

Why should I attend?

Do you need re-energizing after your work with youth? Whether you are a paid or volunteer youth worker, you will find this retreat to 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.

Please bring your own personal bathing and hygiene items as well as bedding

Please register online at www.ohiomennoniteconference.org no later than

Friday, September 9

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YOUTH WORKER RETREAT

Thrive Where You're Planted

September 30—October 1, 2016

Camp Luz





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Schedule:

FRIDAY

6-7:00pm Registration
7-9:00pm Worship/Input
9:00pm Snack/Fellowship Time

SATURDAY

8:30-9:00am Gathering Music
9am-12:00pm Rural Youth Ministry Lab
12-1:00pm Lunch
1-4:00pm Rural Youth Ministry Lab

Costs:

\$35 if member of Ohio Conference congregation

Price includes lodging, workshops, Friday snack, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and snacks, and one resource package per church.

\$50 if not member of Ohio Conference congregation

Price includes all of the above with the exception of the resource package. Resource packages are available for a fee of \$50. (Contents will be available at www.ohiomennoniteconference.org)

Friday Night: Randy Keeler

Theology of Youth Ministry



The presenter on Friday evening will be Dr. Randy Keeler, professor of youth ministry at Bluffton University. Randy has a broad background of experience in youth ministry doing congregational ministry, camping ministry, inner-city ministry, and conference-wide ministry. For the past 23 years he has been teaching youth ministry at Bluffton University, equipping many students for future ministry roles in a variety of settings.

We would like to thank the Ohio Conference **Ministry Development Team** for helping to underwrite this retreat and resource package. This allows for a reduced cost for Ohio Conference members.

Saturday: Brent Lacey

Rural Youth Ministry Labs



Saturday's presenter will be Brent Lacey. Brent is a youth pastor, web designer, home school dad, former child abuse investigator, IT technician, writer, lock-in survivor and rural 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 and is author of *Rural Youth Ministry: Thrive Where You're Planted*.

And I pray that your love will have deep roots. I pray that it will have a strong foundation. May you have power together with all the Lord's holy people to understand Christ's love. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is. And may you know his love, even though it can't be known completely. Then you will be filled with everything God has for you.

-Ephesians 3:17-19