

Perspective



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All are invited to Fall Mission Events

What is God doing in your congregation? Everyone in the Ohio Conference is invited to discuss this question at one of three Fall Mission Events. The first of these meetings took place Oct. 11 at Jubilee Mennonite Church in Bellefontaine.

Two Fall Mission Events are still scheduled:

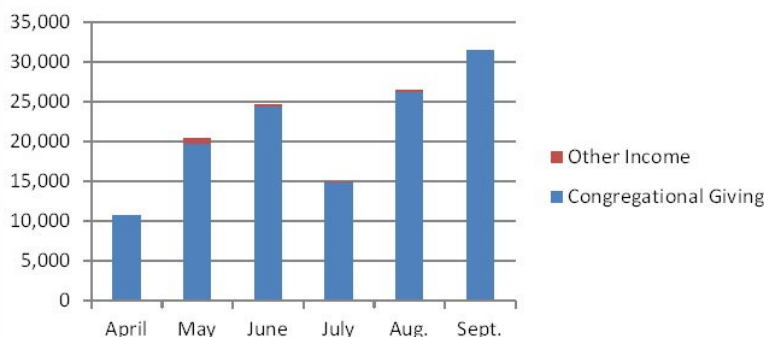
- Oct. 20 — Central Mennonite Church in Archbold
- Nov. 3 — Berlin Mennonite Church

Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about an hour and a half. Delegates to Annual Conference Assembly are expected to attend, but all other members of Ohio Conference congregations also are invited. For more information, see <http://bit.ly/FallMissionEvents>.

Giving to Conference increases in September

Ohio Conference congregations gave \$31,459 to the Conference in September, more than in any other month of the 2016-17 fiscal year. According to figures provided by Stan Helmuth, Conference financial coordinator, total receipts for the month of September were \$31,477, and expenses totaled \$22,354, resulting in a surplus of \$9,123 for the month. That surplus improved the Conference's operating balance for 2016-17. At the end of August, the operating balance was -\$30,117, and by the end of September, the operating balance was -\$20,994.

**2016-17 Ohio Conference Income
4/1/16-9/30/16**



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.

Retreat perspective

Oct. 28 is the deadline to register for the Ohio Conference Retreat for Pastors' Wives, which will be held at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin, Ohio, Nov. 11-13. This week-end away for pastors' wives will include stories of life in the parsonage, as well as time for worship, singing, crafts, games and free time. To download a retreat registration form, go to <http://bit.ly/2016PWRetreat>.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

- Pastor(s)
- Church chairperson
- Youth sponsor(s)
- Delegates
- Duplicate for other church leaders

Election Day Communion returns

Election Day Communion is back. In 2012 fifteen congregations from across the Ohio Conference held Election Day Communion services, including several who held joint communion services with other congregations. One of the purposes of Election Day Communion was to build unity in Christ in the midst of theological, political and denominational differences. Around 900 congregations from various denominations participated in 2012.

This year churches across the country are being invited to participate in Election Day Communion once again. To learn more, visit <https://electiondaycommunion2016.com>.

LEAD3D focuses on youth leadership

Know a junior or senior in high school with budding leadership potential? [LEAD3D](#) (Discover, Develop, Disciple) is the leadership development program just for them!

During two weekend retreats at Camp Luz in Kidron, students will evaluate their natural leadership tendencies, learn about principles of Christ-centered leadership and take steps toward discovering and developing a personal leadership style. Intentional discipleship by a trusted mentor throughout the program will draw on cross-generational wisdom, while living out our desire to disciple other Kingdom leaders.

The next program dates are March 10-11, 2017, and Aug. 18-19, 2017. (Full attendance is required for youth and mentors.) For more information and to apply, visit [Facebook.com/LEAD3D](https://facebook.com/LEAD3D) or email info@lead3d.org. Cost is \$495 per youth/mentor pair.

The Ohio Conference is offering a \$200 scholarship per mentor/mentee pair for those participants from Ohio Conference congregations. The Conference will give up to five scholarships, awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Audio series offers interviews

Would you like to learn more about what's happening in Ohio Conference while you're on the go? A new podcast series, the Ohio Conference Cast, features interviews with people from throughout the Conference. You can download these audio interviews from iTunes (search for "Ohio Conference Cast"), or listen to them on the Ohio Conference website.

The Ohio Conference Leadership Team has commissioned Bill Seymour, pastor of Orrville Mennonite Church, and Thomas Dunn, pastor of Crown Hill Mennonite Church, to produce this audio series. The goal of these podcasts is to have another avenue through which anyone with a computer or smartphone can learn about what is happening within Ohio Conference.

Thomas and Bill would like to hear from you! What topics would you like to know more about? Send an email to ohioconferencecast@gmail.com with suggestions.

Memorial perspective

David Edward Diener, 98, a former pastor of West Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon, died Sunday, Oct. 16. He had most recently been a resident of Souderton, Pennsylvania. He served the West Clinton congregation as pastor from 1970 to 1988.

Visitation will be at West Clinton Mennonite Church on Sunday, Oct. 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. A memorial service will be held at West Clinton at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24. Please see the Short Funeral Home website for the full obituary: <http://bit.ly/DavidEdwardDiener>.

Peace perspective

To encourage congregations and conferences to "spread the peace" in and beyond Mennonite Church USA, the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA has small start-up grants available.

Grants of \$1,000 are given as Peace and Justice Support Network (PJSN) funding allows. The goal is to distribute \$5,000 annually.

PJSN will accept applications through Dec. 31, 2016. For more details, see the PJSN website: <http://bit.ly/SpreadthePeace>.

Perspective deadlines

Oct. 31 for Nov. 3

Nov. 14 for Nov. 17
