

Conference Calendar

OCT

- 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

DEC

- 3 Leadership Team Meeting, online via Zoom

JAN

2021

- 7 Ministry Development Team Meeting, online via Zoom

MAR

- 4-5 Missional Conference, online event
- 6 Annual Conference Assembly, online event

JUL

- 6-10 MennoCon21, Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, as well as online

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Give your pastor a Sunday off

Ohio Conference offers Pastor Wellness Grants

Being a pastor in the 21st century is a very challenging calling. Being a pastor during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic has been even more challenging. Due to the many changes that have had to be made, many of our pastors have not taken a Sunday off since the pandemic began, many have cancelled or shortened their vacations, and many have put their long-planned sabbaticals on hold. Many who have been able to take some time off are most likely in need of additional time off.

Ohio Conference sees our primary purpose as ensuring that our congregational pastors remain healthy. Healthy pastors help ensure healthy congregations.

In light of that commitment to pastors' health, **Ohio Conference is offering each of our congrega-**

Pastor Wellness Grants

tions a \$250 grant to be specifically used to provide your pastor(s) with a Sunday off. The money can be used in any way that

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Pastor Wellness Grants

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helps provide your pastor with the day off. Some examples would be providing a stipend for someone else to preach, paying for overnight lodging to help your pastor take time away from the congregation on that Sunday, a mini retreat, etc. We are inviting our congregations to be creative in ensuring that their pastor(s) get a Sunday off between now and the end of the year.

For those congregations for whom cost is not a factor and choose not to apply for the grant, we still ask that you take the steps to provide a Sunday off for your pastor(s), excluding any additional time they may have earned.

For those congregations that want to take advantage of the \$250 grant, the only thing we are

asking you to do is to contact Administrative Assistant Judy King at the Conference office (ohmc@zoominternet.net), letting her know what Sunday your pastor was able to take off and in what ways you used the grant money. You will be sent a check for \$250.



Pastor Wellness Grants

For those congregations that choose to pick up the cost themselves, please contact the Conference office and let Judy know which Sunday you were able to give your pastor off.

On behalf of Ohio Conference's Leadership and Ministry Development Teams,

Dick Barrett, Conference Minister

MennoMedia campaign encourages appreciation for pastors

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? During October MennoMedia will be celebrating pastors whose congregations have made a donation in their honor.

Want to let your pastor know how much you appreciate them?

- A donation to MennoMedia in any amount enters your pastor into a drawing for a \$100 Herald Press gift certificate.
- A donation of \$25 or more enters your pastor in the drawing and gets them a free eBook copy of *Might from the Margins* by Dennis Edwards.

- A donation of \$100 or more gets them an entry into the drawing, a free eBook, and a shoutout on social media.

To participate in this campaign, make a donation and be sure to email joeh@mennomedia.org to tell MennoMedia your pastor's name and your congregation.

To donate, go to <http://bit.ly/MennoMediaPastorAppreciation>.

