

Conference Calendar

JUN

30-July5 KC 2015, Mennonite Church USA Convention, Kansas City, Mo.

JUL

21-26 Pennsylvania 2015, Mennonite World Conference Gathering, Harrisburg, Pa.

31 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, Buckeye Event Center, Dalton

AUG

1 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, Buckeye Event Center, Dalton

7-9 Girls' Jamboree, Camp Luz

14-15 LEAD3D (Youth Leadership Project) Retreat, Camp Luz

SEPT

18-20 Ohio Mennonite Women's Retreat, Camp Luz

OCT

1 Prepare-Enrich Training Workshop, Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center, Archbold

NOV

13-15 Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Mohican State Park Lodge

FEB

5-6 Pastor-Elder Retreat, Widewater Retreat Center, Liberty Center, Ohio

12-13 LEAD3D (Youth Leadership Project) Retreat, Camp Luz

19-20 Pastor-Elder Retreat, Location (in eastern Ohio) TBA

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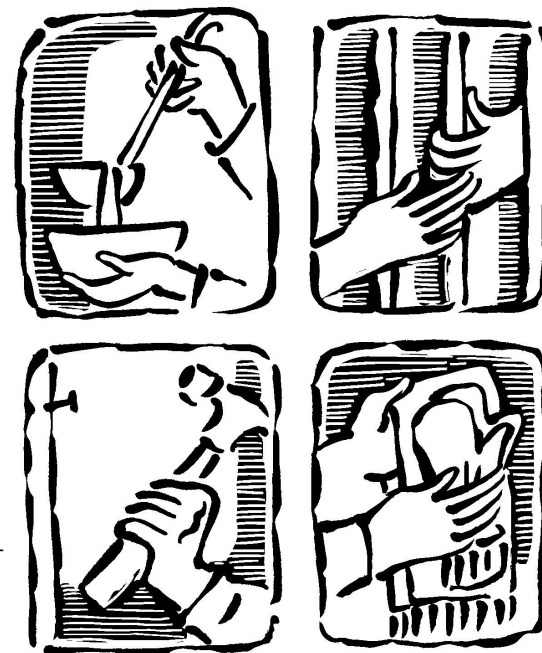
Grants to benefit local ministries

Is your congregation looking for ways to fund a ministry that impacts your community? For the fourth year in a row, the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT) is accepting proposals for grants to benefit local ministries. **This year the MDT has \$40,076 available for grants.**

The grant program began in 2012-13 at the recommendation of the Stewardship Ministry Team, which suggested to delegates at the 2012 Annual Conference Assembly in Berne, Ind., that 20 percent of the Conference's surplus funds be used for congregational projects. (These surplus funds have accumulated from years in which the Conference ended the fiscal year with a surplus.) This year the MDT has \$31,012 from surplus funds available for grants. In addition,

the MDT could request another \$9,064 from Endowment Fund earnings to be used for grants.

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Mentor-Mentee Retreat for Pastors takes place in Mansfield

Terry Shue, director of leadership development for Mennonite Church USA, was the input speaker at the Mentor-Mentee Retreat for Pastors, which took place May 19 at Camp Mowana in Mansfield.

When a new pastor in the Ohio Conference is initially licensed, he or she is paired with another Ohio Conference pastor who serves as mentor. The May 19 retreat was a time for newer Ohio Conference pastors and their mentors to meet together. Nine mentor pastors and their mentees attended, including one pastor who is a mentor to two other pastors. Also participating in

the retreat were Conference Minister Tom Kauffman, Regional Pastors Ralph Reinford and Wanda Stopher and Coordinator of Volunteers Alysa Short.

Additional photos from the Mentor-Mentee Retreat for Pastors are on the Ohio Conference Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OhioConferenceMCUSA>.



In addition to listening to input from speaker Terry Shue of Mennonite Church USA, mentor-mentee pairs spent time in discussion at the Mentor-Mentee Retreat for Pastors.

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In its decision making process, the Ministry Development Team will give priority to projects that are new initiatives and projects which could not be carried out without the grant funding. Please note that these are one-time grants, and the grant money is not intended to be used for staffing.

The deadline to submit a grant proposal is **Aug. 17**. Congregations may apply online or through the mail.

The Ministry Development Team will consider all grant proposals at its Aug. 31 meeting.

To apply online or to download a printed copy of the grant request form, go to www.ohiomennoniteconference.org and click on "Grants."

Encourage youth to apply for LEAD3D

The application period for LEAD3D has been extended until **July**

10. Please consider encouraging a high school junior or senior from your congregation to apply for this leadership development program offered by the

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Ohio Conference. For more details about LEAD3D, go to the Ohio

Conference website at www.ohiomennoniteconference.org and click on "LEAD3D."

Pastor-Spouse Retreat coming up

Michael and Sue Conrad Howes will be the speakers for the upcoming Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat, which will take place Nov. 13-15 at the Mohican State Park Lodge. Registrations are due by Sept. 1, and the first 25 couples to register receive a \$170 discount off the registration price. Since that limit has not yet been reached, discounts are still available.

A retreat registration form is in the "Events" section of the Ohio Conference website: www.ohiomennoniteconference.org. If you have further questions about the retreat, please contact Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net or (330) 857-5421.