

E.C. National News

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Conference elects next Bishop

On Wednesday, May 30, the Fifth National Conference of the E.C. Church elected in one ballot Rev. Kevin Leibensperger to serve as the next Bishop. For the first time, each Lay Delegate and pastor had a vote. Previously, the Bishop was elected by delegates to the General Conference.



Rev. Leibensperger will take office a year from now when Bishop Michael Sigman completes his second term. He is currently pastor of Trinity E.C. Church, Boyertown, PA.

Wife, Deborah, is a clinical laboratory scientist and a physical therapist. Children are Sarah, Peter, John and James.

Three pastors graduate from EST, School changes name

Three of our own pastors graduated from Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown on May 12. They included Brett Kindig of Christ E.C. Church, Williams Township, Easton, PA, and Bob Shuey, who just moved from People's Church, East Weissport, PA to Akron, Ohio Cottage Grove. Bob received the Evangelism Award. Dan Moury of Mt. Joy, PA Trinity graduated summa cum laude.

Effective July 1, the school's name was changed to *Evangelical Theological*

Seminary. The board determined that the new name clarifies that the seminary is an institution in and of itself rather than part of a university.

Family News

Weddings



Pastor Mark Ray Brownson of Shamokin, PA Trinity married *Beth Ann Bowersox*, a Child Evangelism worker, on May 19. Rev. Gary Brown officiated.

Sarah Janelle Bast, daughter of Pastor Robert and Cathy Jo Bast of Bethlehem, PA Emmanuel, married *Eric M. McCauley* on May 26. The father of the bride officiated.

The wedding of *Ellen Meredith Ray and Tynan Weber Mulroy* was celebrated on June 24. Ellen is the daughter of Pastor Bruce and Karren Ray of Chicago Kimball Avenue.

Anniversaries

Former Bishop Richard Kohl and wife, Mary, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 15. The National Conference signed a huge card and had cake in the Kohl's honor – even though they could not be present.

Pastor Russel and Faye Jones, who have completed service at Williamstown, PA Ebenezer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 12.



Ordination

Rev. Robert Shuey was ordained on Sunday, June 10 at People's E.C. Church, East Weissport, PA. Bob, wife Phyllis, and sons, Aaron and Robby recently moved to Akron, Ohio Cottage Grove. Daughter, Jessica remains in PA.



Remembering loved ones

Margaret McGinnis, 85, who served for many years as Lay Delegate for Emlenton, PA New Zion, passed away on April 6. Son, Bob, is current Lay Delegate, and son, Bill, is caretaker at Camp ECCO. There is also a son, Les, and a daughter, Mary Jo.

Kenneth Sigman, 82, father of Bishop Michael Sigman, passed away on April 28. He lived in New Danville, PA and attended Bethel E.C. Church in Conestoga. He worked as a bus driver and volunteered with the New Danville Fire Company.

Elvera Nelson, wife of retired pastor, Rev. Edward Nelson, passed away on May 13. She had been living in Sun City, Arizona.

Our prayers and sympathy are with these families.

Worldfest announced

Worldfest, which had a trial run in Lebanon, PA last fall, will be held throughout the denomination this September and October. The event will include a Friday luncheon, a Friday youth overnight, and a Saturday breakfast followed by a day of missions presentations.

Dates are September 14 and 15, Illinois; September 28 and 29, Buckeye and Allegheny Districts; and October 12 and 13, Delaware and Susquehanna Regions.



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