

## Ohio Youth Event

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charged an additional \$15 per person. All registrations are due no later than **June 13, 2014**.

The registration fee pays for all activities, lodging, a t-shirt, a Friday night snack, all Saturday meals and breakfast on Sunday.

Materials for the Ohio Youth Event can be found on the Ohio Conference website at

[www.ohiomennoniteconference.org](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org). Go to "Events" to download copies of a promotional flier, a registration form, youth medical release form, adult medical release form and a guide for sponsors.

To register for this event, go to the Ohio Conference website at [www.ohiomennoniteconference.org](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org) and click on "Register."

## Youth Leadership

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At the August retreat, each student will choose a project to lead and complete within their congregation. The group will meet again Feb. 13-14, 2015, to share about their projects, evaluate their work as leaders, and set goals for themselves in future leadership roles.

The cost for the Youth Leadership Project is \$495 per participating pair.

**Applications are due Monday, July 7.** 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.

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## Ohio Youth Event returns to Bluffton

Ohio Conference will hold the second-ever Ohio Youth Event June 27-29 at Bluffton University in Bluffton, Ohio. This three-day event is designed for high school-age youth in Ohio Conference congregations and their youth sponsors. One hundred youth and sponsors attended the first Ohio Youth



Event, which was held in 2012.

The event's theme, "Wastefully Extravagant: The Parable of the Lost Son" is based

on Luke 15.

More information about the Ohio Youth Event can be found on page 2.

## Youth Leadership Project offers chance to develop leadership skills

Do you know a young person in your congregation who shows leadership potential? For the second year in a row, Ohio Conference youth will have a chance to learn more about leadership and develop leadership skills by participating in the Youth Leadership Project. This pro-

gram is made possible by a partnership between Ohio Conference, Central Christian School and Camp Luz. Mennonite Health Services is also providing financial support. For more information about the Youth Leadership Project, see page 3.

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# Youth event to include worship, workshops, recreation, more

The Ohio Youth Event will provide a variety of experiences for Ohio Conference youth when they meet on the Bluffton University campus June 27-29.

The event will include times for worship, workshops, recreation, small group discussions, late-night activities, and the chance to meet with Mennonite college and service agency representatives.

Focusing on the theme "Wastefully Extravagant: The Parable of the Lost Son," worship services will include input from a variety of sources. On Friday evening, Doug Zehr, pastor of Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville, will be the speaker. During the Saturday morning worship service, the youth will hear from Anita Hooley Yoder, M.Div. student at Bethany Theological Seminary.

On Saturday evening, the guest speaker will be Paula Snyder Belousek, pastor of Salem Mennonite Church in Elida. The Sunday morning worship service will feature guest speaker Preston Yoder, pastor of Cornerstone Mennonite Fellowship in Plain City. Worship leaders will be Seth Crissman and Greg Yoder of the Walking Roots Band of Harrisonburg, Va.



Doug Zehr



Anita Hooley Yoder



Paula Snyder Belousek



Preston Yoder

All youth groups are requested to have at least one adult sponsor for every 10 youth who are participating. Lodging for men and women will be in separate dorms.

Please note that each participant must have a completed medical release returned to the Conference to be registered for the event.

The early bird registration rate for this event is \$80 per person. After **May 15, 2014**, participants will be

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# Youth Leadership Project returns

For the second year in a row, Ohio Conference is partnering with Central Christian School and Camp Luz to offer the **Youth Leadership Project** during 2014-15. 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. 15-16 where students will evaluate their spiritual and leadership gifts and skills. The retreats will be led by two graduates of the Values-Based Leadership Program: Jeremy Kauffman,



the executive director of Walnut Hills Retirement Community; and Bethany Nussbaum, advancement director for Central Christian School in Kidron.

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

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