

Conference Calendar

APR

22 Ministry Development Team Meeting, online via Zoom

MAY

13 Leadership Team Meeting, online meeting

JUL

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

10 Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly, online meeting

AUG

6-7 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster

15-16 New Pastor Orientation, Sleep Inn & Suites, Mt. Hope

OCT

15-17 Youth Worker Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

NOV

12-14 Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Mills Park Hotel, Yellow Springs

JUL 2022

24-26 Engaging Mission 2022 Missional Festival, Bluffton University

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Sent Conference to feature stories of hope

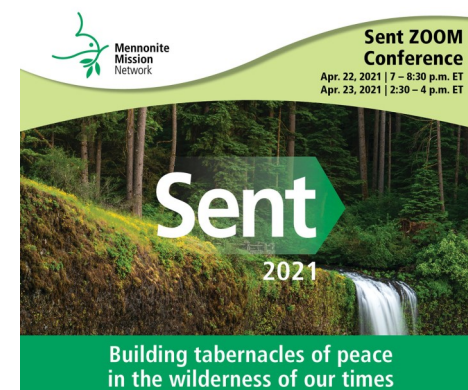
During these pandemic times, it's easy to feel hopeless. Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join them for the **Sent Conference 2021** to hear stories of hope and resilience from peace church planters!

Sent Conference 2021 will be a virtual gathering, taking place over the course of two days, with two 90-minute sessions.

Thursday, April 22, 7-8:30 p.m.

Katerina Friesen and **members of Wild Church** (Fresno, California) will share about their young church community, which seeks reconciliation with God and creation through meeting outdoors in the tabernacle of creation.

Re-planting in the heartland: the story of Beatrice Mennonite Church. As a little church in Ne-



braska, we have been a church in decline and we have felt stuck for a long time. So, what if we tried something new? What if we prayerfully considered all the things that make us a church, and asked, "What are we willing to give up and change for the sake of sharing the love of Jesus with our neighbors?"

Speakers: Katerina Friesen, pastor

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congregations*

Planning is underway for 2021 Relief Sale

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Board has begun planning for an in-person Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale on Aug. 6-7 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster. The event will be under one roof in an air-conditioned building. Online bidding will be offered again for auction items.

The Relief Sale Board will host its annual Kick-Off Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. The meeting will be located in the new event center where the auction will take place.



Everyone is invited to attend this meeting, which will include discussion of the new format and new location for the 2021 event. Those attending will have a chance to see the space and ask any questions. If you are attending, please bring a toy to donate to the Children's Auction.

If you have any questions regarding the Kick-Off Meeting, please contact Board Chairperson Brenda LaTulippe at 330-933-6372.

SAVE THE DATE

2021 Virtual Benefit Auction

Preview of items: Saturday, May 1st
Bidding begins: Thursday, May 6th
Bidding ends: Saturday, May 8th

More details to come!
Visit www.adriel.org to stay up to date on all auction related updates.

The Adriel logo, which consists of a blue circle containing three stylized human figures in white, with the word "Adriel" written in a cursive font below it.

Proceeds benefit children and families in need in your community through Adriel's various programs.

Lighthouse Ministries to celebrate 25 years

Lighthouse Ministries in Canton is celebrating 25 years of ministry with two events in May.

On May 8 from noon to 4 p.m. the Lighthouse will host a marketplace and tour at its southeast Canton location. This socially-distanced event will include a self-led tour and refreshments. Participants also will be able to support the fourth- and fifth-grade students in the Lighthouse Business Builders Club by shopping for handmade items. Several high

school age artists also will have artwork for sale. Student entrepreneurs and artisans will receive 100 percent of the profits from their business sales. Registration is requested for this event: <https://slotted.co/lighthouseopenhouse>.

On May 22 Lighthouse Ministries will hold its second Day of Giving, an online event. This will be a day of storytelling, student highlights, and more, with a goal of raising \$25,000. To donate, go to canton-lighthouse.org/donate.

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of Wild Church, and Tim Amor, pastor of Beatrice Mennonite Church

Friday, April 23, 2:30-4 p.m.

Rev. Karen Sutherland and **Gordon McDade** will share about their peace church planting in Belfast, Northern Ireland. They use a community chaplaincy model that emphasizes being with people, meeting them where

they are, and struggling together with questions about God and conflict with religious and political "others."

Speakers: Rev. Karen Sethurama and Gordon McDade, pastors and church planters of Soulspace

A Spanish interpretation will be offered.

To register for Sent 2021, go to <http://bit.ly/Sent2021Registration>.