Conference Calendar

MAY

4 Laughter is Sacred Space, John Legend Theater, Springfield

JUN

15-17 Hispanic Family Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

OCT

26-27 Pastor-Leadership Team Retreat, Quality Inn & Suites, Bellville

NOV

2-4 Pastors' Wives Retreat, St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin

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Representatives from each congregation in the network will begin meeting in June, so there is still time for more congregations to participate.

In describing the purpose of the Missional Network, Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg noted, "We are defining 'Missional' as essentially living as a missionary in your own community.

"Missional is not just a 'MISSION' or 'SERVICE' event," she said.

"Missional = Mission + Intentional Discipleship + Relationships + Sharing the Good News."

More information about the Missional Network is on the Ohio Conference website at http://bit.ly/ OCMissionalNetwork.

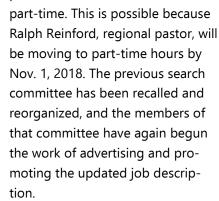
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Conference minister search re-opens

In February the Ohio Conference Leadership Team made the decision to hire a full-time conference minister, rather than seek someone to fill this important role





Pictured left to right are Robb Esh, Jeff Hochstetler, John Rohrer, Paula Snyder Belousek, LaVonne Hartman, Terry Shue (outgoing director of leadership development for Mennonite Church USA) and Bob Sauder.

> We believe that the success of hiring the candidate will take more than the work of this committee.

We are asking you to submit names of potential candidates to the committee, share the job description in your social networks and encourage qualified candi-

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dates to apply. And most importantly, we invite the congregations of Ohio Mennonite Conference to join us in praying for this process and the person God has in mind to lead our conference in this next season of life together.

Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter, along with an MLI (Ministerial Leadership Information Form), no later than **June 30, 2018**, to Paula Snyder
Belousek, chair of the search committee, at

pastor@salemmennonite.com.

The job description can be found here: http://bit.ly/
OHConferenceMinister.

Thank you for joining us in this task of calling our new conference minister.

Conference Minister Search
Committee
Paula Snyder Belousek, Chair
Robb Esh
LaVonne Hartman
Jeff Hochstetler
John Rohrer
Bob Sauder

Missional Network is forming in OC

All Ohio Conference congregations are invited to join the Ohio Conference Missional Network. Representatives from this network of congregations will begin meeting and working together during the summer of 2018.

At the 2018 Annual Conference Assembly in March, Ohio Conference Missional Consultant Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg invited people to indicate their interest in



joining the network, and representatives from numerous congregations responded.

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Conference ends 2017-18 in the black

For the second year in a row, the Ohio Conference has ended its fiscal year in the black, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. On March 31, 2018, the Conference finished the 2017-18 fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$54,840.

In comparison, the Conference

finished the 2016
-17 fiscal year
with an operating
surplus of
\$22,095. Before
that time, the
Ohio Conference
had five years
with an end-ofyear operating
deficit. (See the
accompanying
chart for details.)

Both congregational giving and gifts from individuals were higher in 2017-18 than in the previous fiscal year. Congregations gave a

total of \$318,847 in 2017-18. In contrast, during the 2016-17 fiscal year, congregational giving totaled just \$297,055. Individual gifts in 2017-18 totaled \$23,821, compared to \$21,094 in 2016-17. Our thanks go out to all congregations and individuals who contributed to the Ohio Conference during this past fiscal year!

