

Perspective



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Register now for ACA 2017

Online registration is now open for the 2017 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) of the Ohio Conference. ACA will take place March 24-25 at Central Christian School in Kidron. The ACA theme, based on Luke 10:25-37, will be “Who is my Neighbor?”

The registration cost for ACA is \$30 per person. Please see <http://bit.ly/2017ACARegistration> for details.

Conference to feature Alan and Debra Hirsch

“Who is my Neighbor?” is also the theme for the upcoming Ohio Conference Missional Conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch. This two-day event will take place March 23-24 at Kidron Mennonite Church immediately prior to Annual Conference Assembly.

This missional conference will focus on a variety of topics:

- Inviting all people in so they feel that they have a place to just be and feel loved
- Leading with embrace rather than theology
- Respecting high standards while extending grace
- Engaging third places
- Christ and the Gospel as core for mission and church life

Cost for this event will be \$40 for Ohio Conference members attending Annual Conference Assembly, \$55 for other Ohio Conference members, and \$85 for non-Ohio Conference members. Participants ages 30 and younger will receive a half-price discount on the cost of registration. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2017MissionalConferenceRegistration>.

Everence plans clergy tax seminar

Everence is inviting all Ohio Conference pastors to participate in a clergy tax webinar with other pastors from around the country on Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 11:45 to 1:30 p.m. This webinar will take place via a Zoom conference call. Ohio pastors will meet in the conference room of the Everence building at 4136 Kidron Road, Kidron, Ohio. Lunch will be included.

Perspective: 1) The inter-relation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed. 2) Point of view; capacity to view things in their relative importance.

Meeting perspective

The third Year of Covenant Meeting for Pastors will take place Thursday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Toledo Mennonite Church. Pastors, please contact Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net or 330-857-5421 by **Wednesday, Jan. 25**, if you plan to attend.

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- Pastor(s)
 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
 - Duplicate for other church leaders
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The webinar presenter will be Ed Yoder, a CPA at PBMares, LLP, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He will provide an overview of topics such as housing allowance, self-employment status, and Social Security withholdings, among others.

Feel free to invite your congregational treasurer or another lay leader to join us as well. If you plan to participate, RSVP to kelly.troyer@everence.com or 330-466-4848 by Jan. 17.

MCC seeks SWAP location coordinators

Mennonite Central Committee is seeking location coordinators for the Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) site in West Virginia. The location coordinators have overall responsibility for the implementation of the SWAP program within McDowell County. SWAP provides week-long service opportunities for young people and adults, mainly during the summer months, but also some in the spring and fall. The primary focus of SWAP is housing repair for low-income individuals and families who do not qualify for other low-cost housing programs, with an important secondary focus on mentoring volunteers and staff in Christian service.

The SWAP location coordinators will work with local partners in West Virginia to organize and implement the program, as well as promote communication and understanding between volunteers and local residents. For a full job description, visit <http://bit.ly/2017SWAP>. Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online. For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

OMW seeking new board members

Attention all women! We are looking for women to serve on the Executive Board of Ohio Mennonite Women. We seek women who believe in our mission to connect Mennonite women in Ohio by planning meaningful spiritual and social events. We coordinate opportunities for women to support missions both locally and globally. Please consider serving in this way. Thank you. Several positions are currently vacant: Vice-Chair/Chair-elect, Secretary, Jamboree/Retreat Coordinator, and Day of Inspiration Coordinator. If you are interested in serving, contact Willie Stoltzfus at stoltzfus.willie@gmail.com or 937-935-2642 (cell) or Roxanne Kauffman at roxykauff@gmail.com or 937-539-8527 (cell).

AMBS to offer !Explore program for youth

This summer Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is offering !Explore, a theological program for high school youth in grades 11 and 12. This program includes both congregational experience and a group experience on the AMBS campus. Registration deadline is Feb. 1. To learn more, see <http://bit.ly/AMBSExplore>.

Worship perspective

Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Kidron will host a worship resourcing seminar on Saturday, May 6. Primary speaker for the day will be Rachel Miller Jacobs, assistant professor of congregational formation at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. The day also will include workshops. The seminar is for people of all ages, but especially for young adults (high school and post-high ages). Sonnenberg Mennonite Church and Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville are sponsoring this event with additional financial support from Ohio Conference.

Contest perspective

Today, Jan. 5, is the deadline to enter the Ohio Conference Cast contest. For contest details, go to <http://ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts> and listen to the podcast titled "How does Ohio Conference work?"

Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes the January-February issue of *Prayer Prompter*, the January issue of *The Parish Paper* and prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency.

Perspective deadlines

Jan. 16 for Jan. 19
Jan. 30 for Feb. 2
