

Conference Calendar

JUN

- 14-16 Hispanic Family Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 15 Black Swamp Benefit, Archbold High School
- 16-21 Sharon Mennonite Work Camp, Sharon Mennonite Church, Plain City
- 22 Salem Mennonite Church Strawberry Festival, Waldron, Michigan

JUL

- 2-6 MennoCon19 (Mennonite Church USA Convention), Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, Missouri
- 21-26 MCC Young Adult Peace Camp, Amigo Centre, Sturgis, Michigan

AUG

- 2-3 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale and Auction, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster

NOV

- 15-17 Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Mills Park Hotel, Yellow Springs, Ohio

MAR 2020

- 7 Annual Conference Assembly, Sharon Mennonite Church, Plain City

JUN

- 26-28 2020 Intergenerational Missional Festival, Bluffton University, Bluffton

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Grants to benefit local ministries

Is your congregation looking for a way to fund a ministry that impacts your community? Consider applying for a grant from the Ohio Conference.

The Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT) is accepting grant proposals from Ohio Conference congregations and related organizations for projects and mission initiatives. This year the MDT has **\$24,750** available for grants.

In light of the current Gathered and Sent initiative within the Ohio Conference, the Ministry Development Team will give preference to proposals that are particularly missionally oriented. Priority also will be given to projects that are new initiatives or projects that



could not be carried out without the grant funding.

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healthy, growing
congregations*

Ministry Grants

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The MDT will use several criteria in reviewing the applications:

— Does this proposal fit with the Conference priorities of worship, faith and witness?

— Does this project respond to the priorities identified by Ministry Development Team?

- Start-up ministries/new initiatives
 - Community outreach
 - Revitalization of a congregation
 - Church planting
 - Focus on children or youth ministry
 - Missional coaching
 - Strengthening congregation-to-congregation relationships within Ohio Conference
 - Peacemaking education/action
 - Spiritual direction
 - Initiatives which cross cultural boundaries
- Is this proposal a collaborative effort among Ohio Conference



Ministry Grant recipient: In October 2018 Rachel Miller Jacobs of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary was the keynote speaker at "Enhancing and Equipping for Worship," a worship workshop hosted by Central Mennonite Church in Archbold with support from other northwest Ohio Congregations. This workshop received a Ministry Grant in 2018.

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Please note that this is a one-time grant. Grant monies are not intended to be used for staffing.

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Ministry Grant recipient: In 2018 Tedrow Mennonite Church received a ministry grant for its afterschool homework table program. Volunteers work with the students on Tuesdays after school. Grant funds helped with costs of the program, as well as a fall field trip.

Grant proposals are due by Aug. 5, 2019. More information and an online application are on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OCMinistryGrants>. If you prefer, you may download a grant form and mail it to the Ohio Conference office.

The Ministry Development Team will consider all grant proposals at its Aug. 19 meeting.

In 2018, the Ministry Development Team approved seven grants. To learn more about these grants, see <http://bit.ly/OCMinistryGrants>.

