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# Perspective



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#### First Fall Mission Event is next week

Ohio Conference is holding three Fall Mission Events during October and November. These meetings offer a chance for people to share about how they see God at work in their congregations and communities. Each meeting will include time for brief presentations and table group discussions. Planners will share information about the Missional Conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch scheduled for March 2017, and the Ohio Conference Leadership Team will report on Conference business.

Everyone in Ohio Conference is invited to attend the Fall Mission Event at one of three locations:

- Oct. 11 Jubilee Mennonite Church in Bellefontaine
- 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. For more information about these regional meetings, please see the Conference website: <a href="http://bit.ly/FallMissionEvents">http://bit.ly/FallMissionEvents</a>.

#### Pastors gather for Year of Covenant Meeting

Forty-five people took part in the second Ohio Conference Year of Covenant Meeting on Sept. 28 at Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Hartville. The resource speaker for the day was David B. Miller, associate professor of missional leadership at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. Please see the Ohio Conference website for photos from the meeting: <a href="http://bit.ly/OCYearofCovenant">http://bit.ly/OCYearofCovenant</a>.

#### David Boshart presentation now on DVD

Are you interested in hearing the presentation about rural church mission given by David Boshart in September at Zion Mennonite Church? Boshart, the executive conference minister of Central Plains Mennonite Conference, spoke on the topic "New Frontiers in Mission for the Rural Church" while at Zion. To order a DVD of his presentation, please contact Karmin Brooks in the Zion Mennonite Church office at <a href="mailto:church.zionmc@gmail.com">church.zionmc@gmail.com</a> or 419-445-3796. The suggested donation to cover the cost of the DVD and shipping is \$5.

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

#### Perspective inserts

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

# Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

#### Alan Kreider to speak at Malone University

The Center for Christian Faith & Culture will welcome Dr. Alan Kreider to Malone University in Canton on Thursday, Nov. 17. He will speak at a pastors' luncheon at the University's Brehme Centennial Center. This event, which will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m., is also open to non-pastors.

Dr. Kreider combines a lifetime of academic study about the early church with decades of experience as a mission worker and teacher in many settings around the world. For 26 years he and Eleanor, his wife, were mission workers in England. Upon returning to the United States in 2000, Alan and Eleanor became mission educators for Mennonite Mission Network. Alan served as an adjunct member of the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary faculty beginning in 1997 and was named associate professor in 2004. He retired from teaching in 2009 in order to devote more time to writing.

Dr. Kreider's presentation will focus on his latest book, *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church*. A free copy of the book will be provided to everyone who registers for this event by Nov. 1, 2016. To register, go to <a href="http://bit.ly/AlanKreider-Malone">http://bit.ly/AlanKreider-Malone</a>.

#### Explore faith and values in business

Everence, Mennonite Foundation, and the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center will present a workshop titled "Faith and Values in the Marketplace" on Monday, Nov. 14, at the Gardens at Homestead Furniture in Mt. Hope. The workshop will run from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m.

The workshop will include three presenters:

- Edward Hershberger, business owner and deacon —
   "Mutually Beneficial Employer-Employee Relations"
- John Stahl-Wert, leadership coach and author "Passing Stewardship Values to Future Generations"
- Marcus Yoder, historian and administrator "The Impact of Cultural and Generational Changes"

The evening will also include a panel discussion with Duane Detweiler, Fairlawn Mennonite Church; Ken Hochstetler, Everence Financial; Galen Lehman, Lehman Hardware; and Roy Schlabach, Schlabach Builders.

To reserve your spot at this workshop, contact David Miller, Everence charitable services representative, at 330-857-9988 or david.miller@everence.com.

#### MDS seeks volunteers for Detroit, West Virginia

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has an urgent need for volunteers in Detroit and West Virginia. Weekly volunteers are needed for projects in Detroit and West Virginia Nov. 20-Dec. 16. To schedule, please call the MDS Volunteer Development Team at 800-241-8111 or email Alicia Hurst at ahurst@mds.mennonite.net.

## Mission perspective

On March 23-24 Ohio Conference will hold a Missional Conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch at Kidron Mennonite Church. This event will immediately precede Annual Conference Assembly, which will take place at Central Christian School in Kidron March 24-25.

Attendees ages 30 and younger will receive a half-price discount on registration costs. To learn more about this missional conference, please see the enclosed flier.

#### Retreat perspective

Youth pastors and youth sponsors gathered at Camp Luz Sept. 30-Oct. 1 for the Ohio Conference Youth Worker Retreat. For photos of the retreat, see the Conference website: <a href="http://bit.ly/">http://bit.ly/</a> YouthWorkerRetreat.

## Perspective deadlines

Oct. 17 for Oct. 20 Oct. 31 for Nov. 3