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Pursuing Peace

in a **Messy World**

Nov. 15, 2024

A conference for Brethren in Christ pastors and lay people

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Osheta Moore is a writer, pastor, speaker, and podcaster in Saint Paul, Minnesota, where she serves as community life pastor at Roots Moravian Church alongside her husband, T. C. Moore. Moore has consistently been a voice for peacemaking, justice, anti-racism, and community development in the urban core. She is the author of "Shalom Sistas: Living Wholeheartedly in a Brokenhearted World" (Herald Press, 2017) and "Dear White Peacemakers: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace" (Herald Press, 2021).



CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

As Brethren in Christ, we "value all human life and promote forgiveness, understanding, reconciliation, and non-violent resolution of conflict." Yet pursuing peace can sometimes feel overly idealistic or impractical, especially in a society that's riven by fragmentation, division and polarization.

Drawing on our historic and biblical convictions as Brethren in Christ, this study conference seeks to renew our shared commitment to Christ's way of nonviolent love and to equip attendees to face the challenges of pursuing peace in a messy world.

This conference will address such questions as:

- How can we move beyond apathy and resignation about the conflicts we see in our nation and world, and re-engage Christian peacemaking as a realistic possibility?
- What are practical strategies we can learn, practice, and embody as everyday peacemakers?
- How can we apply these practical strategies in relation to specific issues?

CONFERENCE DETAILS

The conference "Pursuing Peace in a Messy World" is sponsored by the E. Morris and Leone Sider Institute for Anabaptist, Pietist and Wesleyan Studies at Messiah University. It will provide Brethren in Christ pastors, lay people and friends from related denominations with the opportunity to reflect on important issues in theologically informed ways.

The conference will be held **Nov. 15, 2024**, at the Grantham (PA) Brethren in Christ Church.

The in-person conference requires a registration fee of **\$35**, which covers a catered lunch and administrative costs related to the event.

Unfortunately, we are *not* able to offer a virtual option for this year's study conference.

Attending this conference is an opportunity to fulfill one Lifelong BIC Learning credit, an expectation for all Brethren in Christ U.S. ministers within each renewal period.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.	Words of welcome and opening prayer
9:15 a.m.	Rationale for a study conference on pursuing peace
9:30 a.m.	Session #1: "The Brethren in Christ Peace Position in Historical Perspective" – David L. Weaver-Zercher
10:30 a.m.	Refreshment break
11 a.m.	Session #2: "Renewing Our Imaginations for Christian Peacemaking" – Osheta Moore
12 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m.	Session #3: "Practical Strategies for Christian Peacemaking" – Osheta Moore
2 p.m.	Workshop Session #1
3 p.m.	Workshop Session #2
4 p.m.	Conversations and reflections
4:30 p.m.	Dismissal



REGISTER ONLINE:

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Registration deadline:
Friday, November 8, 2024

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CHURCH AFFILIATION (optional) _____

For Brethren in Christ pastors: Would you like Lifelong BIC Learning Credit for attending? Yes No

Select your top two choices for the afternoon workshops:

- Interfaith Dialogue as Peacemaking
- Understanding Conflict Styles
- Dear White Peacemakers: Nonviolence and Anti-Racism
- Orienting BIC Churches toward a Positive Peace Witness