

# Conference Calendar

## JUN

- 15 Congregational Pastors' Gathering, Der Dutchman Restaurant, Plain City
- 23 Leadership Team Meeting, online

## JUL

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

## AUG

- 5-6 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster
- 18 Ministry Development Team Meeting, online
- 23 Consultant Meeting with Credentialed Pastors, Upper Sandusky Library

## SEPT

- 6 Mentor/Mentee Retreat for Pastors, St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin

## NOV

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

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## Ministry Grants fund local projects

Is your congregation looking for ways to fund a ministry that impacts your community? **Aug. 1** is the deadline to submit a grant proposal to the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT). The MDT is accepting proposals from Conference congregations and related organizations for projects and mission initiatives. The MDT has **\$15,225** available for grants in 2022.

Since 2012 the MDT has awarded grants each summer. Over the years, the Ministry Development Team has approved grants funding a variety of missions, including community gardens, a homework help program, a variety of workshops, and a video series on racial reconciliation, among many others. To learn more about these grants from previous years, see <http://bit.ly/OCMinistryGrants>.

Please note that this is a one-time grant. Grant monies are not intended to be used for staffing. Grant pro-



posals are due by **Aug 1, 2022**. The Ministry Development Team will consider all grant proposals at its **Aug. 18** meeting.

More information and an online application are on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OCMinistryGrants>.

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## Leadership Team releases statement regarding MC USA Special Delegate Assembly

The Ohio Conference Leadership Team has released a statement regarding the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Special Delegate Assembly, which took place May 27-30 in Kansas City, Missouri.

As part of the statement, the Leadership Team said, “In the coming weeks we will do our best to provide accurate facts and information, to answer questions you might have, and to try to understand how these actions will affect our conference and congregations as we move forward together.”

The entire Leadership Team statement is posted on the Ohio Conference website: <https://bit.ly/6-22LTStatement>.

*From the  
Leadership Team*



For more details about the MC USA Special Delegate Assembly, see the news release from MC USA at <https://bit.ly/5-22MCUSASpecialAssemblyReport>. A report about the Assembly is also on the Anabaptist World website: <https://bit.ly/5-22MCUSASpecialAssembly>.

## How accessible is your congregation?

Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) is now offering a Congregational Assessment Survey, a tool intended to help your congregation assess its level of accessibility to persons with various disabilities, including mental illness.

Regarding this assessment tool, ADN says, “Our two goals are to **celebrate progress** you are

already making and to **provide additional suggestions** to increase your accessibility.”

You can learn more and use this tool by visiting the ADN website: <https://bit.ly/ADNSurvey>.



## Welcoming EveryBODY initiative celebrates gifts of those with disabilities

ELKHART, Indiana (Mennonite Church USA) — Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), in partnership with Anabaptist Disabilities Network, has launched “Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY,” an initiative that celebrates the many gifts that people with disabilities bring to our church communities. During May and June, MC USA is seeking to engage people in this initiative by offer-

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ing resources, prayers and ways to care for one another and to address issues of accessibility in the church.

To learn more, see the MC USA website: <https://bit.ly/WelcomingEveryBODY>.

## Visio divina combines images with scripture

CommonWord, a collaboration of Mennonite Church Canada and Canadian Mennonite University, is offering a new free resource called the Visio Divina Project.

This online resource includes a collection of visual images combined with scripture. The Visio Divina Project is inspired by Ruth Boehm, a pastor and photographer. Boehm invites us to “see with our own heart” using the practice of visio divina, a personal reflective exercise with image and scripture. You may use her photos and biblical selections as your devotional guide, as an encouragement note for a friend, as a backdrop for worship, or even as an example of a practice you might en-



gage with your own camera and Bible.

In addition to the scripture photos, a guide on visio divina is available. To see more or to download, go to <https://bit.ly/VisioDivinaProject>.