

# Conference Calendar

## MAY

13 Couples in Ministry Day, Camp Luz

17-19 Ohio Conference Hispanic Retreat, Camp Luz

## JUN

14-15 Black Swamp Benefit, Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon

## JUL

1-6 Phoenix 2013, Mennonite Church USA Convention, Phoenix, Ariz.

## AUG

2-3 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, Buckeye Event Center, Dalton

9-11 Girls' Jamboree, Camp Luz

16-17 Youth Leadership Project Retreat, Camp Luz

## SEPT

19 Mentor/Mentee Retreat Day for Pastors, Sauder Inn, Archbold

20-22 Ohio Mennonite Women's Retreat, Camp Luz

26 Mentor/Mentee Retreat Day for Pastors, Camp Luz

## OCT

18-19 Annual Benefit Auction, Adriel, 500 N. Detroit St., West Liberty

## NOV

8-10 Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Mohican State Park Lodge

## FEB 2014

7-8 Youth Leadership Project Retreat, Camp Luz

21-22 Healthy Congregations Workshop, Quality Inn, Mansfield

## MAR

7-8 Annual Conference Assembly, Bluffton University

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## Youth Leadership Project offers chance to develop leadership skills

Do you know a young person in your congregation who shows leadership potential? Ohio Conference youth now have a chance to learn more about leadership, develop leadership skills, and earn a \$500 scholarship while doing so.

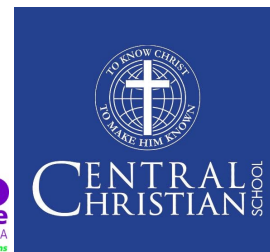
Ohio Conference is partnering with Central Christian School and Camp Luz to offer the **Youth Leadership Project** during 2013-14. This leadership training program draws on the Values-Based Leadership model for

leadership development and assessment.

High school juniors and seniors may be nominated by their congregation for consideration in this program, which includes two weekend retreats. Students will be paired with a mentor from their congregation to partner with in this process.

Pairs will attend an initial retreat at Camp Luz in Kidron Aug. 16-17

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# Youth Leadership Project

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where students will evaluate their spiritual and leadership gifts and skills.

Youth will evaluate natural leadership tendencies, learn about principles of Christ-centered leadership and take steps toward discovering and developing a personal leadership style.



At the August retreat, each student will choose a project to lead and complete within their congregation. The group will meet again Feb. 7-8, 2014, to share about their projects, evaluate their work as leaders, and set goals for themselves in future leadership roles.

Students completing the process will receive a certificate and a \$500 scholarship towards continuing education or a service term.

The cost for the Youth Leadership Project is \$350 per participating pair.

Reduced rates are available for small congregations. Contact Sherah-Leigh Gerber at [shergerber@gmail.com](mailto:shergerber@gmail.com) for more details.

**Applications are due May 17, 2013.** To apply, go to the Ohio Conference website at [www.ohiomennoniteconference.org](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org) and click on "Youth Leadership."

Both a youth application and a mentor recommendation need to be completed as part of the application process. Payment is not required at the time of application.

# Values-Based Leadership alumni to provide retreat input

The Youth Leadership Project is based on the Values-Based Leadership model for leadership development and assessment. Accordingly, Youth Leadership Project participants will learn more about this model of leadership development from two alumni of the Values-Based Leadership Program, Jeremy Kauffman and Bethany Nussbaum.



Jeremy Kauffman



Bethany Nussbaum

Jeremy Kauffman is the executive director of Walnut Hills Retirement Community, and Bethany Nussbaum is advancement director for Central

Christian School in Kidron. Both have participated in the Values-Based Leadership Program, which is a leadership training opportunity sponsored by eight Anabaptist organizations.

# Retreat weekends to include times for reflection, instruction and action

The Youth Leadership Project will include two retreat sessions for youth and their mentors. A variety of activities are planned for these retreat times. In addition to times for worship and a survey of participants' leadership skills, the August retreat will include time for exploring a spir-

itual discipline, choosing a leadership project and a ropes course.

The February retreat will include worship, sharing leadership projects, and time with mentors to reflect and set goals.