

Perspective



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Register now for Youth Leader Retreat

Friday, Sept. 9, is the registration deadline for the Ohio Conference Youth Worker Retreat. The retreat will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at Camp Luz in Kidron.

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*.

Registration cost for the retreat is just \$35 per person for members of Ohio Conference congregations and \$50 per person for non-Ohio Conference participants. The registration cost includes lodging, workshops, a Friday night 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.

To register, go to bit.ly/2016OCYouthWorkerRetreat. The online registration form includes more information, including a list of the contents of the resource package.

Year of Covenant Meeting speaker announced

All credentialed leaders are invited to attend the upcoming Year of Covenant Meeting on Sept. 28.

Event details

Event: Ohio Conference Year of Covenant — Event Two

Date: Sept. 28, 2016

Time: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Location: Maple Grove Mennonite Church, Hartville

Speaker: David B. Miller, Associate Professor of Missional Leadership at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Presentation Theme: "The Mission of God and the Continuing Conversion of God's Kingdom People to that Mission"



David B. Miller

Perspective: 1) The inter-relation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed. 2) Point of view; capacity to view things in their relative importance.

Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes the September issue of *The Parish Paper*, the September-October issue of *Prayer Prompter*, prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency, and the latest installment of *Grapevine*, the newsletter of George O'Reilly, Year of Covenant Facilitator.

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 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
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The Year of Covenant Strategy and Planning Group, through recent conversations, is also considering several questions:

- What direction might Ohio Conference take *after* this current Year of Covenant has been fulfilled?
- How can we be Covenant-based and still honor boundaries around congregational values?
- How can we be the best for one another and together discover the best we might be as Ohio Conference?
- What strategies for substantial conversations around significant issues might we adopt and practice?

The planning group will continue to focus and finalize details as we work to bring something both inspiring and practical to our time together. Please pray for all our preparation and for your own readiness to engage in useful conversation together.

All credentialed leaders who plan to attend should contact Judy King at 330-857-5421 or ohmc@zoominternet.net no later than Wednesday, Sept. 21.

May the Spirit have freedom to guide and inspire!

In Christ,

George O'Reilly, Year of Covenant Facilitator

Program to focus on rural church mission

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

All are invited to Zion on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. 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 participants will consider seven specific ways congregations can be agents of hope for new life in their local communities.

Scholarships available for Women's Retreat

Monday, Sept. 12, is the deadline to register for the Women's Retreat at Camp Luz in Kidron. Speakers Vickie Esh and Kim Leichty will focus on the theme "Sharing Your Story." See the Camp Luz website for a registration form: www.campluz.com.

Ohio Mennonite Women has scholarships available for women who want to attend the retreat but need financial assistance. For a scholarship application, please contact Roxanne Kauffman at roxykauff@gmail.com or 937-465-1204.

Peace Sunday is Sept. 18

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) is encouraging congregations to celebrate Peace Sunday on Sept. 18. Peace Sunday worship resources are on the MWC website: <http://mwccomm.org/article/peace-sunday?language=en>.

Assembly perspective

The 2017 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) of the Ohio Conference will take place Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, 2017, at Central Christian School in Kidron. The theme of the 2017 ACA, based on Luke 10:25-37, will be "Who is my Neighbor?"

Immediately preceding ACA, Ohio Conference is sponsoring a two-day Missional Conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch at Kidron Mennonite Church March 23-24. Check future issues of *Perspective* for more information about ACA and the missional conference.

MDS perspective

Lititz, Pa. – Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers have begun the arduous process of mucking out and cleaning up homes in the town of Central, Louisiana, resulting from the worst US disaster since Superstorm Sandy in 2012. There is a need for more volunteers.

To learn more about this effort or to volunteer, please see <http://bit.ly/MDSVolunteersNeeded>.

Perspective deadlines

Sept. 12 for Sept. 15

Oct. 3 for Oct. 6
