast. A proactive timeline is underway to encourage participation and energy toward this vision.

Commenting on the vision of a denominational virtual choir, Paul Mundey noted: “As we continue to explore new ways to connect with each other during the ongoing pandemic, the possibility of a denominational virtual choir holds great promise. Throughout history, song has united people of faith during times of crisis. I anticipate that uniting the Church of the Brethren in song virtually will accomplish a similar outcome.”

A number of other faith communities, including the Episcopal Church, have initiated similar projects.

In addition to a denominational choir, plans continue for other virtual events during the week of July 1-5, 2020, when the 2020 Grand Rapids Annual Conference was to be held. Additional details on those events will be released shortly.

Persons who want to be on the mailing list for the denominational virtual choir to receive updates and the link to the project webpage, when available, are encouraged to email their contact information to: [cobvirtualchoir2020@gmail.com](mailto:cobvirtualchoir2020@gmail.com).

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