

# Conference Calendar

## JAN 2024

- 9 Winter Delegate Cluster Meeting, Tedrow Mennonite Church, Wauseon
- 11 Winter Delegate Cluster Meeting, Beech Mennonite Church, Louisville
- 11 Ohio Conference Winter Read, online
- 16 Winter Delegate Cluster Meeting, Crown Hill Mennonite Church, Rittman
- 18 Winter Delegate Cluster Meeting, Oak Grove Mennonite Church, West Liberty
- 18 Ohio Conference Winter Read, online
- 22 Winter Delegate Cluster Meeting, online

## FEB

- 1 Ohio Conference Winter Read, online
- 2-3 Women in Leadership Retreat, Lial Event Center, Whitehouse, Ohio
- 8 Ohio Conference Winter Read, online
- 15 Ohio Conference Winter Read, online

## MAR

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

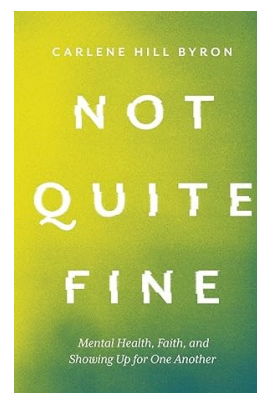
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For more information about the Ohio Conference, see the Conference website: [www.ohiomennoniteconference.org](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org)  
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## Winter Read to focus on mental health

**You're invited: Join us for the Ohio Conference Winter Read.** This winter Ohio Conference will once again hold a Conference-wide book study using the Zoom videoconferencing platform. We will be studying [Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith and Showing Up for One Another](#), a book by Carlene Hill Byron. Discussion leaders will be Emiley Shenk and Darin Nissley.



Winter Read discussion sessions will take place on Zoom on Thursday evenings, beginning Jan. 11 and concluding Feb. 15. Sessions will begin at

6:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. **Please note: There will be NO discussion on Jan. 25.**

Registration is free, but participants need to purchase their own copy of the book. It is available on the MennoMedia website: <https://bit.ly/NotQuiteFine>. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEventRegistration>. To download a flyer with Winter Read details, go to <https://bit.ly/2024WinterReadFlyer>.

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## ACA speaker reflects on our view of God

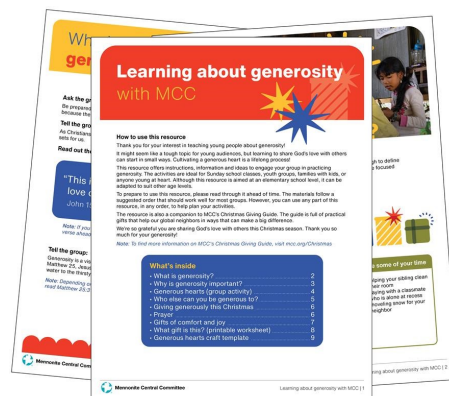
Meghan Larissa Good will be the keynote speaker at the 2024 Annual Conference Assembly in March. In a recent blog post on the Mennonite Church USA website, she shared how, amid the changes that churches underwent



during the COVID-19 pandemic, many churches began to view God in a transformational way — they began to notice that God looks like Jesus. Read her reflections online at <https://bit.ly/GodLooksLikeJesus>.

## MCC resource teaches about generosity

Have you ever stopped to think about what it means to be generous? MCC has created an educational resource to help young people explore that question. It's full of instructions, activities and ideas that can be used for Sunday school classes, youth groups, families with kids or anyone young at heart. To download this resource, go to <https://mcc.org/learning-about-generosity-mcc>.



## CLC focuses on youth engagement

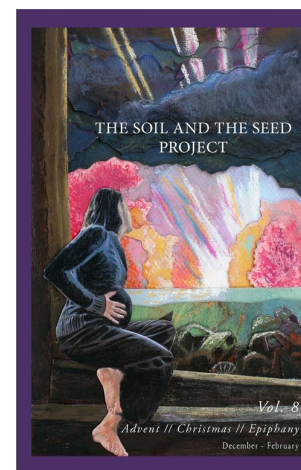
Mennonite Church USA's Constituency Leaders Council brainstormed strategies for strengthening youth engagement at its first meeting of the 2023-2025 biennium via Zoom on Oct. 27, 2023. To read a full report

of this meeting, including comments from Ohio Conference Moderator Ken Sims, see the MC USA news release: <https://bit.ly/CLC-YouthEngagement>.

## Download free Advent resources from The Soil and The Seed

If you are seeking ways to nurture faith at home during Advent, take a look at the new **free** resources available online at The Soil and The Seed Project: <https://bit.ly/SoilandSeedVol8>. Volume 8 of these faith formation resources, now available, is intended for use during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

The Soil and The Seed Project has



created “little liturgies” with downloadable music, art, prayers, scripture, and discussion prompts which can be used by individuals, families, or small communities. These resources are intended for daily and weekly use in people's homes.

The Soil and the Seed Project is made possible through partnership with Virginia Mennonite Missions ([www.vmmisions.org](http://www.vmmisions.org)) and the generosity of many individuals and communities.

## Advent at Home guide available now

The 2023 Advent at Home worship guide is now available from Mennonite Education Agency (MEA). Taken from *Leader* magazine's theme, “How will we know?” the worship guide accompanies individuals and families through the days and weeks of Advent through Epiphany with scriptures, prayers, worship rituals, suggested activities, and contextual information. It is available in English and Spanish and is intended for all ages and life stages to deepen

the experience of the season. To download, go to <https://bit.ly/AdventatHome>.

