

Heirs of Pietism in World Christianity III Conference
Dayton, Ohio
September 23-25, 2026
Schedule

Wednesday September 23

10:00 a.m. - Center for the Evangelical United Brethren Heritage Annual Meeting
Noon Box lunches available by pre-order only

Heirs of Pietism Conference Opening

1:15 p.m. Welcome: Wendy J. Deichmann, Center for EUB Heritage Director
Remarks on "A Year to Remember": Andy Wood, Archivist
Remarks on "The Role of Pietism in the History of Christianity": Scott T. Kisker

Session I - Early Pietism & the EUB Heritage

1:45 p.m. Opening Address: Steven O'Malley, "Radical Pietism in the Legacy of the Evangelical United Brethren "

2:45 p.m. Lane Davis, "Remembering the 'Unsectarian' Founders: Ecumenical Memory and Denominational Identity in Early United Brethren Print Culture, 1834-1860"

Coffee Break with Snacks 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Chris Wise, "The Christological Roots of Pietist Renewal: Martin Boehm, William Otterbein, and the Evangelical United Brethren Heritage"

Worship in the Pietist Tradition 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.

Break 5:15-6 p.m.

Dinner Hosted by the Center for the EUB Heritage 6 - 8 p.m.

- Prayer and Remarks - Wendy Deichmann, Director of Center for the EUB Heritage
Gary Olin & Andy Kinsey, Past and Present Chairs of the Council
- Audrie Reber Student Paper Award
- Audrie Reber Scholarly Publication Award
- EUB Archival Holdings & O'Brien Library Presentation
Andrew Wood, Archivist & Kenneth Cochrane, Library Director
- ***Remembering for the Future*** Campaign Update
Ron Mowry, Chair

Thursday September 24

8:00 a.m. Coffee and Light Breakfast

Session II – Pietism Transcending Earthly Barriers

8:30 a.m. Karen Garrett, “Hymns Written While in Prison: An Expression of Pietist Faith”

9:10 a.m. Austin Hoyle, “Angelology, The Invisible World, and the Problem of Discernment in Churchly and Radical Pietism”

9:50 a.m. Wendy Deichmann, “Antislavery Convictions among the United Brethren in Christ”

Coffee Break 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

10:50 a.m. Dave Datema, “Joseph and Mary Gomer in America, 1817-70”

11:30 a.m. Dave Datema, “The Gomers in Africa, 1871-94”

Lunch 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Session III – Pietism and Ecclesiastical Cultures

1:15 p.m. Justus Hunter, “Are Scholasticism and Pietism Fundamentally Opposed?”

2:00 p.m. Pete Bellini, “Kant, Schleiermacher, Swedenborg, and Otto: The Experiential Impulse in Pietist Epistemology of Theology”

Coffee Break with Snacks 2:40 - 3:10 p.m.

3:15 p.m. Steven Hoskins, “Friends in Holiness?: The Discomfited Echoes of Pietism in the History of Holiness Camp Meetings”

4:00 p.m. Timothy Erdel, “From Six Special Forces to Silent Subordination: Women in the Missionary Church”

Worship in the Pietist Tradition 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.

Depart for dinner at a nearby restaurant 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Friday September 25

8:00 a.m. Coffee and Light Breakfast

Session IV - Pietism and Practice

8:30 a.m. Scott Holland, “Inspired Preachers, Inventive Pilots & An Innovative Poet in the Aura of the United Brethren in Christ Spirit”

9:10 a.m. Brian Rhea, “From Moravian Mission (1750s) to Trinity UMC in Lickdale, PA

9:50 a.m. Zachary Spidel, “From Practices to Methods: Pragmatic Evangelical Utilitarian Ecclesiology and the Mid-Century Transformation of the Brethren in Christ”

Coffee Break 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

10:50 a.m. Lisa Hess, “All Shapes and Sizes: a Glimpse of Radical German Pietism through the Logic of the Spirit into Christian Interreligious & Intercultural Encounter”

11:30 a.m. Sarah Allen, “Pietism in Practice: A Shepherd’s Guide to the Salvation Process”

**12:10 p.m. Summary Comments, Pietist Hymn & Benediction,
and Conference Conclusion**

12:30 p.m. Pre-ordered Boxed Lunches Available

1:00 p.m. Optional Tour of EUB Archival Displays and UTS Library