

2019 Shenandoah District Conference Slate

Moderator-elect — Daniel House



(Weyers Cave, Va.) Raised in the Manassas congregation, Daniel House has been pastoring the Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren since 2016. He met his wife Rebecca as a student at Bridgewater College, and they have been pastoring in the Church of the Brethren since 2002. In 2009, they celebrated the birth of their daughter Bethany.

His passions are in the vitality of the church and seeing people grow in their faith and love of Jesus. He led planning of District Continuing Education events in the Mid-Atlantic District from 2007-2011 and has mentored several individuals exploring calls to ministry. In 2017 and 2018, he served on the Shenandoah District Church Planting Team. He loves participating in Brethren Disaster Ministries trips, and during his free time likes to flyfish in the mountains surrounding the Shenandoah Valley. In the coming years, Daniel hopes to see the Shenandoah District renew their testimony to God's love as expressed in Jesus Christ.

District Leadership Team:

Congregational Care (2022*) — Bruce M. Bowman



(Fishersville, Va.) Bruce grew up on a farm in Rockingham County and attended Mill Creek until he left home. Following high school, he was in the US Coast Guard for 4 years, and travelled across the US in a variety of jobs following separation. He lived on campus at Camp Brethren Woods while attending and graduating from Blue Ridge Community College, then took a job with the Va. Dept. of Corrections. He married Nancy Lee Shifflett from Summit in 1978 and they made their home in Blacksburg while Bruce finished up at Virginia Tech and then earned his DVM at VA/MD Veterinary School in 1987. They owned a private mixed animal veterinary practice in Fishersville until 2011 when Bruce retired from practice and joined the VA Dept. of Agriculture as a Field Veterinarian. He retired again in November 2019. Bruce & Nancy attend the Staunton COB and reside in Fishersville. Bruce loves to sing and lead discussion in Sunday school. They have 2 grown children who live in Richmond and will be grandparents for the first time in January 2020!

Development Team (2022*) — Paul Davis



(Verona, Va.) Paul has been a member at Staunton Church of the Brethren since 1995. He has taught a senior adult Sunday school class, is co-president of the Senior Adult Fellowship and has been a member on various church commissions, presently Worship and Fellowship. Paul is a graduate of Bridgewater College and the University of Virginia. He taught 7th grade in Augusta County schools and was an elementary school principal from 1965 to 1995.

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Discipleship Ministries (2022) — Jan Orndorff



(Woodstock, Va.) Jan is the pastor of the Sugar Grove near Wardensville, W. Va. She has served the District as moderator, Ministerial Leadership Team Chair, Springs of Living Water Chair, and Witness Commission Chair under the old organization. In addition, she has been an Annual Conference table facilitator and has had several pieces published in "Messenger." Jan's deepest desire is to serve God by helping others to know Jesus Christ and grow in discipleship.

New Church Development (2022) — Leah Hileman



(Luray, Va.) Leah J. Hileman is pastor of Luray Church of the Brethren. She is a singer/songwriter and contemporary Christian recording artist on House Rat Records. She spent nearly a decade in southwest Florida as a church planter for both the Brethren Church (Ashland) and the Church of the Brethren.

Leah has been involved in Outdoor Ministry for decades, and has been on Standing Committee, Review and Evaluation Committee, Annual Conference Music Coordinator (2010), and the pianist at the 300th Annual Conference (2008). She is a member of Bittersweet Gospel Band.

Outdoor Ministries (2022)* — Marty Doss



(Harrisonburg, Va.) A member and pastor of Mt. Bethel, Marty is married to Cheryl and they have a daughter, Jill. He currently serves as chair of the Outdoor Ministries Team and is a member of the Calling the Called committee. Marty has also served on Program and Arrangements Committee for the district and was a member of the Spiritual Renewal Team.

Marty has served as a dean at Brethren Woods, volunteered with Outdoor School and served as a cabin counselor and camp coordinator at Camp Bethel in the Virginia District, where he also served as a leader on the Pilgrimage Team (a weekend retreat for spiritual renewal). He is also the co-host of the 2 Preachers Talking podcast on podbean.com.

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Gifts Discernment Team (2022) — Jim Chappell



(Stuarts Draft, Va.) Jim Chappell is currently the part-time pastor of counseling and associate pastor of White Hill, having stepped into that role after being the senior pastor for nearly 30 years. He was born in Lewisburg, Penn., and was raised in the home of a Wesleyan pastor. He received his BS degree in Biblical Studies from United Wesleyan College in 1970. Jim pastored in Covington and began working toward his Masters in Divinity degree at Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg, which he received in 1986.

Jim is married to Sharon and they have a son, David, who is senior pastor at White Hill, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who resides in Charles Town, W. Va. Jim and Sharon have ten grandchildren!

Gifts Discernment Team (2022*) — Gail Johnson



(Waynesboro, Va.) Since husband, Bob, accepted the call as pastor at Middle River, Gail has had the privilege of serving the congregations of Melrose, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Zion-Linville, Blue Ridge Chapel, Smith Creek, Friends Run and Grottoes. Along with the role of pastor wife, Gail lends her talents in music with the congregations.

Gail is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University (when it was a College) and the University of North Carolina's School of Public Health. She began and ended her 35 year nursing career at Augusta Health having cared for patients, trained and supervised staff, developed community outreach programs and directed the hospital's foundation. Her retirement RV travels took her to Louisville, where the road trip ended and she returned to healthcare leadership with KentuckyOne Health. She continues to work part time at Augusta Health.

Gifts Discernment Team (2022) — Frank Tusing



(Criders, Va.) Before entering pastoral ministry, Frank spent many years as a first responder with the Broadway Rescue Squad and taught certification classes such as EMT. He laughs now saying, "I went from saving lives to saving souls." He has pastored at Little River and is now serving the Crab Run and Damascus congregations.

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Standing Committee (2022) — Karen Shiflet



(Dayton, Va.) Karen is a member of the Mt. Bethel congregation. She has served on the church board and has represented Mt. Bethel as both a district and annual conference delegate. She is currently on the deacon board and is actively involved with Miss Mae's Thrift shop, a ministry of the Mt. Bethel congregation. She has also served on the District Ethics committee and most recently was a member of the District Discernment Team that drafted the Congregational Withdrawal Process paper.

Karen is a retired Registered Nurse. She was hired as the Director of Nursing at Sunnyside and held other administrative positions before her retirement from Sunnyside after 22 years.

Karen is married, has two children, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Program and Arrangements (2022) — Becky Leland



(Edinburg, Va.) Becky is married with 3 children; Taylor, Tucker and Tanner. She works full time at Antioch Church as the Administrative Assistant.

Becky is very active in many aspects of the church, including as a youth leader and teacher, serves on the Mission & Witness Commission and others. She is also a Family Promise board member and enjoys planning fundraisers and other activities.

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