

## CONFERENCE REPORTS – Information Technology Committee

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This year the IT department coordinated with the conference office staff to facilitate the efforts to do some much needed repairs to the office. This included installing temporary networking solutions to move the staff the West wing while the main office had the carpet removed. After the office had been cleaned and new carpet installed we began a project to remove and replace improperly installed network cabling and install new networking to support new workstation and equipment locations. This rewiring included an upgrade of the network switching equipment and the planned upgrade of the internet router and WiFi network. The router and WiFi upgrades are planned to be completed in the near future.

As many may be aware we had major issue with our web hosting provider GoDaddy that caused our site to be unavailable for several days. As a result we accelerated plans to transition to self-hosting the site from the conference office. We quickly published a replacement site and began work to make content available again. This effort is still underway and Barbra Jordison has been hard at work collecting, creating, and updating content.

In the coming year we have several projects we are planning, including:

- Replacing and upgrading our 9 year old server hardware
- Updating software and workstations for office staff
- Implementing an automated offsite data backup solution
- Continued work on conference website and consolidating all JCRB content

We are always looking for willing help. If you are skilled in Windows Servers, Networking, VOIP/Asterisk, Web design, Video Production, and other general IT support and are willing to offer your knowledge or talents in supporting the conference goals please contact Duane Newman ([duane@conferenceofbranches.org](mailto:duane@conferenceofbranches.org)).

Sincerely,

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