

Conference Calendar

OCT

- 12 Leadership Team and Ministry Development Team Meeting , Upper Sandusky

NOV

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

JAN

2024

- 9 Winter Delegate Cluster Meeting, location TBA
- 11 Winter Delegate Cluster Meeting, location TBA
- 16 Winter Delegate Cluster Meeting, location TBA
- 18 Winter Delegate Cluster Meeting, location TBA
- 22 Winter Delegate Cluster Meeting, online

FEB

- 2-3 Women in Leadership Retreat, Lial Renewal Center, Whitehouse, Ohio

MAR

- 1-2 Annual Conference Assembly, Sharon Mennonite Church, Plain City

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‘Finding Your Voice’ to be theme of Women in Leadership Retreat

“Finding Your Voice” will be the theme of the 2024 Women in Leadership Retreat sponsored by the Ohio Conference. This retreat will take place Feb. 2-3 at the Lial Renewal Center in

Whitehouse, Ohio. It is intended for women who want to explore possibilities for using their gifts in church leadership, as well as for women who are already currently serving in pastoral or congregational roles.

Retreat planners are encouraging **each** Ohio Conference congregation to send **at least one** woman to this retreat.

The retreat will explore what it means for women to lead as their authentic selves and to claim the fullness of their identity as leaders created in the



image of God. Participants will lay aside ill-fitting models of leadership and address the challenges that many women face as they develop their gifts and callings as leaders.

The speaker for this retreat will be Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, dean of lifelong learning and DMin program director of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana.

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Supporting
healthy, growing
congregations

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

A reminder from the Credentialing Ministry Team of Ohio Mennonite Conference: **October is Pastor Appreciation Month**. We encourage you and your congregation to find ways to honor and show appreciation for your pastor.

Are you ready to express your appreciation to your pastor but don't know exactly what would be most welcome? Quite a few websites offer Pastor Appreciation Month ideas. Just be aware that many of those making suggestions are also promot-



ing products of their own. Here is a link to one set of ideas that is product promotion-free: <https://samaritanministries.org/blog/pastor-appreciation-2022>.

Mission-focused videos now on website

Ohio Conference now has a series of mission-focused videos on the Conference website. These videos, originally designed for a missional workshop, are available for your use. The following videos are included:

- Matt Pritchard — Considerations for Emerging Faith Communities
- Wild Church — Innovation/Creative Church
- Planting Piedra Viva Mennonite — Partnership



- Homestead Mennonite Church Experience — Revitalization

For more information and links to these videos, see the Conference website: <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/gathered-and-sent/missional-workshop-videos>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Following Jesus Together
with a Common Mission

with input by
Meghan Good

Philippians 2:5-11

Ohio Conference
Annual Conference Assembly
March 1-2, 2024

Sharon Mennonite Church
Plain City, Ohio

This event is for
EVERYONE in the
congregation!

ACA will begin on Friday
MORNING and conclude on
Saturday afternoon.

This event is open to EVERYONE, not just delegates. Meghan will be presenting on her upcoming book *Divine Gravity: Sparking a Movement to Recover a Better Christian Story*.

Plan now to attend! Registration information will be available in January.

Women in Leadership

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Cost of the retreat is \$85 per person, which covers three meals, lodging and retreat fees. Registration is due by **Jan. 12**.

Please visit the Ohio Conference website to download a retreat brochure with more information or to register:
www.ohiomennoniteconference.org.