

Ohio Conference Mennonite Church USA

**Witness Focus Leader - Ministry Development Team**  
**Job Description**

This position is noted in the Conference Constitution (dated 3/14/09)

**Membership**

Is a member of the Ministry Development Team as one of five (5) people with a passion for faith, worship and witness. (Article VIII.A)

**Background** (from Draft 3, 9/9/06 document with slight rewording)

It is important that the Focus Leaders for Worship, Faith, and Witness take the lead in determining needs in each of these focus areas. These are new areas of concerns and issues that were formerly addressed by the Nurture, Evangelism, and Peace-Justice-Service Commissions.

The three focus leaders will deal with many of the former ministries in a new decentralized approach. The Conference's vision is to provide more opportunity for ministry by more people in more settings through resource teams, mission cells, and related agencies.

**Responsibilities** (includes lists from Draft 3, 9/9/06 document)

1. Refer to the Ministry Development Team Job Description
2. Additionally, the three focus leaders (faith, worship and witness):
  - a. Dreams of ways to strengthen the faith, worship and witness in Ohio Conference.
  - b. Listens to congregational concerns by focusing on all three areas, but concentrating on his/her primary focus area.
  - c. Responds to needs by integrating research, current trends, prior personal experience and future visions.
  - d. Helps to resource the Annual Conference Assembly planning committee.
3. The **Witness Focus Leader**:
  - a. Provides leadership in exploring and developing outreach ministries of Conference through congregational mission cells, resource teams and related agencies.
  - b. Assists staff in developing memorandums of understanding with cooperating groups.
  - c. Keeps informed of initiatives and resources of Mennonite Mission Network and local related ministries.