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Pastors meet for fellowship, dialogue

**By Dick Barrett
Conference Minister**
On Aug. 5 congregational pastors from across Ohio Conference gathered at the Upper Sandusky Community Library for a time of fellowship, worship and discernment together. It was the first time they were able to gather in person in a year and a half.

While fellowship was the highlight for the 28 ministers present, time was also spent discussing a proposed new Code of Ethics and Common Commitments for creden-



Pastors from across the Ohio Conference met together Aug. 5 in Upper Sandusky for discussion and fellowship.

tial ministers of Ohio Conference. Also discussed was a proposal by the Leadership

Team seeking feedback about how best to move forward as

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Ministry Development Team awards grants

The Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT) has awarded two grants totaling \$2,750. The MDT approved these grants at its Aug. 24 meeting. Grants will provide funds toward the following projects:

Youth Events — Lee Heights Community Church



in Cleveland is receiving funding for two youth programs intended to promote person-

al development, career exploration and faith formation, a Youth Exposure Trip and a Youth Mini-Retreat. The Youth Exposure Trip will take youth from Lee Heights to visit two historically Black universities in southern Ohio, Central State University and Wilberforce University.

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EDITORIAL

Dealing with discouragement

Am I the only one who finds it easy to get discouraged lately?

Don't get me wrong. Over the past few months, I have experienced many things that I am thankful for and that spark joy. I especially have appreciated times outdoors, hiking and canoeing. In particular, viewing the thousands of purple martins that flock together at dusk at Nimisila Reservoir in Summit County has been one of the highlights of the past month for me.*

Still, 2020 and 2021 have been quite challenging and bewildering. The pandemic has had a way of shredding a lot of plans. When talking about any event in the future, I have started peppering my conversations with the phrase, "but who

knows what life will be like by then."

At the August meeting of the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team, the team spent some time discussing how COVID-19 has affected Ohio Conference congregations. Many congregations have seen a decline in the number of people attending worship services, and it's easy to get discouraged.

As Judy King, administrative secretary, summarized in the minutes of meeting, "The reality needs to be named that some folks are still not attending church services in person, and the reasons vary. The church looks different. How do we 'do church' together, beyond the walls? What is God calling us to do now?

We realize it won't go back to how it was 'before.'

Folks don't know how to move forward. The image of new wineskins [Matthew 9:16-17] was mentioned. What are the new wineskins going to look like?"

These questions are great ones to ponder. Of course, the answers will vary from congregation to congregation. I pray that we will be open to the moving of the Holy Spirit as we discern our way forward.

— ahl

*Note: If you'd like to see this phenomenon, which occurs during August before the birds migrate further south, watch this short video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTXyju1PDmo>. ■

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Pastor gathering

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a conference over the next year with Mennonite Church USA's pending resolution to retire its Membership Guidelines in May of 2022. As with their re-

cent gatherings, there was a very good sense of collegiality and the Holy Spirit's presence, which was especially uplifting after a prolonged time of challenge

and isolation due to the pandemic.

To see photos from this meeting, go to <https://bit.ly/Fall2021Pastors>. ■

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New Pastor Orientation held Aug. 15-16

Ohio Conference held a New Pastor Orientation Aug. 15-16 in Holmes County and Wayne County. Thirteen people participated, including Ohio Conference pastoral staff members. The orientation helped pastors new to the Ohio Conference learn to know each other and learn about resources available to them.

In addition to visiting the Ohio Conference office in Kidron, participants spent time at MCC Connections in Kidron, the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center in Berlin, and Heini's Cheese Chalet in Berlin. They



also had lunch at Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen in Mt. Hope. To see photos from this event, go to

<https://bit.ly/2021NewPastorOrientation>. ■

The Ohio Conference New Pastor Orientation included a visit to the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center in Berlin. Photo by Ralph Reinford.

Grants

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(Note: The MDT previously approved this grant in August 2019, but the COVID-19 pandemic made it impossible for Lee Heights to carry out the proposed programs during 2020, and those funds were returned.)

Immigration Forum —

Haroldo Nunes, executive director of Open Arms Hispanic Ministries, has received an invitation to attend a national immigration forum in Washington, D.C., in October. Open Arms is receiving grant funds to cover

the costs of his attendance at this forum.

Since 2012, the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team has awarded Ministry Grants to Ohio Conference congregations and related groups for ministry projects.

Funding for these grants comes from funds accumulated in years in which the Conference completed the fiscal year with a surplus.

This year the MDT had \$19,630 available for grants. However, only the two grants were



awarded because no other congregations or related groups applied for grant funding. ■

CONFERENCE MINISTER MUSINGS

New wineskins

By Dick Barrett
Conference Minister

“No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.” — Matthew 9:16-17 (ESV)

We are now more than a year and a half into the COVID pandemic with a lot of uncertainty. How long is it going to last? What are the long-term effects going to be? Is there going to be a stronger and more deadly variant after the Delta variant? Those are just a few of the uncertainties. One thing that is certain is that after this time all of our churches look different than they did before. Just about every single one of them is less — less in total numbers, less in those attending in person, less in energy and vitality, less in active ministries. One of the big questions I have been asking myself is, “Is that necessarily a bad thing?” I have been increasingly drawn as of late to John the Baptist’s words found in John 3:30, “Jesus must become greater, I must become less.”

Do those words just apply to individual Christians, or might they also apply to individual churches?

Perhaps God has been at work in his churches during this time, and it is each church’s responsibility to discern how God has been at work. The Bible, both in the Old and New Testaments, speaks of God’s winnowing and pruning. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines pruning as “to cut off or cut back parts of for better shape or more fruitful growth.”

Just maybe God has been using this time to prune his churches for more fruitful growth to come. Are we preparing for it? Over and over again the Bible talks about new: new creation, new mercies every morning, new birth, good news, as well as new wine and new wineskins. The wine — the gospel of God’s love, grace and mercy through his Son, Jesus Christ, is new every day. But we can’t just keep putting the new wine into the old wineskins of the way the church was (whether it be 50 years ago, 20 years ago, 10 years ago, or even one and a half years ago) and expect it to be fruitful.

Ultimately, we are not the ones who provide the fruitful growth. The fruitful growth comes only after we focus on the things that we have been called to focus on: Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, loving God and loving others, and making



disciples of Jesus. Recently I read a very good and challenging book titled *Endangered Gospel: How Fixing the World is Killing the Church* by John Nugent. The author’s primary claim is that the church, especially in America, has taken on a responsibility that we have not been given, that of saving the world. Just as ultimately it is God who produces fruitful growth, ultimately it is God who is going to save the world at the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Here are some questions for each of our churches to ponder at the beginning of this new time before the time of Jesus’ second coming and the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth:

1. What are some old things that we were doing before the pandemic that don’t fit

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with our primary responsibilities of loving God, loving others and making disciples of Jesus that we need to let go of?

2. What are some new things that we have discovered

during the pandemic that fit with God's primary callings on our lives that we want to continue and/or expand?

3. Who might God be sending us to in our community to

share the Good News of Jesus with in words and deeds, to serve and build relationships with, while we leave the new growth to Him? ■

Baptism workshop to feature conversation between denominations

Ohio Conference and Central District Conference are hosting a free workshop featuring ecumenical conversation about baptism on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Columbus Mennonite Church.

"Believe and Be Baptized: Conversations on a 500-year Tradition" will be led by John D. Roth, a history professor at Goshen College. This workshop is open to all in the Ohio Conference.

Recently, representatives of the Mennonite World Conference,

the Lutheran World Federation, and the Roman Catholic Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity explored many questions related to baptism in a groundbreaking five-year ecumenical conversation. **This workshop will introduce participants to this Trilateral Dialogue and invite Mennonite participants to come to a deeper understanding of baptism through conversations with each other and with local Lutheran and Catholic clergy.**



Lunch will be served. There is no charge for this workshop, but registration is required.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/Believe-BeBaptized>. ■

Songs & Salsa to benefit Open Arms

Save the date: Open Arms Hispanic Ministries will hold its annual Songs & Salsa fundraising event on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church, 3363 Zuercher Road, Dalton.

Tortilla chips will be served with a variety of salsas and dips. The group Renacer from Goshen, Indiana, will provide music. A freewill offering will be

taken to benefit Open Arms Hispanic Ministries. For more information about this event, email kara@openarmshispanicministry.org. ■

RESOURCE CORNER

Resources offer responses to pandemic challenges

By Ann Leaman
Ohio Conference
Resource Advocate

This month I would like to highlight two resources, one primarily for pastors and one for families.



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PRACTICAL TOOLS
for the POST-COVID CHURCH

WHAT NOW?

MennoMedia is offering the **“What Now?”** series designed specifically for pastors as they navigate the challenges and opportunities that have emerged as a result of the global pandemic. In August, September, and October subscribers are receiving an email every other week with links to practical resources, worship helps, downloadable PDFs, shareable images, a mini-series of [-ing podcasts](#), and more.

“What Now” offers practical resources in each of the following areas: Worship, Connection, Faith Formation, Sustaining Leaders, Community Engagement, and Navigating Polarization. Go to <https://bit.ly/WhatNowSignup> to sign up to

receive these free resources, or download them from the MennoMedia website at <https://www.mennomedia.org/what-now>.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE

From Mennonite Church USA — The Faith Formation ministry of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has released a new interactive devotional card deck for families called **“Pause: Play, Breathe, Pray.”** This resource was developed by a Faith Formation cohort made up of six Mennonite pastors and lay leaders and led by Shana Peachey Boshart, the denominational minister for faith formation.

The deck consists of 40 reflection cards, with instructions and tips for use. The cards contain prompts for the individual or family to use to reflect on their feelings and attitudes, as well as scripture. Many of the cards include physical or creative activities, such as taking a walk or drawing a picture.

In May 2020, Peachey Boshart began to offer [Faith Formation coaching cohorts](#) to help youth and children’s ministry workers grapple with the difficulties of caring for youth during the COVID-19 pandemic. Peachey Boshart said these cohorts were very popular; during 2020, she led seven cohorts, each made up of six people. As the five-week cohorts ended, it



became clear that one cohort wished to continue meeting to create a resource to help families reset and connect with each other and God during difficult times.

“This cohort wanted to create a resource to equip parents, many of whom had unexpectedly found themselves home with their children 24/7 during the pandemic, with a tool that somehow addressed the stress and responsibility that they were under, while also offering faith formation for both the parents and the children together,” said Peachey Boshart. She went on to say, “We intend for the deck to be useable by people of all ages. Of course, some cards are written with children in mind, but we think that most cards can appeal to anyone.”

To purchase a copy of the “Pause: Play, Breathe, Pray” card deck, visit the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) bookstore at <https://bit.ly/AMBSDevotionalCards>. Cost is \$10 plus shipping. ■

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Central Christian remains focused on its mission



Some scenes from Central Christian School in Kidron: Top left: Seniors volunteer at Habitat for Humanity in Wayne County. Top right: Renovations of the facility are continuing as part of a \$4.1 million capital campaign. Bottom: Fall sports, including soccer, have begun.

Following a challenging 2020-21 school year, Central Christian School in Kidron is focusing on fulfilling its mission of developing Christian leaders. “Central Christian is on task with the mission of growing Christian leaders who know Christ and make Christ known,” said Interim Head Administrator Terry Shue. The staff is committed to that mission and to doing it through an Anabaptist lens, he said.

There are many positive signs as the new school year begins, Shue noted. Student enrollment is equal to last year. In addition, he said, “Our renovations are going forward, and we will be close to debt-free by the time it’s done. The teachers are loyal and flexible and working through this hard year.” The school year has begun with lots of activity, including a service retreat for the senior class.

Renovation of the facility is continuing, even as classes have

begun. Contractors estimate that all work will be complete by the end of October. Supply chain issues have slowed down some of the work, creating long wait times for items such as brick, carpet, and the steel for the outside awning.

Some classes are being held across the road at Kidron Mennonite Church for the first few weeks until classroom renovations are complete. “The renovation is already being seen in ways in the hallways. So there’s a lot of positive energy, but it’s a complex time because 65 kids are across the street,” said Shue, who expressed thanks for Kidron Mennonite’s willingness to offer classroom space.

Funding for the renovation is coming from a \$4.1 million capital campaign. Shue, who also serves as Central’s director of development, reported that the campaign has raised \$3.6 million already, leaving about \$500,000 to be raised. “We’re hoping to close that gap by the time the

renovation is finished,” he said.

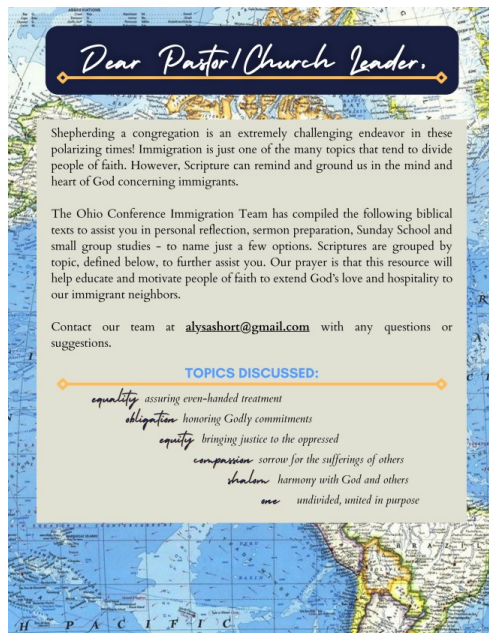
Those interested in seeing Central’s renovations will have a chance to do so on Oct. 8 when Central will hold a community celebration day. The day will include athletic events and a meal, as well as the chance for people to view the building renovations.

One ongoing challenge for the Central Christian community is the continuing rise in the number of COVID-19 cases in the state of Ohio. In response the school is recommending the wearing of masks and recommending vaccines for those who

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Immigration Resource Team shares resources

“A Biblical Guide to Immigration” looks at scriptures related to a variety of topics: equality, obligation, equity, compassion, shalom, and one (unity). This guide is available online at <https://bit.ly/BiblicalGuideTo-Immigration>.



The Ohio Conference Immigration Resource Team is continuing its work of raising awareness and sharing resources related to immigration.

SCRIPTURE RESOURCE

This summer, the Immigration Resource Team released a resource titled “A Biblical Guide to Immigration.” This guide, which includes a

compilation of scriptures related to immigration, is suitable for both personal and congregational use.

“A Biblical Guide to Immigration” includes scriptures grouped by topic, and it is intended for use in sermons and in Sunday school classes, as well as for personal reflection. A copy of this guide is available at <https://bit.ly/BiblicalGuideToImmigration> and on the “Immigration” page of the Ohio Conference website (<https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/resources/immigration>).

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February 18-19, 2022

This retreat is for any woman already in leadership, who feels a call to leadership, or who would like to explore leadership further. Ohio Conference encourages you to tap women of any age from your congregation to participate in this retreat.

St. Francis Spirituality Center
Tiffin, Ohio

Registration information will be available this fall.

Women in Leadership Retreat

With input by: Rebecca Slough
Academic Dean and Professor of
Worship and the Arts Emerita
at AMBS

Central Christian

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are eligible for vaccination. The school is also following all COVID protocols mandated by the state of Ohio.

In 2020-21 the school faced difficulties dealing with COVID-19 and experienced conflicts which resulted in the resignation of Superintendent Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi. Shue notes

that the conflicts experienced last year were not unique to Central Christian. "The problem didn't start at Central. It was just the local expression of the political tensions and the race issues of the polarized political climate that we're in," said Shue.

Moving forward, one of the goals of Central Christian's Board of Trustees is to work at relationships, despite the polarization in the surrounding culture. "Our commitment to the Board is to work on those areas of relationships, internal and external," said Shue. ■

Immigration

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IMMIGRATION WEBINAR

If you are interested in learning more about the reasons why some people are migrating to Ohio, consider participating in a webinar on Nov. 4. This webinar, titled "Terror and Loss — War in Guatemala," will feature **Maria Garcia** from Eastern Michigan University. She will discuss the civil war in Guatemala and how it started the migration of Mayan refugees to the U.S. and Tuscarawas County. This free webinar will take place on Nov. 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. To register online, please go to <https://bit.ly/Nov4ImmigrationWebinar>.

Dan King of the Immigration Resource Team says, "Having heard Maria Garcia in person twice, I know this will be a very informative time! She has visited Guatemala numerous times and has done considerable research to discover the dynamics behind the many Guatemalans moving into our area." ■

BICENTENNIAL

SONNENBERG MENNONITE CHURCH CELEBRATING OUR 200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2021

Two hundred years have passed since the Sonnenberg congregation was formally organized in 1821, in Wayne County, Ohio, and the congregation is planning to celebrate these years of God's faithfulness with a weekend of fun, fellowship and thanksgiving this Fall on September 24-26, 2021. Activities are being planned for Friday evening through Sunday lunch. The event is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. Former members and attendees are especially encouraged to attend.

The schedule includes:

Friday	7:00 pm	Sing-a-long at the former Church building at Sonnenberg Village (13497 Hackett Rd.)
Saturday	3:00 pm	Kids Festival (fun for all ages)
	3:00 pm	Displays in the church foyer
	5:00 pm	Hot dog roast and ice cream
	5:00-7:30 pm	Activities for all ages (Scavenger hunt, history quiz, etc.)
	6:00 pm	Guided tour of the church cemetery (Hear interesting stories of characters from the past)
	7:30 pm	Informal gathering in the sanctuary (Sharing by former pastors, school memories, etc.)
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship service in the sanctuary: Guest Speaker - Anna Ressler
	9am-Noon	Displays in the church foyer
	Noon	Lunch



All activities will take place at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church (14367 Hackett Road) unless otherwise noted. Plans for the weekend are subject to change as needed to accommodate the weather.

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ABOUT PEOPLE

Eastern Mennonite University

Fourteen students, including two from Ohio Conference congregations, participated in EMU's Washington Community Scholars' Center summer program. Back row, from left: Lene Andrawas, Jaden Jones, Philip Krabill, Sara Beth Mumbauer, Ignacio Ocaranza, Chris Simmons. Middle: Kayley Scottlind, Tessa Waidelich, Matthew Troyer, Billy Quinn, Lesly Garcia. Front: Lexi Beard, Myles Crawley, Terry Jones and WCSC director Professor Ryan Good. (Photo by Jamie Reich)



Two recent graduates of Eastern Mennonite University who are from Ohio Conference congregations spent the summer in Washington, D.C., completing internships through the Washington Community Scholars' Center (WCSC). The center, located in D.C. since 1976, is a program of Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) and open to students from Bethel College in Kansas, Bluffton University in Ohio, and Goshen College in Indiana.

Matthew Troyer and Tessa Waidelich, both 2021 graduates

of EMU, completed internships in Washington, D.C., during the summer. The summer WCSC group included 14 students.

Matthew Troyer of Holmes County, Ohio, earned a degree in biochemistry from EMU. His home congregation is Berlin Mennonite Church. He was an intern at [Christ House](#), a residential medical facility that provides comprehensive healthcare for sick homeless persons in the city. Troyer's responsibilities were to provide companionship for patients, escort them to and from appoint-

ments, raise funds, and communicate with donors.

Speaking prior to his internship, he said, "I anticipate that understanding the health implications of homelessness and better understanding some of the social determinants of health will be my most significant learning experience," he said.

Tessa Waidelich of Pettisville, Ohio, earned a degree in computer science from EMU. Her home congregation is West Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon. She was an intern at [Community IT Innovators](#), which provides technological support for nonprofit organizations. For her internship, she did computer system maintenance and "playing with firewalls." Speaking prior to her internship, she said, "It sounds like I'll be getting a little bit of everything. I will be working directly with one of Community IT's clients on site. It is a public charter school, and I will be setting up new computers for the upcoming school year." ■

Everence

Four students from Ohio Conference congregations have received Everence Financial® scholarships to help with their college expenses. Each of these students received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Danielle King of Wauseon is attending Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio. Her home congregation is Tedrow Mennonite Church in Wauseon.



Joel Kornhaus of Fredericksburg is attending Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. His home congregation is Martins Mennonite Church in Orrville.



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Austin Zuercher of Wooster is attending Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana. His home congregation is Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron.



Emily Daniels of Wooster is attending Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. Her home congregation is Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron.



Danielle, Joel, Austin, and Emily are among 45 recipients of Everence college scholarships

for the 2021-2022 academic year. The scholarship program encourages students to explore the integration of faith and finances while helping them on their educational journeys.

More than 200 students from across the country applied for scholarships this year. Recipients were chosen based on participation and leadership in school-related and community activities, along with responses to an essay question. ■

KIDRON, Ohio — **Kara Hochstetler** recently was named branch manager for Everence® Federal Credit Union in Kidron, according to Bruce Breckbill, Everence Managing Director for Northeast Ohio.



Hochstetler has 13 years of banking experience and has

served as a customer service representative, head vault teller and training specialist for new employees.

As branch manager, she will lead efforts to coordinate banking services offered by the credit union and help provide related services to meet members' needs. Everence is located at 4136 Kidron Road in Kidron.

"I'm looking forward to meeting more of our members and helping them with their banking

needs," Hochstetler said. "With our many products and services, we're equipped to help people make financial decisions that reflect their faith and values."

About Everence: Everence is a faith-based financial services organization with local offices in Hartsville and Kidron, Ohio. For more information, call 800-986-9988 or visit

www.everence.com/northeastohio. ■

Being the church — challenge and calling

The latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast podcast features an interview with Conference Minister Dick Barrett. Hosts Corben Weaver Boshart and Ramon Lianez talk with Dick about challenges facing the church today. Dick notes that he has been encouraged to view challenges as opportunities. "God has called us in this time for a specific reason," he says.

Listen to this episode to hear more of the conversation, including a call to focus on the great commandments to love God and neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39), and the Great Commission.

You can listen to this podcast on [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Google Podcasts](#) or find it on the Ohio



with hosts Corben Weaver Boshart and Ramon Lianez

Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceCast>. ■

Conference Calendar

SEPT

- 16 Leadership Team Meeting, online via Zoom
- 24-26 Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Bicentennial Celebration, Sonnenberg Mennonite, Kidron
- 24-25 Women's Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 30 Prepare/Enrich Training for Pastors, Salem Mennonite Church, Kidron

OCT

- 10 Songs and Salsa, Open Arms Hispanic Ministries, Fundraiser, Salem Mennonite, Kidron
- 15-17 Youth Worker Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 19 Prepare/Enrich Training for Pastors, West Clinton Mennonite Church, Wauseon
- 19 Fall Cluster Meeting, Beech Mennonite Church, Louisville
- 21 Ministry Development Team Meeting, online meeting
- 21 Fall Cluster Meeting, Bethel Mennonite Church, West Liberty
- 28 Fall Cluster Meeting, Lockport Mennonite Church, Stryker
- 29-30 Mother-Daughter Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

NOV

- 2 Fall Cluster Meeting, Orrville Mennonite Church
- 6 Believe and Be Baptized Workshop, Columbus Mennonite Church
- 8 Fall Cluster Meeting, online Zoom meeting
- 12-14 Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Mills Park Hotel, Yellow Springs

FEB 2022

- 18-19 Women in Leadership Retreat, St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin

MAR

- 3-5 Missional Conference and Annual Conference Assembly, Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold

tist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. The theme of this conference will be "Land: Loss, Connection and Imagination." The event will be offered in a hybrid format; some elements will be available only to in-person participants, and some will be available to participants joining via livestream. See <https://bit.ly/2021RootedandGrounded> for details.

Camp Luz in Kidron will hold a Women's Retreat Sept. 24-25. This event will follow personal retreat format. Each woman will have her own room, unless requesting to share with a family member. Prayer stations and a simple devotional will be provided, but participants are welcome to use their own devotional resources if they like. The loose structure for this retreat allows for women to move at their own pace and invites participants to rest in God's presence. Three meals will be provided on Saturday, and a snack station will be available throughout the retreat. For more information, please see the camp website: <https://www.camluz.com/womens-retreat.html>. ■

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For more Ohio Conference news, visit the Ohio Conference website: ohiomennoniteconference.org

Back page briefings...

Registration is open for the fifth Rooted and Grounded Conference

on Land and Christian Discipleship, which will be held Oct. 14-16 at Anabap-