

## Dear Youth and Advisors,

The Footprints '09 Planning Committee would like to invite all youth and advisors in our region to join us for an exciting weekend! You may remember this event as the Eastern Regional Youth Conference. This year, though, we're giving it a brand new look and a brand new name!

The title "Footprints" comes from the idea that each of us is on a journey. Our footprints are taking us in new and exciting directions as each of us strives, in our own way, to follow in the footsteps of Christ. Footprints is about your personal faith journey and the steps you are taking in your walk with God.

Footprints is also about community and impact. Perhaps you have heard the saying, "Take only pictures, leave only footprints." Or maybe you have heard people discussing their ecological "footprint." Footprints is not just about our journey and where it is taking us, but also the impact our journeys and our lives have on the world around us. We are all members of the body of Christ and as such we must be careful where our feet fall lest we trample on others.

With that in mind, the theme for this year's conference is "Impact." Our speaker, David Radcliff, is the director of New Community Project, an organization dedicated to "promoting peace through justice, care for creation, and experiential learning." David has dedicated much of his adult life to teaching others about the impact their faith and decisions have on the world, and we're very excited to have him at Footprints this year.

We hope you will consider joining us for this great weekend of learning and fellowship as we seek to grow in our faith and understanding of Christ's life and work. Please complete a registration form for each participant attending, and send it along with a check for registration fees. To receive the early-bird discount, send your registration in by October 31. Hope to see you there!

Jess Brandt, Karen Duhai, & Diana Rok  
Coordinators

## Footprints 2009 Schedule

### Friday, November 20

6:30 p.m.: Arrive/Register

9:00 p.m.: Welcome/Introduction

Small Groups

10:00 p.m.: Opening Worship—Community

12:00 a.m.: Lights Out

### Saturday, November 21

7:30 a.m.: Breakfast

9:00 a.m.: Worship—Unity

10:30 a.m.: Workshops

12:00 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m.: Workshops/Service Projects

3:00 p.m.: Free Time

5:00 p.m.: Dinner

7:00 p.m.: Worship—Service

9:00 p.m.: Challenge Discussion

12:00 a.m.: Lights Out

### Sunday, November 22

7:30 a.m.: Breakfast

9:00 a.m.: Worship—Impact

11:00 a.m.: Group Time

12:00 p.m.: Lunch/Departure

## About David Radcliff

David Radcliff is the director of New Community Project. A graduate of Bridgewater College and Bethany Theological Seminary, David travels widely around the U.S. doing presentations at schools, congregations, youth events, and community settings. David also teaches courses at Elizabethtown College and leads Learning Tours to the Arctic, Amazon, Iraq, Sudan, and Central America. Well before the idea was cool, David traded in his car for a

## Directions to Rhodes Grove

**From the West:** Take turnpike east to Fort Littleton Interchange. Turn left onto Route 522 South and travel to McConnellsburg. At light, turn left onto Route 16 East. Continue on Route 16 East to Greencastle (about 20 mi.). At light across from Sheetz, turn left onto Route 11 North. About 3 mi. north of the intersections of Routes 11 & 16, turn right onto Kauffman Road. Stay right at the Y. Entrance to Rhodes Grove on the right.

**From the East:** Take turnpike west to Carlisle exit. Take Route 11 North to I-81 South. Take I-81 South to Marion exit. Turn right at exit onto Route 11 then turn left on Route 11 South. (Route 11 South will briefly become a two lane road but reverts back to a single lane when approaching Kauffman Road.) Turn left onto Kauffman Road. Stay right at the Y. Entrance to Rhodes Grove on right.

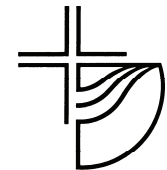
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## Worship/Keynote: David Radcliff

Friday, November 20-  
Sunday, November 22, 2009  
Rhodes Grove Retreat Center  
Chambersburg, PA



Church of the Brethren

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~ATLANTIC NORTHEAST~

## Footprints '09 Workshops

1. **More than Meets the Eye: NYC 2010:** Every four years, Church of the Brethren youth from around the nation gather together at Fort Collins, CO, to worship and fellowship together. National Youth Conference is coming up again next year! Come talk to the **NYC Coordinating Team**, the group of young adults responsible for making NYC happen, to see what it's all about!
2. **Sharing God's Love Through Acts of Service: BVS:** Figuring out what happens after high school can be scary. Unsure about what you want to do? Want to make a difference? Brethren Volunteer Service can be a great place to explore different vocations while serving others and growing in your faith. Find out more about BVS by coming to this session with **BVS Recruiter Sharon Flaten**.
3. **Living Together: Impact in Community:** Learning to live with other people is a tricky part of growing up. Who hasn't heard horrible college roommate stories? But living in community can have a very positive impact on our lives. Life in a community can open you up to new experiences and can help to grow and strengthen your faith. After all, when Jesus called the disciples, He called them not only to follow Him but to live in a community with each other. **Dana Cassell** is a BVSer who's current job involves creating volunteer houses where BVSeers can live intentionally in community with one another. Come explore the benefits of intentional community in this workshop.
4. **Peace and People of Other Faiths:** The Church of the Brethren is a historic peace church, but what exactly does that mean? And how do we live at peace with people whose beliefs are so different from our own? **On Earth Peace** is a CoB organization that works at helping people answer questions such as these. Come hang out with one of their representatives and find out more about how to live peacefully, simply, and together with people from all corners of the world.
5. **Consumerism: The Impact Your Stuff Has on Others:** Luxury and extravagance—that's the American dream. But if you dream of sustainability and fairness, this workshop is you. Learn how what you buy can be a reflection of your faith and discover what you can do to move towards a sustainable future for all people with **Abigail James**, a youth leader from the Southern PA District.
6. **Standing on a Fruit Crate: Being a Revolution:** Complaining and criticizing...they say we do it best—young people that is! Yet it was young people who over 50 years ago stepped up on a fruit crate at Annual Conference and declared the need for a volunteer service program, and so BVS was born. And wasn't Jesus a revolutionary? Isn't it time for another revolution? How is God speaking to the young people of today? What innovative, creative ministries are needed NOW? **Elizabeth Keller** is the director of admissions at Bethany Theological Seminary and a strong believer in the power of youth. Come talk to her about ways you can be a part of a revolution today.
7. **Faith and Stewardship: Discovering and Using Your Gifts:** Do you want to have an impact on the world but just don't feel you have the gifts to do so? The Church of the Brethren believes strongly in the idea of stewardship, that everyone has been blessed with a special gift. **Rev. David Miller** has been a BVSer, a computer programmer, and is now the pastor at Black Rock CoB. Come hear about Dave's faith journey and learn how you can discover your own gifts and the many ways you can use those gifts for leadership and to the glory of God.
8. **Faith in Action: Impact of Your Faith on the Playing Field:** What does faith have to do with field goals? A lot! Sports don't have to be just about winning and losing. They are also an excellent way of fellowshiping with others and celebrating the awesomeness of God's creation. Come learn how you can combine your faith with your love of all things athletic in this workshop. Faith and fun are not separate!
9. **Faith and Being More than Friends: How Faith Can Impact Your Relationships:** Everywhere you turn, there are mixed messages about relationships and sex. Want to be more than friends but unsure how to do so in a way that is healthy and reflective of your faith? This workshop isn't about the do's and don'ts of dating. It's about how to create relationships in a loving and faithful manner.

### Advisor Only Option

10. **Youth Leadership Training: Having an Impact on Your Youth:** Ever feel like you're not getting through to your youth? Or that they're speaking an entirely different language? **David Coryell** is the director of Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor and has seventeen years of youth ministry. David will explore the ins and outs of youth ministry, as well as offer some ideas on how to have a positive impact in the lives of your youth and how to guide them on their personal faith journeys.

### Service Projects

11. **Christmas Crafts:** Every year, the Chambersburg Salvation Army sends out Christmas boxes to people in need. Included in the box is a Christmas decoration for their front door, as most of these families do not have enough money for Christmas decorations. Help spread some holiday cheer by making a Christmas decoration for someone in need.
12. **"Spaghetti Kitchen:"** The Chambersburg Salvation Army runs a food program that provides hot meals to those who need them. Those signed up for this service project will take a trip to the Greencastle Church of the Brethren to cook a big spaghetti dinner that the Salvation Army can deliver to the people in this area.
13. **Rhodes Grove Service Project:** Rhodes Grove offers people the opportunity to meet and fellowship in a beautiful setting. Let us help to keep Rhodes Grove lovely. People signed up for this service project should be prepared to work outside. Bring clothes that can get dirty and work gloves if you would like them.

## Friday Check-In

- All groups must be accompanied by an advisor.
- Plan to arrive between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. for registration.
- Friday night activities will begin with a welcome at 9:00 p.m.
- We will have snacks but no meal on Friday, so please plan to eat before you arrive.

## Who Can Attend

**Senior High Youth:** Any youth who is in at least ninth grade during the 2009-2010 school year, up to and including those who graduated in 2009.

**Advisors & Pastors:** Local and district youth advisors, pastors, and those with a heart for youth ministry are encouraged to attend. No children are permitted.

## What to Expect

Attendees should bring their own sleeping bag (or sheets and a blanket), pillow, and towel. Those who sign up for the Rhodes Grove service project should bring clothes for working outside. **We ask that all attendees bring an offering of spaghetti materials (sauce, noodles, non-perishable/boxed cheese), which will be used to make the spaghetti dinner. Unused supplies will be donated to the Chambersburg Salvation Army.**

## Questions

Questions may be directed to the coordinators:

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