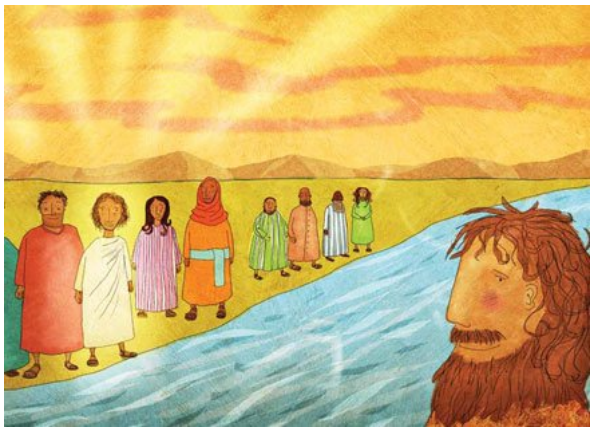
“Get in line with Jesus”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized … **Luke 3:21**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome in the name of our Creator God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Greetings from the District of Illinois-Wisconsin, with the words of Paul:

> ***I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ***. **Philippians 1.6**

As Moderator, I extend my welcome to those of the Church of the Brethren elected, appointed and who freely attend to do the business of the church, to fellowship with each other, and to extend our commitment to God’s mission. May this year’s conference be for us an opportunity to deepen our commitment to God’s mission through the district Church of the Brethren.

We will gather November 5-7 to discern anew God’s mission, and how God’s church might more fully contribute to that mission. The theme for this year’s district conference is “Get in line with Jesus!” The theme is based on Jesus getting in line like all the others before him—the crowds, the tax collectors, and the soldiers—to engage in a discipleship that participates in God’s mission in this world.

Join us for Friday evening worship led by our Moderator Elect, Lisa Fike, pastor at the Freeport Church of the Brethren. Browse through the exhibits to see what new things are being offered to help our church grow in mission. Take your place Saturday as a delegate or observer, as we, led by the Spirit of Jesus, deal with the business before us.

The Yellow Creek and Cherry Grove congregations, with the Program and Arrangements Committee, have prepared a wonderful Saturday evening with Joseph Helfrich. In Sunday worship, we will welcome our Annual Conference Moderator, Robert Alley, who will be both our pastor and preacher for the day.

Pray for those working to prepare the conference, those who will lead, participate and discern, those who will bring messages, and those who come in the Spirit of love, humility, kindness and faith. The Church of the Brethren is God’s church here in Illinois–Wisconsin. May it be even more so this year!

And join me in praying that God prepare us for a conference ever more committed to getting in line with Jesus.

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