

# Conference Calendar

## AUG

- 15-16 New Pastor Orientation, Sleep Inn & Suites, Mt. Hope  
24 Ministry Development Team Meeting, Mansfield-Richland County Public Library, Mansfield

## SEPT

- 16 Leadership Team Meeting, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, Mansfield  
30 Prepare/Enrich Training for Pastors, Salem Mennonite Church, Kidron

## OCT

- 15-17 Youth Worker Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron  
19 Prepare/Enrich Training for Pastors, West Clinton Mennonite Church, Wauseon

## NOV

- 6 Believe and Be Baptized Workshop, Columbus Mennonite Church  
12-14 Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Mills Park Hotel, Yellow Springs

## MAR

## 2022

- 3-4 Missional Conference, location TBD  
4-5 Annual Conference Assembly, location TBD

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## New curriculum from MCC US offers conflict transformation tools

Conflict is a normal part of life. It arises in our workplaces, in our churches and with our families.

To help people learn to work through divisive issues, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. has produced a new adult Sunday school curriculum, *[Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict](#)*. It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus' call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other.

"It takes practice and intention to communicate well in the midst of conflict," says Jes Stoltzfus Buller, MCC U.S. peace education coordinator and author of the curriculum. "If we can learn to embody healthy dialogue habitually in interpersonal interaction, it will ripple out and affect our communities and society."



**Peaceful Practices**  
A guide to healthy communication in conflict

This curriculum includes nine sessions. Each session contains a peaceful practice, a biblical reflection, a conflict transformation tool, at-home reflection questions, a group activity, a closing blessing and resources to go deeper.

More information is available at <https://bit.ly/MCCPeacefulPractices>. You may download a free copy of the curriculum at this site.

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healthy, growing  
congregations*

# 'Stir Up Peace' video series explores nonviolent direct action

It is easy to find examples of people trying to change things through violent means. But how can we promote change without resorting to violence?

Mennonite Mission Network's new *Stir Up Peace* video series focuses on tools people can use to seek positive change in nonviolent ways. Available online at <https://bit.ly/StirUpPeace>, all nine videos are less than six minutes long. The video series was created by Jonathan and Sarah Nahar and Mennonite Mission Network.

*Stir Up Peace* explains what nonviolent direct action means, and describes tactics and ideas which are



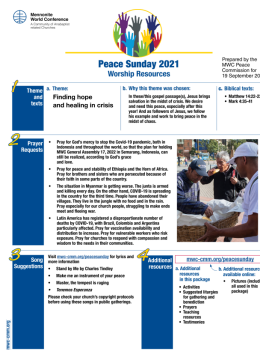
incorporated in nonviolent direct action.

Jonathan and Sarah Nahar also led a workshop about nonviolent direct action at the Mennonite Church USA convention in Cincinnati, Menno-Con21. To view a recording of "Stir Up Peace: How Nonviolent Direct Action Creates Change," go to <https://bit.ly/StirUpPeaceWorkshop>.

## MWC Peace Sunday is Sept. 19

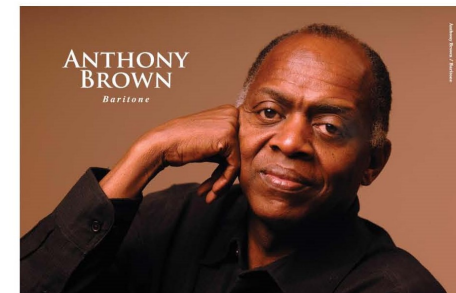
Mennonite World Conference (MWC) invites all Mennonite congregations to observe Peace Sunday together with brothers and sisters in the global Anabaptist church family on Sept. 19, 2021.

The theme for this year's Peace Sunday



is: "Finding hope and healing in crisis." The MWC Peace Commission has created worship resources for celebrating Peace Sunday. These materials are available at <https://bit.ly/PeaceSunday2021>.

## Join us for an interactive concert Songs and Stories of Peace, Hope, and Justice



Mr. Brown uses music as a powerful tool for bringing people together. A versatile and dynamic performer, Brown sings in a variety of genres, including American folk songs which he has taken around the world. Brown's work as peacemaker has taken him to global political hot spots, combining singing with ambassadorial peace building. Through his music, he inspires audiences to join the movement for peace, justice and reconciliation.

**Oak Grove Mennonite Church**  
7843 Smucker Road, Smithville  
August 14, 2021 7:00PM

*An offering will be taken to help cover expenses.*

## Online course to focus on peace and justice

**From Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible: Sept. 15 – Oct. 26.** Join Susannah Larry, PhD, and Drew Strait, PhD, to study pertinent biblical passages and

reflect on how these texts form practices of peace and justice today. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs are available. Register by Aug. 18 to save \$50. Learn more at [ambs.edu/shortcourses](https://ambs.edu/shortcourses).