



# Mutual Aid Association

## FOR CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Dear Friends in our Districts:

Thank you to congregations, districts, camps, other ministries, businesses, and individuals who are part of Mutual Aid Association! We exist only for your benefit! Our goal is to serve you with personal integrity and fairness based on our Brethren ideals. We trust that such has been the case throughout the previous year.

Some of our 2007 organizational highlights include:

- Adding 118 new members to the Association
- Holding a successful Members' Meeting with over 90 individuals attending during Cleveland's Annual Conference
- Distributing over \$13,000 through our MAA Share Fund, to 28 different churches
- Ending the year with a positive balance, adding slightly to member reserves.

I am also pleased to highlight from the year 2007 our on-going --

- Review of church and individual policies for best coverage possible
- Consistent personnel in the Home Office, working on your behalf
- Newsletter and other mailings to promote safety concerns
- Customer service response to policyholder changes and wishes
- Attendance and promotion at various denominational conferences
- Keeping our successful relationship with Brotherhood Mutual, toward best coverage for each congregation and ministry.

I would note also that our total policy count decreased by 34 policies, somewhat in keeping with an aging and declining membership within the larger church. We paid out a total dollar amount of \$876,293 in claims. This compares favorably to 2006 losses of \$1,526,390. In another year of tumultuous weather patterns, wind accounted for 35% of our claims.

As you likely know, in 2007 I announced my intention to retire in 2008, and the Board of Directors began an active search for new leadership. It also discussed a potential new vision and business model for the future. Together, the Board and an incoming leader for MAA expect to guide the Association toward new opportunities. Thank you for your support in that endeavor.

To keep up-to-date, visit our website at: [www.maabrethren.com](http://www.maabrethren.com). You are always invited to visit our Home Office near Abilene, KS.

Again, our thanks, and my personal good-bye!

*Jean*

Jean L. Hendricks, President  
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