

Perspective



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Conference minister sought for OC

Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA is seeking a part-time (50 percent) Conference Minister with a vision of the church in mission to lead a conference made up of 51 congregations spanning Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, primarily in small town and rural communities. Accepting applications immediately with a projected start date of March 2018. For a full job description consult: <http://bit.ly/OHConferenceMinister>. Women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply. To apply send a [Ministerial Leadership Inquiry Form](#) and submit a letter of interest to John Rohrer, search committee chair, at rohrer.john@gmail.com by Nov. 30, 2017.

Cliff Brubaker to take on new role

Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold has voted to call Regional Pastor Cliff Brubaker to a .25 FTE role in its collaborative ministry team, and Cliff has accepted the congregation's call. He will begin his work at Zion on Jan. 1, 2018.

Cliff currently has two half-time roles with the Ohio Conference. He will continue his half-time role as regional pastor for the west half of the state into the future.

In addition, Cliff will continue his second half-time role for the Conference through the end of 2017. In that role, he will continue to serve as the coordinator for the Gathered and Sent initiative. (To learn more about Gathered and Sent, see <http://bit.ly/GatheredandSent>.)

After Jan. 1, 2018, Cliff will continue as coordinator for the Gathered and Sent initiative on a .25 FTE basis until Annual Conference Assembly in March or until a conference minister is called and in place, whichever comes first.

'Great Day of Singing' events planned in Ohio

HARRISONBURG, Virginia — The Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, working under the name Resonate Team, has invited congregations to hold a "Great Day of Singing" this fall and has scheduled a series of 10 regional hymn sings.

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Seminary perspective

One-course options with AMBS. Try out a seminary course through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary without being admitted to a degree or certificate program. You can take up to two courses, and your first class — campus, online or hybrid — is 50 percent off. See www.ambs.edu/academics/one-course-options for details.

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Two of these regional events will be held in Ohio:

Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m. — Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Smithville, Ohio, led by project director and general editor Bradley Kauffman. **Please note that at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday school hour, the singing at Oak Grove will focus on congregational favorites. During the morning worship service, beginning at 10:30 a.m., the focus will be on the “Great Day of Singing” songs being highlighted by the Resonate Team.**

Oct. 22, 4 p.m. — Yoder Hall, Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio, Swiss Community Historical Society, led by project director and general editor Bradley Kauffman

For more information about the “Great Day of Singing,” please see <http://bit.ly/GreatDayofSinging>.

International Guest House seeks volunteers

The International Guest House, located in Washington, D.C., needs 12-month host volunteers beginning April 2018. (Those serving a full year receive a monthly stipend and health insurance while all other volunteers receive full room and board.) Rotating duties include cleaning, maintenance, baking, gardening, and interacting with guests at breakfast and the evening tea.

The three-pronged focus for volunteers is on hospitality to guests, being in community with one another, and your own personal time exploring the city. The International Guest House is located in a friendly, established neighborhood with easy access to public transportation. Former volunteers at the International Guest House in Washington have found it to be a life-changing experience. This 50-year-old Christian ministry is under the auspices of the Allegheny Conference. For information or application, please contact Sara at sarafretzgoering@gmail.com or igh.dc.us@gmail.com.

Visual art sought for new hymnal

HARRISONBURG, Virginia — As the Resonate Team gathers material for a new hymnal, they are planning for a first-of-its-kind feature within Mennonite hymnals: including visual images that complement the musical and verbal rhythms of worship found in the collection.

The Resonate Team is calling for visual artists to submit content to be considered for inclusion in the new collection. Interested artists may find more details at <http://bit.ly/HymnalVisuals>. Submissions are welcome between October 2017 and February 2018.

The 13-member volunteer committee, working under the name Resonate Team, is discerning content for the 2020 release of a suite of new worship and music materials to be published by MennoMedia in cooperation with Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA.

Meeting perspective

This fall Ohio Conference will hold four regional cluster meetings for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly (ACA). Each meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and last about an hour and a half. Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- Oct. 17 – Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker
- Oct. 24 – Oak Grove Mennonite Church in West Liberty
- Oct. 26 – Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron
- Oct. 31 – Beech Mennonite Church in Louisville

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Calling all those interested in joining the Missional journey: Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg would like to connect with all of those interested, curious, or passionately practicing missional living. Be sure to come to the cluster meetings! Jessica would like to establish a network with those in Ohio Conference who want to work together towards becoming Missional people!

Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes the October issue of *The Parish Paper* and prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency.

Perspective deadlines

Oct. 16 for Oct. 19
Oct. 30 for Nov. 2