

Quick updates found on Facebook



For users of Facebook, the social networking site provides the opportunity to receive updates about Ohio Conference, including news about upcoming programs, as well as links to recently posted information, such as registration forms for Conference events. To receive these updates, Facebook users can go to www.facebook.com/OhioConferenceMCUSA and “like” the Ohio Conference Facebook page.

Two other Ohio Conference groups have set up their own Facebook pages. The Young Adult Ministry Resource Team has set up its own group page, which includes information about the team and plans for

young adult activities and involvement at Annual Conference Assembly. Information about an upcoming Young Adult Retreat at Camp Luz April 13-14, photos of the team members and testimonials from team members also are included. To find this page on Facebook, search for “Ohio Mennonite Young Adults.”

In addition, Youth Ministry Advocates Michael Amstutz and Randy Keeler have set up a group on Facebook for people in Ohio Conference and Central District Conference who work with youth. To find that group, search for “Ohio Mennonite Conference Youth Workers.”

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For more information about the Ohio Conference, see the Conference website: www.ohiomennoniteconference.org
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Check online for Conference news

While Ohio Conference still relies on printed material for distributing information, increasingly news and information are now available online from various sources, including the Ohio Conference website (www.ohiomennoniteconference.org), Facebook and online blogs.

For those more comfortable with print materials, the Conference con-

tinues to offer print versions of several items, including the Ohio Conference Directory and the Ohio Conference Annual Report Book. However, these items also can be accessed easily online.

To learn more about the kinds of Conference information which can be found online, see pages 2-4.

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The Grapevine provides a view of conference minister's work

What exactly does a conference minister do, anyway? If you've ever asked yourself that question, there's an easy way to satisfy your curiosity. *The Grapevine*, a blog by Conference Minister Tom Kauffman, provides a view into his schedule and also includes reflections by Tom about some of his experiences as conference minister. If



you would like to see this blog, go to <http://ohioconference.blogspot.com>.

Prayer requests can be found on Prayer Prompter blog

Six times a year, Prayer Coordinator Mattie Marie Mast compiles prayer requests from around Ohio Conference, creating the *Prayer Prompter*. Each edition of the *Prayer Prompter* includes requests from Ohio Conference congregations, chaplains and ministries related to the Conference, as well as the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team.

To encourage members of Ohio Conference congregations to pray for each other, *Prayer Prompter* is available in several forms. Individuals may request to be placed on a list of those receiving it by email. (Contact

Mattie Marie Mast at mmmast@zoominternet.net to request email delivery.)

Prayer requests also can be found on the *Prayer Prompter* blog at <http://ocprayerprompter.blogspot.com>.

In addition, *Prayer Prompter* can be found on the Ohio Conference website at www.ohiomennoniteconference.org. To download a copy of the latest *Prayer Prompter*, go to the website and choose "Resource Teams" and then choose "Prayer Ministry."

Website offers wealth of information

If you have a question about Ohio Conference programs, events or congregations, chances are the Ohio Conference website has an answer for you.

Located at www.ohiomennoniteconference.org, the Conference website includes many different types of information and resources, including information about Conference staff, a Conference calendar, and an online directory which includes both contact information for Ohio Conference congregations and pastors, as well as links to the websites of member Ohio Conference congregations.

For those planning to attend Ohio Conference's Annual Conference Assembly at First Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., March 9-10, the Conference website offers information about plans for this event. Delegates to ACA can find reports from the Annual Report Book, as well as the

latest issue of *Delegate News*.

Recently, Ohio Conference has begun to offer online registration for several events through the Conference website. Beginning in January, online registration will be available for both Annual Conference Assembly and the Ohio Youth Event (to be held June 29-July 1 at Bluffton University).

The Conference website also includes information about various Resource Teams, which are groups working on specific projects or programs, such as the Young Adult Ministry Resource Team and the East Ohio Church Plant Resource Team.

In addition, those interested can find a variety of resources on the Ohio Conference website, including a guide with planning materials for an Ohio Conference Sunday worship service. Also available are a listing of items available for borrowing from the Ohio Conference Resource Library

in Kidron and copies of many Ohio Conference print publications, such as *Ohio Mennonite Evangel*, in Portable Document Format (PDF).

