



Penn-Del Tips

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Mark Your Calendars for the 56th Annual Retreat!

The 56th Annual Retreat is fast approaching! It will be held at Shippensburg University on the 6th, 7th and 8th of August, 2010. If you have not already registered, please take the time to do so now. The early bird registration discount has been extended through the month of May!

Our theme for this year's retreat is "Serving The Lord With Gladness", based on Psalm 100. We must always seek to serve Him with gladness and joy in our hearts. Remember that you are often the only example of a Christian that some people will see. Are you setting a good example?

Those who attended the 54th Retreat in 2008 may remember Rev. Robert Santilli. Rev. Santilli, has agreed to return this year to be our keynote speaker for the 56th Retreat. Bob has been an American Baptist pastor for over 40 years and has been working with International Ministries as a full time volunteer since his retirement in 2002.

Bob married the former Barbara Jean Eckart on July 1st, 2006. They live in Mount Holly. They each brought the blessings of children and grandchildren to the union, for a total of three children and eight grandchildren.

What's New With Registration This Year?

Registration for the retreat is currently open, "Early Bird" discount through May 31.

The early bird discount for the 56th annual retreat is \$15 off all registrations received before May 31. Please note that you must include your registration deposit with your form to be eligible to receive the discount. The \$15 will be deducted from the final amount you owe, so please include the full deposit amount with your registration form. Please make all checks payable to ADMOPAD.

There are a few changes to the registration process this year, and with the conference as a whole.

Registration this year will be near the Tuscarora room (the main meeting room for the conference this year). This is inside the Reisner Dining Hall building using the side entrance. Look for the signs when you arrive. Another big change is all of the rooms we have are the 6-person apartments in Seavers. There is not an option this year for rooms without air conditioning.

We have changed the Youth pricing this year. In the past, we charged half of whatever fee was charged for the type of attendance the individual wanted. This proves challenging with all the pricing options we have, and we were not allowing discounts, etc. In order to simplify the pricing for the person registering, and on the accounting side, we have made this change: The fees for Youth at the conference is a flat \$75. We will also honor the \$15 early bird discount...so Youth that sign up and put down a deposit by May 31 will only be charged \$60, which is LOWER than the rate last year.

When you arrive for the conference this year, it would help speed up the process for everyone if you start filling out your check with at least the payee, date, and sign it before you get in line. Then if you do not know the balance due, it's a quick check of the registration system, fill in the amount, and you are on your way.

Thank you for your continued support of this conference, and faithful attendance. There is a lot of time spent planning and setting up the conference and it is very rewarding for many that work on it to just see you there!

Musicians and Vocalists Needed!

Each year, we are treated to the talents of our fellow Laymen in the form of the Men's Orchestra and the Men's Chorus. If you would like to sing in the chorus or play in the orchestra, please check the box on your registration form and indicate the part you sing or the instrument you play. This will help a great deal in planning the music that will be performed by these groups. If you want to play in the orchestra—please remember to **bring your instrument!** Thanks!

Layman of the Year Nominations

Be a friend to a friend and nominate a brother in Christ for Layman of the Year. Any layman can be nominated, just look for the requirements outlined on the ABMOPAD website. Simply go to www.abmopad.org and click on the link on the left side that says, "Layman Of The Year".

You can send your nomination to:

Robert R. McQue Sr.
21301 Ann's Choice Way
Warminster, PA 18974

Please include enough information for the committee to make a decision. If you nominated someone previously and he did not win, do him a favor and nominate him again!



Booster Club Update

Watch your mail for the next call, which will be for the Hopi Mission School in Kykotsmvi, Arizona. The 53rd Booster Call was closed at the end of the 55th retreat with a final tally of \$4,075 sent to Clara's House. Well Done!

To date, ABMOPAD boosters have raised over \$230,000!

What do I get for my registration fee?

For about the same price as a single night in a hotel, you get **TWO** nights lodging, **SIX** meals, **TWO** workshops, **THREE** great worship meetings with incredible music and speakers, recreational facilities (including an indoor pool, softball fields, a walking track, basketball courts and tennis) and fellowship with your brothers in Christ.

Make it a mission to bring youth under 18 years old. Their cost is a bargain at only \$75.

Thinking of Attending? What to Bring?

We want everyone's retreat experience to be and enjoyable and worshipful. Nothing can ruin a trip faster than arriving and not having a particular item you need. Below is a list of suggested items you may find helpful to bring with you. Hope to see you there!

- A Bible
- Notepad and Pen/Pencil
- Toiletries (Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, drinking cup, etc.)
- Towel and Washcloth
- A bathing suit and towel to use for the pool
- Extra pillow, if desired (one is provided with your room)
- Blanket, if desired (sheets are provided with your room)
- Travel Alarm clock
- Spending money (Free-will offerings are taken at every evening meeting and there is a bookstore available in the registration area)
- Comfortable clothes and clothes for Sunday worship (no dress-code is imposed, but many men like to dress for church)
- If you play a musical instrument and wish to participate in the Orchestra—**please bring your instrument.**
- Sporting equipment and clothing appropriate to your chosen recreation activity for Saturday (glove for softball, swim suit for the pool, racket for tennis, etc.)
- Camera (still or video)
- Radio or Tape/CD player to play music quietly in your room
- Night-light for your room (if desired)
- Small reading lamp for your room
- Hangers to hang your clothes in the room
- A Friend

Attention Golfers!

The 56th Annual Retreat will once again coincide with the Annual Golf Tournament and will be held on Friday, August 6th, 2010 at the Cumberland Golf Club. The cost is \$30 per person and it includes your greens fees, cart and lunch. All participants will also receive a complimentary golf ball and tees.

Registration begins at 7 AM at the golf course with a shotgun start at 8 AM. Awards will be given at the Men's Retreat on Saturday evening.

To register a team or an individual, call Judith Barnard at Alderson-Broadus College, (304) 457-6321.

Check the retreat section of our website for more information including a poster you can print and hang at your church to promote this great event!

Trailers Are Needed!

The American Baptist disaster Relief Ministry of Pennsylvania and Delaware is in need of two Quick Response Box Trailers.

Due to our limited funds, we are looking for donations of 1 or 2 used trailers that are in good condition. We can pay up to \$1,000.00 each if necessary. Our requirement is for used box trailers, 16ft with or without side door and barn type doors in back (not a drop down door). Two axle and/or color is not important, however, we would prefer white.

If you donate the trailers we will promote a 1 square foot area on the back door for your advertisement.

Contact Robert H. Swan: Swantown@aol.com or by phone 215-674-1935.

Thank you!