

Conference Calendar

SEPT

- 9-10 Financial Education Event for Pastors, Cincinnati
- 16-18 Women's Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 24-25 175th Anniversary Celebration, Salem Mennonite Church, Elida
- 24 New Frontiers in Mission for the Rural Church, Zion Mennonite, Archbold
- 28 Year of Covenant Meeting for Pastors, Maple Grove Mennonite, Hartville
- 30 Youth Worker Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

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- 1 Youth Worker Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 29 Missional Essentials Seminar, Berlin Mennonite

NOV

- 11-13 Retreat for Pastors' Wives, St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin

MAR

- 23-24 Missional Conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch, Kidron Mennonite
- 24-25 Annual Conference Assembly, Central Christian School, Kidron

Program to focus on mission for rural church

In the spirit of Ohio Conference's Year of Mission, Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold has invited David Boshart, Executive Conference Minister of Central Plains Conference, as well as moderator-elect of MC USA Sept. 24-25.

Please join us Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. at Zion to hear David talk about

"New Frontiers in Mission for the Rural Church."

What if our rural and small town congregations were actually facing the greatest opportunities for local witness ever? In this session we will consider seven specific ways congregations can be agents of hope for new life in their local communities.

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For more information about the Ohio Conference, see the Conference website: www.ohiomennoniteconference.org
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Youth Worker Retreat to offer practical resources and refreshment

Youth pastors and youth sponsors, do you need re-energizing after your work with youth? Ohio Conference would like to help! Ohio Conference will hold a Youth Worker Retreat Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at Camp Luz in Kidron.

Whether you are a paid or volunteer youth worker, you will find this retreat will provide you with space to share together with other youth workers. Come to this training event and receive practical resources, along with a feeling of refreshment.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Randy Keeler, associate professor of religion at Bluffton University; and Brent Lacey, author of the book *Rural Youth Ministry: Thrive Where You're Planted*.

Dr. Keeler has taught youth ministry at Bluffton University for 23 years. His youth ministry experience includes



congregational ministry, camping ministry, inner-city ministry, and conference-wide ministry.

Brent Lacey is a youth pastor, Web designer, home school dad, former child abuse investigator, IT technician, writer, lock-in survivor and rural

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ministry advocate. Originally from a 160-acre farm in Southern Illinois, Brent currently lives in Indiana with his wife and three children. He serves as Rural Ministry Specialist for National Network of Youth Ministries in the Great Lakes Region.

Cost for this retreat will be \$35 per person for members of Ohio Conference congregations and \$50 per person for non-Ohio Conference participants.

The registration cost includes lodging, workshops, Friday snack, Saturday breakfast, lunch and snacks, and one resource package per church for Ohio Conference members. Non-Ohio Conference participants may purchase the resource package for an additional \$50.

The registration deadline for this

Resource Package Contents

Books

Claim(ing) Faith: Youth Discover the Confession of Faith

The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry — Kenda Creasy Dean and Ron Foster

Overplayed: A Parent's Guide to Sanity in the World of Youth Sports — David King and Margot Starbuck

Tent of Meeting: A 25-day Adventure with God — Julie Ellison White

Activities

Soularium Cards — Portable, interesting pictures that can help to spark spiritual conversation with youth

Information or to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2016OCYouthWorkerRetreat>.

Missional essentials to be explored

Berlin Mennonite Church will host a one-day seminar, "Missional Essentials: Engaging God's mission where you live, work and play," on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The facilitators of this seminar will be Brad Brisco and Lance Ford of Forge America, who were the presenters at the "Becoming Missional"

training event at Central Mennonite Church in March 2016 prior to Annual Conference Assembly.

This one-day seminar is intended for church and ministry leaders who are looking to engage more deeply the practical ways and means of mission-

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Conference to look at faith formation

A conference for individuals concerned about faith formation is coming to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart, Ind., this fall. **Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages** will be held Oct. 6-8 at the seminary.

Conference planners describe **Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages** as a practical conference designed to empower Anabaptist pastors, teachers and lay leaders in the church to develop a robust understanding of life with Jesus and expand their imagination of faith formation for the 21st century.



Keynote speakers for the event include **John Roberto** of LifelongFaith Associates; **Rachel Miller Jacobs**, assistant professor of congregational formation at AMBS; and **Brian Quan**, pastor of Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church.

This conference is sponsored by Anabaptist Faith Formation Network, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Mennonite Camping Association, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Mennonite Church Manitoba, Mennonite Church USA and The Gathering Place.

Early registration costs will be \$125 for adults and \$50 for students until Sept. 14.

See mennoniteusa.org/deepfaith for details or to register.

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al living and who need help leading their congregations in a faithful missional journey. It is also for everyday Christians who are searching to follow Jesus and live their faith in the real world and who have a desire to better understand and practice what it means to live with mission in the normal routines of their daily lives.

Cost of this event is \$35 per person. Groups of five people or more from the same church receive a reduced price of \$30 per person.

To register, email secretary@berlinmennonite.org or call Berlin Mennonite at 330-893-2320.