

From the District Office:

Thank you to everyone who has sent in information to help repair the information lost when the district's computer crashed in January. As always, continue to send any address, number or email changes for you or other members of your congregation. It is crucial that the district office have current information. As we work on rebuilding the database, we will be attempting to do the district directory as well. This will be a lengthy process and the directory may not be out until April. As for now, the Connection will be posted online and a link will be sent to those whose emails have been recovered. If you know someone who was on the list and is not getting the link, please have them email the district office. We are hoping to have the directory finished and possibly mailing the April/May copy of the Connection once again. Please forward any requests and changes to offmgr@bnin.net or 162 E. Market St. Nappanee, In 46550.

District Board expresses appreciation to the individuals who participated in the recent evaluation of the District Board and the District Executive Minister. The individual responses were received and tabulated by Ron Finney on behalf of the District Board, which spent one entire meeting reviewing and discussing the results. Individuals participating in the evaluation included persons serving in various district leadership roles, district conference delegates, pastors, church board and search committee chairs, and a few others who completed evaluation forms available at district conference.

The District Board was evaluated on twenty-three areas of Board responsibility. The Executive Minister was evaluated on eight primary tasks included in his position description with over sixty performance standards.

Both evaluations were positive and included suggestions or comments for improvement which the Board and Executive minister will be working on during this coming year.

Thanks to your financial support to district ministries in 2007.

The district budget showed a year-end net income of nearly \$800. Total income for the budget was \$160,673.44 while budget expenditures were \$159,874.46. This compared to the \$176,00 which was budgeted. Approximately 91% of funds budgeted were actually expended. This is in line with past expenditure trends. Eight of the past thirteen years have ended with a net income.

Gratitude and appreciation is extended to the **Family of Art Hall, Beacon Heights**, for the Memorial Fund that was received for the District Disaster relief. The district received a checks amounting to \$295.00 from friends and family of the Hall family. Thank you.

Any donations to **District Disaster Relief** fund are always appreciated and needed. Many congregations and individuals volunteer and make the trip to help those in need. The disaster fund helps to reimburse those who have gone for their traveling expenses.

To set up a memorial fund or other donations, checks should be made out to Northern Indiana District and add in the memo line "Disaster Fund". Thanks to all who donate to this important mission.

District Women's Spring Rally is dated for May 3 at the North Webster Church of the Brethren. Our topic will be "Challenges Facing Women Around the World" and David Radcliff will be the speaker. Contact the district office for flyers. A look ahead for the **District Women's Camp**; September 26 & 27 at Becker Lodge.