

Conference Calendar

FEB

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

MAR

3-4 Missional Conference, Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold

4-5 Annual Conference Assembly, Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold

8 Youth Worker Seminar, online

15 Youth Worker Seminar, online

15 Open Arms Hispanic Ministries Taco Tuesday Fundraiser, Kidron Community Park, Kidron

22 Youth Worker Seminar, online

APR

12 Youth Worker Seminar, online

19 Youth Worker Seminar, online

22-23 Ohio MCC Comforter Bash, Kidron Community Park Recreation Building, Kidron

26 Youth Worker Seminar, online

MAY

3 Enneagram Workshop for Pastors, location TBD

10 Youth Worker Seminar, online

17 Youth Worker Seminar, online

24 Youth Worker Seminar, online

27-30 Mennonite Church USA Special Delegate Assembly, Kansas City, Missouri

JUL

5-10 Indonesia 2022, Mennonite World Conference Assembly 17, Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia, and online

NOV

4-6 Pastors' Wives Retreat, St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin



New regional pastor appointed

It is with much anticipation and excitement that the Ohio Conference Leadership Team announces the appointment of Sherah-Leigh Gerber to serve as regional pastor – east. Many people will remember Sherah-Leigh from when she served as our coordinator of volunteers from 2009 to 2014, prior to moving to Harrisonburg, Virginia.

While in Virginia, she was the associate pastor for worship, discipleship and care at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church from 2015 to 2021. Along with her time in Ohio Conference, Sherah-Leigh also has previous administrative experience with Virginia Mennonite Missions and Virginia Mennonite Conference. Her gifting and skills are a lovely blend of warmth, pastoral sensitivity and genuine care for people combined with excellent administrative skills, a strong desire for collaboration, and the ability to see the bigger picture.

Sherah-Leigh has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Congregational and Youth



Ministry from Eastern Mennonite College and a Master of Divinity degree from Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

Sherah-Leigh, her husband, B.J., and their two children (Anna, age 10, and Titus, age 8) reside in Apple Creek, Ohio. She will start in the regional pastor position on March 1 to help us prepare for Ralph Reinford's retire-

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*Supporting
healthy, growing
congregations*

March 8, 15, 22

April 12, 19, 26

May 10, 17, 24

7:00-8:15 p.m.

Jesus as Model

Youth Ministry Reimagined

Are you a **youth worker**? Could you use some **encouragement and support**? Then join Ohio Conference during the months of March, April and May as they offer **FREE online seminars** for youth workers to engage with leaders while learning from each other. Participants will be supported and encouraged in their important, yet challenging, role as youth leader.

Participants will have the opportunity to connect with other youth workers from around Conference and to share their stories of successes and challenges.

Register at
www.ohiomennoniteconference.org

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Free youth worker seminars planned

Ohio Conference is offering a series of **free** online seminars for youth workers during March, April and May. "Jesus as Model: Youth Ministry Reimagined" is the theme of this series, which will feature a variety of presenters.

In addition to hearing from presenters, seminar participants will be able to connect with other youth workers from around the Conference to share stories of their successes and challenges.

Workshops will be offered from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on nine Tuesdays: March 8, 15 and 22, April 12, 19 and 26, and May 10, 17 and 24. Youth workers can choose to attend just a few individual seminars, or they can attend the entire series.

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2022YouthWorkerSeminars>.

See the opposite page for a schedule of seminar topics.

Regional pastor

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ment on March 31. Please join us March 4-5 at our Annual Conference Assembly at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, Ohio, as we honor

Ralph for his many years of pastoral service in Ohio Conference and welcome Sherah-Leigh as our new regional pastor.

Conference minister reappointed

In January the Ohio Conference Leadership Team reappointed Conference Minister Dick Barrett to another three-year term as conference minister.

Interim Conference Moderator Paula Snyder Belousek said that the Leadership Team expressed a strong affirmation of Dick's ministry and the

excellent work he has done to build relationships and to stabilize the Conference after several years without a permanent conference minister.



Youth worker seminar topics

Date	Topic
March 8	Jesus Focused: The Time is Now (Philippians 3:7-14)
March 15	Program vs. Discipleship
March 22	Prayer/Spiritual Practices — How do we stay in tune with the Spirit?
April 12	God's Word Central — Why the Bible?
April 19	Leadership Development
April 26	Cross-Generational Discipleship/Mentoring
May 10	Authentic/Intentional Relationships: Agreeing to disagree; unity; dialogue celebrating diversity
May 17	Jesus Meeting Us Where We're At
May 24	Go — Obedience to the Father and Our Calling: Matthew 28