

Conference Calendar

JAN

- 7 Ministry Development Team Meeting, online via Zoom
- 21 Leadership Team Meeting, online via Zoom

FEB

- 2 Wayne-Holmes Regional Meeting for Delegates, online meeting
- 4 West Central/Southwest Regional Meeting for Delegates, online meeting
- 9 Northeast Ohio Regional Meeting for Delegates, online meeting
- 11 Northwest Ohio Regional Meeting for Delegates, online meeting
- 16 The Joy of Rest Retreat (A Spiritual Direction Event), 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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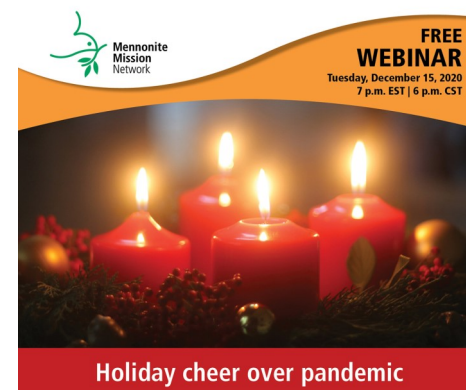


Webinar to focus on holiday cheer

Mennonite Mission Network is hosting a webinar, "Holiday Cheer Over Pandemic," on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. EST on Zoom.

During this time of the year, traditionally, we prepare ourselves to gather together for the Christmas holiday season to experience the joy of family and friends. This year will require us to make adjustments as we face challenges from the distress of the COVID-19 pandemic, the strain of the presidential election, and the stress of social injustices occurring across the nation. We choose not to be dismayed, for God is with us (Isaiah 41:10).

You are invited to experience God's Word and let it dispel the potential fear and despair of this season. In-



stead, take in the joy that God has provided us through Jesus. "Holiday Cheer Over Pandemic" will be led by Melody Pannell and Ann Jacobs, with a series of prayers led by Karla Minter.

To register for this webinar, go to <https://bit.ly/2020HolidayCheerWebinar>.

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MCC postpones Ohio comforter bash

The Ohio MCC Comforter Bash originally scheduled for April 2021 has been postponed for one year. In the meantime, MCC encourages you to continue making comforters for MCC in your homes or churches. These handmade comforters bring hope and comfort to the people who receive them. They provide not only warmth, but also a tangible message that their needs are not forgotten. MCC also invites you to continue making com-



forter tops and backs (60" x 80"), and they will collect them at the Material Resources Center in Kidron for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash in April 2022. Contact Sa-

rah Geiser at SarahGeiser@mcc.org or 330-201-4515 for more information.

More information about making comforters also is available at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters>.

Dove's Nest offers resources for providing safe spaces online

Even when our churches are meeting online, it's important to create safe space for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Dove's Nest has created a webpage of resources for online church during the pandemic including a new training video, tips for Zooming with kids, best practices for working with youth, an

online sermon, and ways to keep kids safe while they are at home. You can find these resources at <https://dovesnest.net/COVID19>.

The mission of Dove's Nest is to empower and equip faith communities to keep children and youth safe in their homes, churches, and communities.

Bluffton U to livestream 'Messiah'

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Bluffton University will present its 125th performance of Handel's "Messiah" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, via livestream at www.bluffton.edu/music.

Instead of recording a traditional concert, the music department has teamed up with Modo Media, a Lima-based video and design agency, to develop a retrospective. Co-owners Chad Stearns '00 and Cody Ridenour '08, both participated in "Messiah" as Bluffton students.

The video production will feature reflections from past conductors,



including Dr. Steve Jacoby and Dr. Mark Suderman, and archival footage, photographs and recordings from past performances. Dr. Bo Young Kang, director of choral activities, will conduct select portions of the oratorio featuring current students, soloists and a string quartet.

Online dedication planned for new hymnal

MennoMedia is holding an online dedication launch event for the new *Voices Together* hymnal on Dec. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. ET. This event will include a time to worship with new songs and resources, hear stories, and offer blessings for *Voices Together* and all who receive it. After this time of worship, there will be an over-

view of the process of creating *Voices Together* and a

time for questions with committee members. This event is free, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Register at <https://bit.ly/VoicesTogetherLaunch>.

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