

Conference Calendar

AUG

- 27 Ministry Development Team Meeting, via GoToMeeting

SEPT

- 11-13 Women's Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
25-26 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale In-Person Preview Events, Sprunger Building, Kidron Auction, Kidron
26-Oct. 3 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, online auction

OCT

- 1 Leadership Team Meeting, via GoToMeeting
10 Healthy Boundaries 201 Training, online event
20 Northeast Ohio Regional Meeting for Delegates, online meeting
22 Northwest Ohio Regional Meeting for Delegates, online meeting
27 Wayne-Holmes Regional Meeting for Delegates, online meeting
29 West Central/Southwest Regional Meeting for Delegates, online meeting

NOV

- 7 Healthy Boundaries 201 Training, online event

MAR

2021

- 4-6 Missional Conference/Annual Conference Assembly, online events

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Relief sale will include online auction, in-person preview events

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale will be an online auction rather than an in-person auction. The online auction will take place Sept. 26-Oct. 3 on the sale website: <https://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org>.

Although the quilt and wood auctions will take place online, the Relief Sale Board is planning live auction-related events from Sept. 25 to Sept. 27. Events will include a socially distanced outdoor concert featuring the musical groups Hometown and Girl Named Tom, an auction preview, and a drive-through barbecue chicken dinner. Pie and ice cream also will be available.

The 2020 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale preview events will take place



at the Sprunger Building, 4885 Kidron Road, Kidron, Ohio.

Proceeds from the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches which shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

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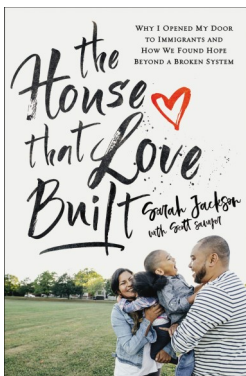
Immigration Resource Team asks for prayer, recommends book

The Ohio Conference Immigration Resource Team seeks to focus attention on issues immigrants face, as well as encouraging members of Ohio Conference congregations to respond. Here is an update from the team:

- Please keep in your prayers our many immigrant neighbors who are at greater risk of infection with COVID-19 — those in crowded detention centers, meat packing plants, etc. Consider a donation to Open Arms Hispanic Ministry or Brazo en Brazo, who are working directly with this population.

- Here is a **must-read**, hot off the press: [*The House that Love Built*](#)

by Sarah Jackson. This book is the gripping story of a young Christian woman in Denver who was moved with compassion for immigrants in a local detention center. She opened her apartment to out-of-town families who were visiting loved ones in the detention center. Her actions have developed into a ministry that has grown to more than a thousand volunteers and its own hospitality house — Casa de Paz.



2021 annual assembly to be virtual

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ohio Conference will hold the 2021 Missional Conference and Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) virtually rather than in person. These events will take place March 4-6, 2021. The featured speaker for both events will be Brad Roth, pastor and author of



God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church.

MC USA's 'Learn, Pray, Join' initiative focuses on immigration justice

(Mennonite Church USA) — In August and September, Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) is working to focus awareness on the treatment of immigrants through its new "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative — [*Immigration Justice: Radical Hospitality*](#).

In this initiative MC USA is showcasing Mennonites directly involved in advocacy through shareable videos for congregational viewing and social media outreach.

The denomination also is highlighting its study curriculum, [*Radical Hospitality: Responding to the issue of immigration*](#), which examines one's understanding of and attitudes toward immigration through an Anabaptist lens.

To learn more, see <http://bit.ly/ImmigrationJustice>.

**Immigration Justice:
Radical Hospitality**
Learn. Pray. Join.

MCC seeks school kit donations

With the start of the new school year, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is asking for your help. MCC needs an additional 70,000 school kits to fulfill requests from their partners around the world this year. Making a kit is a fun and easy way to provide life-changing support to children in need. To learn how to pack a school kit, go



to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school>.