Conference Calendar

APR

- 19 Youth Leader Workshop, Oak Grove Mennonite, West Liberty
- 26 Youth Leader Workshop, Central Mennonite, Archbold

ΜΑΥ

- 15-17 Latino Family Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
 - 16 Youth Leader Workshop, Midway Mennonite, Columbiana
 - 17 Youth Leader Workshop, Berlin Mennonite
 - 19 Mentor-Mentee Retreat for Pastors, Camp Mowana, Mansfield

JUN

- 7-8 New Pastor Orientation, Holmes County and Wayne County
- 30-July 5 KC 2015, Mennonite Church USA Convention, Kansas City, Mo.

JUL

21-26 Pennsylvania 2015, Mennonite World Conference Gathering, Harrisburg, Pa.

AUG

- 7-9 Girls' Jamboree, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 14-15 LEAD3D (Youth Leadership Project) Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

SEPT

18-20 Ohio Mennonite Women's Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

ΝΟΥ

13-15 Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat, Mohican State Park Lodge

FEB

- 5-6 Pastor-Elder Retreat, Widewater Retreat Center, Liberty Center, Ohio
- 12-13 LEAD3D (Youth Leadership Project) Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 19-20 Pastor-Elder Retreat, Comfort Inn, Millersburg, Ohio

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LEAD3D offers youth the chance to develop leadership skills

Do you know a young person in your congregation who shows leadership potential? During 2014-15 high school youth in Ohio Conference congregations will have a chance to learn more about leadership and develop leader-

ship skills by participating in LEAD3D, a youth leadership development program.

Over the

course of two weekend retreats, students from across Ohio will evaluate natural leadership tendencies, learn about principles of Christ-centered leadership and take steps toward discovering and developing a personal leadership style. An important component of LEAD3D is the opportunity for each youth to be discipled by a trusted mentor throughout the program.

High School juniors and seniors may be nominated by their congregation for consideration in this program. Students

LEAD3D Discover. Develop. Disciple.

will be paired with a mentor from their congregation to partner with.

Pairs will attend the Aug. 14-15, 2015, retreat where students will evaluate

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their spiritual and leadership gifts and skills. Each student will choose a project to lead and complete within their congregation. The cohort will meet again Feb. 12-13, 2016, for reflection and evaluation of their projects. Both retreats will take place at Camp Luz in Kidron.

The cost for LEAD3D is \$495 per participating pair.

Applications are due May 29, 2015. Each participant must complete an online application and have his or her mentor complete an online recommendation form. To learn more or to apply, go to

www.ohiomennoniteconference.org and click on "LEAD3D." Contact Judy King at the Ohio Conference office at ohmc@zoominternet.net or (330) 857-5421 if you have additional questions about the application process.

Thanks to Camp Luz, Hummel Group, Goshen College and Mennonite Health Services for partnering with Ohio Conference to make LEAD3D possible.



Ohio Conference first offered the LEAD3D youth leadership development program, at that time called the Youth Leadership Project, in 2013-14. One of the participants in that group was Rowan Miller of Berlin Mennonite Church. Above, members of Berlin Mennonite pack thanksgiving boxes as part of a service project which Rowan organized. To read more about his experience, see the story on the Ohio Conference website:

Pastors to learn about resources at New Pastor Orientation

Ohio Conference will hold a New Pastor Orientation June 7-8 in Wayne County and Holmes County. The purpose of the orientation is to help all pastors new to the Ohio Conference to feel connected and to understand the resources available to them.



Pastors new to Conference Minister Tom Kauffman (third from the left) the Ohio Conference and their spouses have been invited to participate in the orientation. Overnight accommodations are being provided by the Comfort Suites in Berlin.

During the orientation, the new pastors will tour the area. The tour will include a visit to the Ohio Conference office in Kidron, as well as a visit to MCC Connections in Kidron, where they will learn more about the material resource center, guilt room and thrift store, all of which

talks to new pastors and their families during a visit to the Ohio Conference office in Kidron which took place during New Pastor Orientation in 2012.

> raise funds to benefit the ministries of Mennonite Central Committee.

While the schedule for the orientation is still being finalized, other likely tour stops include Central Christian School and Camp Luz in Kidron, and the Behalt cyclorama at the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center located in Berlin. The pastors may also visit some other sites of interest in Holmes County.