

PRESENCE AT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN EVENTS

Annual Conference

OMA participates at the denomination's Annual Conference with a booth, luncheon, and insight session(s).

Each year, OMA purchases a double-booth space in the exhibit hall. The centerpiece of the display is a map with the locations of all OMA sites. Many persons enjoy locating their camp or finding the camp nearest to their home. Display activities, games, and worksheet provide opportunities for interaction and exploration about OMA. These items vary from year to year based on themes and locations. Tables at the booth include the following information:

- OMA brochures, including membership information
- Four Horseman brochures
- Environmental Grant brochures and submission forms
- Staff and Volunteer Award submission forms
- Summer Curriculum Material
- OMA stickers



Space is also available for OMA member camps to bring brochures about their camp facilities and programs.

The OMA luncheon is an exciting part of each Annual Conference. It's like a national camp reunion! The luncheon begins with a "roll call" of camps where participants are able to excitedly cheer for their home camp. After a prayer and/or sung grace, a delicious meal is enjoyed. The program for the luncheon always includes the presentation of Staff and Volunteer Awards. Someone from the camp, camp board, or district staff read the citation and presents the framed citation and wooden plaque to the winner. The winners often share a few words and photos are taken. Winners, one guest, and the award presenters receive complimentary tickets to the luncheon. An association update on various OMA programs and events is also given. Group singing, presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards or Four Horsemen Awards, and reports from the Youth Peace Travel Team are sometimes part of the luncheon. The luncheon is closed in prayer.

In cooperation with the denomination's Congregational Life Ministries office, OMA offers an insight session each year. This session is centered around a topic of interest to the denomination and outdoor ministry. The topic may be connected with the Annual Conference theme, summer curriculum, or denomination emphasis. Usually this session is led by a camp professional who is a specialist on the selected topic but it may also be a panel of speakers. OMA's insight sessions are known for their lively discussions, helpful interactions, and fun games or activities.

National Jr. High Conference

OMA strives to have a presence at National Jr. High Conference with a booth in the exhibit area and by providing leadership for workshops, large group sessions, recreational activities, or other areas as asked by the planning team. The emphasis at this conference is on camper recruitment. The Youth Peace Travel Team also represents OMA throughout NJHC as they lead.



National Youth Conference

OMA strives to have a presence at National Youth Conference with a booth in the exhibit area and by providing leadership for workshops, large group sessions, recreational activities, or other areas as asked by the planning team. Areas of emphasis at this conference include youth camps and opportunities to serve as a staff member or volunteer. The Youth Peace Travel Team also represents OMA throughout NYC as they lead.

Young Adult Conference and National Young Adult Conference

OMA has a presence at Young Adult Conference and National Young Adult Conference with a booth in the exhibit area and by providing leadership for workshops, large group sessions, recreational activities, or other areas as asked by the planning team. An emphasis at these conferences is for staff and volunteer recruitment. The Youth Peace Travel Team also represents OMA throughout YAC and NYAC as they lead.

National Older Adult Conference

OMA seeks to have a presence at National Older Adult Conference with a booth in the exhibit area and by providing leadership for workshops, large group sessions, recreational activities, or other areas as asked by the planning team. Areas of emphasis at this conference include camping memories, volunteer opportunities, outdoor ministry programs for older adults, and financial commitments to OMA and local camps.

District Conferences

OMA is represented at individual District Conferences through the camp(s), retreat center(s), or outdoor ministry center(s) that are part of that District.