

Ohio Annual Conference Assembly—Central Christian School in Kidron will host the 2017 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) of the Ohio Conference on March 24-25, 2017. “Who is my Neighbor?” will be the theme of the 2017 ACA. This theme is based on Luke 10:25-37.

A missional conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch will take place March 23-24 at Kidron Mennonite Church immediately prior to ACA.

All are welcome to attend the missional conference and the assembly even if you are not a delegate! You can register online at the Ohio Conference website—ohiomennoniteconference.org or you can contact the church office if you need hard copies of registration materials.

Who Is My Neighbor?
Luke 10: 25-37



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Love Step Prayer

Lord, give me time and energy to pay attention when you put me in front of someone so I can meet them with love where they are. Help us to learn from each other and walk together in a way that we can both grow closer to Christ.

Thank you notes from those we support

From Ohio MCC Activity Center MCC Connections Thrift Shop—Thank you for donating material resources (**18 comforters**) to Mennonite Central Committee through MCC Connections in 2016. Your donations bring support, comfort and a message of love to others around the world....I have personally participated in the distribution of ... items during an MCC term in Central America and Haiti....Your gifts send a message—you are not along....Thank you so much for your generosity. We look forward to your participation in this work in 2017. (Letter in its entirety is posted near the mailboxes.)

Blessings, Virgil Troyer, Director

From Mennonite Central Committee—In the Name of Christ. Thank you for giving \$1,636.68 to Mennonite Central Committee in 2016. Your gifts help change lives around the world. We couldn't do what we do without you! Last year, MCC's work in 54 countries in relief, development and peacebuilding involved 528 partners in 761 projects....Again, thank you for partnering with MCC to share God's love and compassion around the world. (Letter including stories is posted near the mailboxes.)

With gratitude, J Ron Byler, U.S. Executive Director

From Mennonite Church USA—Thank you for your gift of \$50 to Mennonite Church USA Executive Board

From the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale and Mennonite Central Committee—We very much appreciate the funds that are raised at the quilt auction to help MCC respond to basic needs and work for peace and justice around the world. **We thank each of you who are designing, piecing and quilting in preparation for the 2017 Relief Sale, and look forward to receiving your quilted items in June.** More information with forms to accompany your quilts, drop-off sites and dates will be coming in April! Happy Quilting! ~ The Quilt Committee/Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale (2017 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, August 4 & 5, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 199 Vanover Street, Wooster)

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Central Christian News

Student Visitation Day, Friday, March 3rd – Are you interested in experiencing the difference of Christ-centered education? We invite your child to spend a day with us on Friday, March 3rd. Experience chapel, meet our creative and caring faculty and staff, and lunch is on us! To schedule your visit for March 3rd or another date of your choosing, please contact Christina Lowe at ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org or (330) 857-7311.

Annual Auction: Saturday, March 4th – Breakfast at 7 a.m., Auction at 9 a.m. Mark your calendars and bring your friends. With a match of 200 percent, we guarantee this auction to be fun and successful. All dollars raised go toward Central's annual operating budget and mission of growing leaders and building the church. Now seeking creative and quality item donations from you! Print the Item Donation Form found on our website, www.CCSComets.org and return it to Joel Otto, Business Manager.

From Mennonite Central Committee

WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AS NEIGHBORS. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—"the other"—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ's call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can welcome immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by contacting the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for hearts of love toward one another.

MCC Borderlands Learning Tour: We welcome you to join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) on a learning tour designed to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. The learning tour will take place on May 24-28 in Arizona and will include crossing the border into Mexico. Attendees will also have the option to participate in the Migrant Trail walk following the tour. For more information, including a tentative schedule and online registration, visit mcc.org/get-involved/events/borderlands-migrant-trail-learning-tour-2017 or contact Jorge Vielman at JorgeVielman@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

From Mennonite Church USA

This summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention will feature a new way to involve high school youth representatives in the delegate sessions. Called "Step Up," the goal is to prepare young people who have an interest in being involved with the broader church for future involvement as denominational delegates and leaders. The program will include two interactive seminar sessions and attendance at and participation in delegate sessions. Conferences and constituency groups will be invited to nominate youth who are rising high school sophomores or older. For questions, contact Brook Musselman at brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net

Ark, Creation, Toyota, April 27-28, 2017—Rita Atkinson has scheduled a trip to Kentucky and Cincinnati. If interested, call Rita at 330-642-0237 or email at rjatkinson@zoominternet.net

From Rita: Join us for an informative two-day trip. On Thursday, we will travel to the Ark Encounter at Williamstown, KY and from there to the Toyota Plant tour in Georgetown. On Friday, we will visit the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY and from there will we go to the Krohns Conservatory Butterfly Show at Eden Park in Cincinnati, OH.

Please see itinerary and info sheet posted near mailboxes for more information.

Coming up in the month of May! A worship seminar is being planned by Oak Grove and Sonnenberg Mennonite Churches and will be held at Sonnenberg on Saturday, May 6th. The key resource person will be Rachel Miller Jacobs, associate professor of congregational formation at AMBS. More specific information will be forthcoming and fliers will be available at Ohio Conference Annual Conference Assembly at the end of March.