

Perspective



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MMN Day of Prayer is May 1

A message from Mennonite Mission Network: Pray with us, pray for us, and pray for our world! Help us celebrate Mennonite Mission Network's Day of Prayer on May 1 and join us in prayer for the mission and ministry of each person, congregation, conference and Mennonite Mission Network. Visit

www.MennoniteMission.net/DayOfPrayer for individual and congregational resources, including the following:

- *Prayer Vine*, a monthly prayer calendar
- A 24-hour prayer vigil sign-up sheet
- Sample prayer services
- Ideas about how to pray

Youth leadership program offered

In 2015-16 Ohio Conference is offering a leadership development experience for high school juniors and seniors called LEAD3D. 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. More information and on-line application materials are on the Ohio Conference website: www.ohiomennoniteconference.org. Click on "LEAD3D" to learn more or to apply. Applications are due **May 29**.

Mentor-Mentee Retreat planned in Mansfield

Ohio Conference will hold a Mentor-Mentee Retreat for Pastors May 19 at Camp Mowana in Mansfield. Terry Shue of Mennonite Church USA will be the input speaker. All retreat participants must turn in a completed Individual Information Form. If you plan to attend, please contact Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net or (330) 857-5421 as soon as possible. Registrations are due no later than **May 1**.

Mediation training offered in Pittsburgh

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will be offering a Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders May 11-15 at Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, 2018 South Braddock Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders provides 32 hours of training, which is useful for judicatory leaders, lay leaders,

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Teamwork perspective

Coming in 2016: Ohio Conference is planning pastor-elder retreats in February 2016. Pastor-elder teams will be able to attend the two-day retreat either Feb. 5-6 at Widewater Retreat Center in Liberty Center or Feb. 19-20 at the Comfort Inn in Millersburg.

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clergy, and pastors in transitional or interim ministry. This event serves as a continuing education opportunity, as well as for honing mediation and conflict transformation skills. A brochure with further information is included with this issue of *Perspective*. Go to <http://bit.ly/LMPCMSTI> to register online.

Sign up for New Pastor Orientation by April 17

Ohio Conference is planning a New Pastor Orientation June 7-8. If you are interested in attending, please contact Judy King at (330) 857-5421 or ohmc@zoominternet.net by **this Friday, April 17**.

Workshops for youth leaders have begun

Dr. Randy Keeler has begun holding workshops for youth leaders in various locations around the Conference. The following workshops remain:

- April 19 — Oak Grove Mennonite in West Liberty
- April 26 — Central Mennonite in Archbold
- May 16 — Midway Mennonite in Columbiana
- May 17 — Berlin Mennonite

Each workshop will begin at 2 p.m. and last about two hours. If you plan to attend one of these workshops, please contact Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net or (330) 857-5421 no later than one week prior to the workshop.

MCC Great Lakes gathering is May 1

Invitation from Mennonite Central Committee: Join us for the 2015 Celebrate MCC Great Lakes Annual Gathering on Friday, May 1, at Zion Mennonite Church (300 Short Buehrer Road in Archbold). Worship and fellowship with other MCC supporters, and hear updates on MCC's work both locally and around the world. Special guest speakers Deb and Jim Fine, recently returned MCC service workers in Iraq, will share stories from their experiences. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a soup meal, followed by the program at 7 p.m. RSVP to Matthew Tschetter at MatthewTschetter@mcc.org or (330) 601-6577. For more information, see mcc.org/celebrate-mcc-gl.

Healthcare gathering planned in July

How does your faith integrate with your studies and work in the healthcare field? Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) invites all healthcare workers, past, present, and future, and from medical, mental health, and chaplaincy professions, to come, along with their families, to its Annual Gathering 2015, July 19-21, 2015, in Harrisburg, Pa. Come to learn, fellowship, worship, network, and be encouraged in your Christian faith.

Annual Gathering is a family-friendly event with a children's program for ages 0-18. The theme is "Walking Together for Healthy Communities." Grants are available for students, volunteers, and those outside the U.S. and Canada. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/MHFGathering>, email info@mennohealth.org, or call toll-free to 1-888-406-3643.

Service perspective

Interested in connecting with Anabaptist churches from all over the world? An exciting new Serving and Learning Together (SALT) opportunity is available for a young adult to serve alongside Mennonite World Conference in Bogota, Colombia, as Web Communications Coordinator. Application closing date is May 1. More information about this year-long service opportunity is available at <http://bit.ly/MCCSALT>.

MWC perspective

Akron, Pa. — Part-time registration is now available for PA 2015, the Mennonite World Conference (MWC) Assembly slated for July 21-26 in Harrisburg, Pa., at the Farm Show Complex. The daily rate for adult registrants from the Global North is \$120 per day (for the days of July 22, 23, 24, or 25). See the Mennonite World Conference website for more information: <http://bit.ly/1Hk2cJ4>.

Perspective deadlines

May 4	for May 7 issue
May 18	for May 21 issue

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