

# Conference Calendar

## APR

21-22 Ohio MCC Comforter Bash, Kidron Community Park, Kidron

## JUN

18 Social Justice Sunday

18-24 Sharon Mennonite Work Camp, Plain City

## JUL

3-6 MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA convention, Kansas City, Missouri

7-8 Mennonite Church USA delegate assembly, Kansas City, Missouri

7-8 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, Mount Hope Event Center, Millersburg

15-16 Ohio MCC Bike Ride, London, Ohio

## NOV

10-12 Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Deer Creek State Park Lodge, Mt. Sterling, Ohio

## Registration is open for MennoCon23

Online registration is open for MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's (MC USA) leading faith formation event, at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-6, 2023. Registration is also open for the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, and

the Delegate Assembly, July 7-8. Please see the MC USA website for more information and a registration link: <https://bit.ly/MennoCon23Registration>. The MC USA website also has resources for delegates: <https://bit.ly/2023MCUSADelegateResources>.

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## Ohio MCC Bike Ride to raise funds for MCC peace projects

This July a group of bike riders in Ohio will be raising funds for Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) peace projects.

Participants in the Ohio MCC Bike Ride will be riding 100 miles on the

Ukraine while riding in northeast Ohio. This year, organizers of the ride hope to raise \$8,000 for MCC peace projects.

Prairie Grass Trailhead, located at 262 West High St., London, Ohio, will be

## Ohio MCC Bike Ride



Ohio to Erie Trail July 15-16, using the London, Ohio, trailhead as a starting point on both days. Riders will head north toward Columbus one day, and head south toward Cedarville on the other, riding about 50 miles each day.

In 2022 participants in the Ohio MCC Bike Ride raised more than \$6,000 for MCC's emergency response work in

the staging grounds for the ride and the overnight camping location. Restrooms are available as well as a primitive shower. Riders are also free to make other arrangements for overnight lodging.

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## Ohio MCC Comforter Bash set for April 21-22

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) will hold the second annual Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, in the recreation building at the Kidron Community Park, 4434 Kidron Road, Kidron.

Everyone is invited to knot comforters for Mennonite Central Committee at this event. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. MCC will distribute the comforters

to people in need around the world.

The Comforter Bash will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 21, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. This is a drop-in event; volunteers are invited to come and go as their schedules allow.



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To register to participate in the Ohio MCC Bike Ride, go to <https://bit.ly/OhioMCCBikeRideRegister>.

To donate toward the fundraising goal, go to <https://bit.ly/OhioMCCBikeRideDonate>. If you would like to donate by check, please make the check payable to MCC with 2023 Ohio MCC Bike Ride in the memo line.

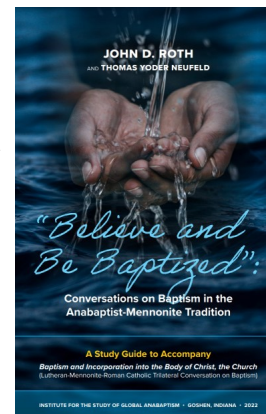


A note about the location: The Ohio to Erie Trail stretches from the Ohio River in Cincinnati to Lake Erie in Cleveland. To learn more about the Ohio to Erie Trail, see <https://www.ohioerietrail.org>.

## Free study guide now available

*Believe and Be Baptized*, a free study guide about baptism, is now available for Ohio Conference congregations. The study guide was produced by the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism (ISGA).

Written by John D. Roth in collaboration with Tom Yoder Neufeld, the study guide reflects on topics discussed during the Lutheran-Mennonite-Roman Catholic Trilateral Conversation on Baptism. *Believe and Be Baptized* offers accessible descriptions of the histories of baptism; explanations of the significance of baptism in the different traditions; questions for reflection; and prayers.



The booklet was designed to be used in Sunday school classes or with small groups, but it could also be adapted to other congregational settings. A digital version of the study guide is available online at <https://www.goshen.edu/isga/publications>.

Thanks to a grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, the

ISGA is able to provide these study guides in bulk to Anabaptist conferences and congregations, free of cost. If you would like to order printed copies, you may order them online (in groups of 10) at <https://bit.ly/BaptismStudyGuide>. Please note that the study guide is available in both English and Spanish.

## Celebrate Social Justice Sunday June 18

Grace & Groundings, Ohio Conference's racial reconciliation resource team, is inviting all Ohio Conference churches to set aside **Sunday, June 18, as Social Justice Sunday**, in recognition of Juneteenth the following day. (If June 18 does not work well for your congregation, please consider setting aside a different Sunday as Social Justice Sunday.) The theme for

this year's Sunday is race as it relates to freedom. The team has prepared worship planning resources to help guide your planning. May these resources be helpful as you and your congregation learn, reflect and act in relation to racial reconciliation. Resources are available at <https://bit.ly/2023SocialJusticeSunday>.

