

Brethren Benefit Trust calls Nevin Dulabaum to serve as its next president

July 29, 2008, Elgin, Ill. — Nevin Dulabaum has been called to serve as president of Brethren Benefit Trust, the financial services ministry of the Church of the Brethren, beginning September 7. Nevin, who currently serves as BBT's director of Communications and Information Services, will succeed Wil Nolen, who is retiring after 20 years as BBT's president and 25 years as the Brethren Pension Plan's trustee. Nevin will also serve as president of the Brethren Foundation, which provides investment management services to Brethren churches, agencies, and others.

"We are excited to call Nevin to serve as BBT president," said Eunice Culp, BBT Board member and chair of BBT's Presidential Search Committee. "Nevin has many gifts and feels a strong call to serve God in this way. The search committee was impressed by his ability to work with people in a variety of settings and by his thorough, creative yet analytical approach to solving problems. He combines knowledge of BBT and its ministries with his desire to strengthen the relationships that BBT has with organizations and individuals within the Church. His life-long commitment to the denomination is reflected by his enthusiasm for his work. He is a team player."

Nevin has performed wide-ranging service for the Church of the Brethren. In 1994 he joined the Church of the Brethren General Board's Communication staff. During that tenure, he served as director of News Services, expanding the scope and readership of *Newsline* and launching Brethren.org on behalf of the denomination's national agencies; he served as managing editor of *Messenger*, which included supervising all business aspects of the publication as well as providing editorial support; and he co-edited the *Agenda* newsletter for denominational leaders. Nevin joined BBT in September 1999 as manager of marketing and promotions. In 2000 his responsibilities expanded to include communications and information services. Nevin has served on the agency's senior Management Team since November 2000.

Nevin, who has served on the Church of the Brethren Credit Union Board for nearly a decade, played a key role in the development of BBT's administrative relationship with the Credit Union. Since July 2004, Nevin has served as vice chairman of the Church of the Brethren Credit Union and on that organization's Credit and Nominating committees. He also supervised market research, including a comprehensive survey and focus group analysis, for this project.

His work in communications for BBT has required him to be familiar with all aspects of the agency's work. He has represented BBT through client visits and at denominational events. He co-wrote the Brethren Pension Plan handbook, helped spearhead the production of video and print materials to articulate the challenges experienced by the Brethren Medical Plan, and participated in establishing steps designed to ensure the long-term viability of the Brethren Pension Plan. He has routinely participated in the Board's Investment Committee meetings and has periodically joined the quarterly reviews of BBT's

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eight investment managers. As a member of BBT's management team, he has participated in charting new directions for BBT's ministries. He has been particularly interested and involved in efforts to identify how BBT can best serve the Church.

Nevin and his staff helped coordinate and train Brethren Medical Plan District Advocates, establish BBT's congregational contact network, and implement the organization's Speakers Bureau, which features a list of seminars that BBT staff can present to churches, organizations, and groups as part of its mission and ministry. As part of this initiative, Nevin has presented seminars on socially responsible investing, Brethren heritage, photography, and how congregations can attract more media coverage throughout the denomination.

In August 2006, Nevin was called to serve as BBT's interim director of Socially Responsible Investing. During his 16 months in this role, Nevin spearheaded BBT's decision to not invest in companies that make a significant portion of their revenue from pornography and assisted in a call to action that helped lead the Securities and Exchange Commission to refuse to limit the voice of minority shareholders of publicly traded corporations.

More recently, as the board and staff of BBT have been developing a new strategic plan, Nevin has joined two staff and three Board members on the BBT's Ethos Committee, which is drafting a statement that is intended to set a new standard for BBT relationships, both among staff and with those whom BBT serves.

"The Board unanimously approved the Search Committee's nomination of Nevin Dulabaum to serve as president after a thorough application and interview process," said Harry Rhodes, Board chairman. "We are confident that Nevin will continue the leadership Wil Nolen gave BBT in providing financial security and in promoting financial wellness and education for our denomination's employees and members, while positioning the organization to serve the Church amidst the challenges of a very competitive business marketplace. We are excited about BBT's future with Nevin serving as the organization's next president. We recognize that there are many challenges facing the Church of the Brethren, and we look forward to Nevin's leadership as BBT works with everyone to find solutions."

Nevin, 44, is a life-long member of the Church of the Brethren. He is a graduate of Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind. He and his wife, Mary, and their three daughters attend Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Ill.