

Conference Calendar

JAN

- 10 Ministry Development Team Meeting via GoToMeeting
- 22 Winter Cluster Meeting, Beech Mennonite Church, Louisville
- 24 Winter Cluster Meeting, Oak Grove Mennonite Church, West Liberty
- 29 Winter Cluster Meeting, Central Mennonite Church, Archbold
- 31 Winter Cluster Meeting, Crown Hill Mennonite Church, Rittman

FEB

- 1-3 Youth Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 15-17 Junior High Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

MAR

- 7-8 Missional Conference, Salem Mennonite Church, Kidron
- 8-9 Annual Conference Assembly, Salem Mennonite Church, Kidron

APR

- 5-7 Men's Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 12-13 Mother-Daughter Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 26-27 Father-Son Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

World Fellowship

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to <http://bit.ly/2019WorldFellowshipSunday>.

To learn more about the history of

World Fellowship Sunday, see the Mennonite World Conference website: <http://bit.ly/WorldFellowshipSundayOverview>.

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DECEMBER 2018

World Fellowship Sunday is Jan. 20

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) invites all Anabaptist congregations to celebrate World Fellowship Sunday on Jan. 20, 2019.

Each year MWC provides worship planning resources for use on World Fellowship Sunday. The theme for 2019 is **"Justice on the Journey: Migration and the Anabaptist-Mennonite Story."**

MWC Executive Committee members from different continental regions designate writers and direct preparation of worship material reflecting life and the church in their part of the world for

this celebration. Planning for this special day rotates among the five continental regions. For 2019 churches in Latin America and the

Caribbean produced the worship resources.

The materials include suggestions for worship, prayer requests from around the world, an introduction to the church in the region producing the materials, stories and ser-

mon prompts. To download these worship planning resources, go

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Supporting healthy, growing congregations

Resource teams meet shared needs

Do you see a need in your congregation that Ohio Conference should address? One way to work at these needs is by forming a resource team.

A resource team is a temporary group that carries out specific tasks identified by the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT). Resource teams exist to respond quickly to the needs of congregations within the Ohio Conference. As a need is brought to the attention of the MDT, the MDT can choose to form a Resource Team to carry out a response.

Resource teams have worked on a variety of programs and projects in the Ohio Conference, such as pastor-spouse retreat planning, church planting, child protection, prayer, and reducing poverty, among others.

If you see a need which could be addressed by a Resource Team, you are encouraged to submit your idea to the Ministry Development Team. Please use the online form on the Ohio Conference website at <http://bit.ly/OCResourceTeams> to submit your idea. If you have further questions, contact Coordinator of Volunteers Alysa Short at alysashort@gmail.com or 419-572-1348.

Currently, Ohio Conference has several resource teams working at

specific projects. See the brief descriptions that follow for more information.

IMMIGRATION

A recently formed Immigration Resource Team is developing a list of immigration-related resources for Ohio Conference congregations. The team also is working on



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a statement on immigration to be presented at the Ohio Conference Annual Conference Assembly in March. To learn more, listen to the Ohio Conference Cast podcast episode featuring Dan King: <http://bit.ly/OhioConfCastImmigration>.

couraging congregations to participate in the Missional Discipleship Initiative (MDI). See the Ohio Conference website for details about MDI: <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceMDI>.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

A Spiritual Direction Resource Team has recently formed. This team is working at compiling a list of spiritual directors in Ohio. If you are a spiritual director, or know a spiritual director who is open to serving pastors and members of Ohio Conference, please contact Karla Kauffman at 937-844-7628 or karlakauffman@juno.com by Jan. 21.

YOUTH

At the 2018 Annual Conference Assembly, delegates expressed a need for resources focusing on youth and young adults. The Ministry Development Team would like to form a resource team to work at this task. More Youth Resource Team members are needed. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Coordinator of Volunteers Alysa Short at alysashort@gmail.com or 419-572-1348.

MISSIONAL PLANNING

The Missional Planning Team has been working for the past several years to encourage congregations to become part of God's mission right in their own neighborhoods. This group has planned missional conferences which have been held just prior to Annual Conference Assembly each year since 2016. The team also has been en-