

Ohio Mennonite Women —The Executive Board made the decision to dissolve the organization on July 29, 2017. The decision was communicated via the Ohio Conference website, *Ohio Mennonite Evangel*, letters, bulletin announcements, Facebook and at Women's Retreat. Ohio Mennonite Women (OMW) significantly enriched the lives of many women. The organization supported various missionaries and agencies over the years. A Time of Celebration was held at the Women's Retreat at Camp Luz, Sept. 15-17, 2017. During 2017 OMW sponsored two events and supported Camp Luz with one event.

The OMW Breakfast was held during the Annual Conference Assembly in Kidron, Ohio, at the Dutch Kitchen Restaurant in Dalton, Ohio, on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Dottie Hathaway was the speaker, and the title of her presentation was "There's a Hole in My Bucket." Dottie talked about the many "buckets" we have in our lives, some that we hold near and dear to us, some we hide things in and some with holes in them. Dottie talked about self-concept, faith, pride and relationships, using scripture to share stories illustrating these things. She added a personal touch by sharing objects representing some of the "buckets" in her life. Dottie closed by challenging the women in attendance to remember that we are a work in progress, that as we journey this life we have opportunity to minister and support each other, and that God has made us who we are. She closed with these encouraging words: "We are not perfect vessels. But the God who created us, and our buckets, waits to mend them and to fill them." OMW Board Members hosted this event and 34 women were in attendance.

Day of Inspiration was on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at Crown Hill Mennonite Church. Janice Hershberger was the speaker, and the theme was "Invitation to Rest." Janice spoke in several sessions about the invitation to be given rest and to find rest for our souls. She used scriptures and many resources to share the importance of "rest," and to encourage and challenge those present to find ways to find rest in Jesus. She used exercises to invite women to "rest," closing with this resource: **R** - Remember the invitation and the inviter – bring that often to mind. Meditate on the love and goodness of God. **E** - Examine your heart. **S** – Settle the mind and Surrender the process. **T** - Take it to the Lord and Trust that he is there. Times for meditation and relaxation were also part of the presentation.

Several workshops were available in the afternoon. OMW Board Members hosted this event, and 63 women were in attendance. An offering was taken and went to support the Crown Hill Mennonite Church Food pantry and OMW. Special thanks go to Crown Hill Mennonite Church women who helped make this event a success.

Events coordinated by Camp Luz: Girls Jamboree was scheduled for Aug. 11-12, 2017, at Camp Luz. This event was cancelled due to the low number of registrations. **Women's Retreat** was held at Camp Luz, Sept. 15-17, 2017. The theme, "Created," was presented by speaker Larissa Moore. There were 59 women in attendance during the weekend. They participated in worship services, a tour of P. Graham Dunn and enjoyed free time. A *Time of Celebration* for Ohio Mennonite Women was held Saturday afternoon. There was time for closure for OMW as an organization, sharing memories and memorabilia, singing, storytelling, prayer and fellowship.

OMW supported Adriel School, Camp Luz, Sunshine Foundation, Mennonite Women USA, the Nafzigers in Nepal serving with Mennonite Mission Network, Bridge of Hope School in Liberia, and The Well and the Sutters in Thailand. Special thanks to all the women and churches who supported our missionaries and programs.

The final OMW Executive Board at the time of dissolution included these members: Willie Stoltzfus and Roxanne Kauffman, co-chairs; Melanie Miller, treasurer; and Myrna Ramseyer and Angela Steiner, Day of Inspiration coordinators.

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