

Participants share at Fall Mission Events



Delegates and others from Northwest Ohio congregations met at Central Mennonite Church in Archbold for a Fall Mission Event on Oct. 20.

How is God at work in your local congregation and community? People from around the Ohio Conference have been considering that question at Fall Mission Events.

In addition to sharing stories of how churches are engaging in God's mission in their local communities, participants are learning more about the Ohio Conference Year of Mission. The meetings have included times

for brief presentations as well as times for discussion in table groups.

In October Fall Mission Events were held at Jubilee Mennonite Church in Bellefontaine and Central Mennonite Church in Archbold. A final Fall Mission Event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 at Berlin Mennonite Church. A more detailed report about the Fall Mission Events will appear in the November-December issue of *Ohio Mennonite Evangel*.

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Podcasts explore Conference topics



Bill Seymour (left) and Thomas Dunn (right) interview Interim Regional Pastor Cliff Brubaker for the first episode of the Ohio Conference Cast, a podcast series found on the Conference website and on iTunes.

Would you like to learn more about what's happening in Ohio Conference while you're on the go? A new podcast series, the Ohio Conference Cast, features interviews with people from throughout the Conference.

You can download these audio interviews from iTunes (search for "Ohio Conference Cast"), or go to the "[Podcasts](#)" page on the Ohio Conference website

(www.ohiomennoniteconference.org) to listen to them. The podcasts are also available through an RSS feed.

The Ohio Conference Leadership Team has commissioned Bill Seymour, pastor of Orrville Mennonite Church, and Thomas Dunn, pastor of Crown Hill Mennonite Church, to produce

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this audio series. The goal of these podcasts is to have another avenue through which anyone with a computer or smartphone can learn about what is happening within Ohio Conference.

In the first episode of the Ohio Conference Cast, Bill and Thomas talk to Interim Regional Pastor Cliff Brubaker about his plans to visit all Ohio Conference congregations for a time of listening to congregational leaders.

In the second episode, Bill and Thomas talk with Jacob Dodson, pastor of Wooster Mennonite Church, about the Conference's Fall

Mission Events and the Ohio Conference Year of Mission.

Some possible topics for future podcasts:

- Updates on the Year of Mission
- Updates on the upcoming Annual Conference Assembly
- Interviews with persons of interest
- Explanations of Ohio Conference acronyms

Thomas and Bill would like to hear from you! What topics would you like to know more about? Send an email message to ohioconferencecast@gmail.com with suggestions.

PeaceLab Podcast examines peacemaking

Peacemaking is the focus of a new podcast series, the PeaceLab. This podcast series is a project of *The Mennonite* and the Peace and Justice Support Network (PJSN) of Mennonite Church USA.

Hosts for this podcast series are Hannah Heinzekehr, executive director of *The Mennonite*, and Jason Boone, coordinating minister of PJSN.

Episodes of the PeaceLab are released every other Monday. Some of the first people featured on PeaceLab have been Erica Littlewolf of Mennonite Central Committee

Central States; Marty Troyer, pastor and author of *The Gospel Next Door*; and Dr. Drew Hart, professor and author of *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*. PeaceLab episodes can be found on the PJSN website (<http://www.pjsn.org/Resources/Pages/PeaceLab.aspx>), on Stitcher, and as an RSS feed.



Missional Conference to feature speakers Alan and Debra Hirsch

On March 23-24, immediately prior to Annual Conference Assembly, Ohio Conference will hold a missional conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch at Kidron Mennonite Church.

This two-day event will focus on a variety of topics:

- Inviting all people in so they feel that they have a place to just be and feel loved
- Leading with embrace rather than theology
- Respecting high standards while extending grace
- Engaging third places
- Christ and the Gospel as core for mission and church life

Alan and Debra Hirsch have led churches in both Australia and Los Angeles. A well-known mission strategist and speaker, Alan Hirsch is the founder of Forge Mission Training Network, 100 Movements and Future Travelers. He is the author of *The Forgotten Ways*, as well as numerous other books. He also is an adjunct faculty member at Fuller Theological Seminary, George Fox Seminary, and Wheaton College. To learn more about Alan Hirsch, see www.alanhirsch.org.



Alan and Debra Hirsch

Debra Hirsch is a speaker, church leader and writer and a member of the Forge America national team. With Alan Hirsch she co-authored the book *Untamed: Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship*. Her most recent book is titled *Redeeming Sex: Naked Conversations about Sexuality and Spirituality*. She has been involved in social work, community development and as a trained counselor.

Cost for this event will be \$40 for Ohio Conference members attending Annual Conference Assembly, \$55 for other Ohio Conference members and \$85 for non-Ohio Conference members. Participants ages 30 and younger will receive a half-price discount on the cost of registration.

More information about the missional conference, including registration details, will be available on the Ohio Conference website in December.