

Perspective



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Healthy Boundaries registration deadline is Nov. 24

Friday, Nov. 24, is the deadline to register for the Healthy Boundaries training on Dec. 9 at SpringHaven Counseling Center in Dundee, Ohio. The training will last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



This training will also be offered Jan. 13 in the Bluffton area and April 21 in the Archbold area. Attendance at the training is mandatory for continued credentialing in the Ohio Conference. Retired pastors are welcome to attend, but are not required to do so. Chaplains who have previously completed similar training may submit documentation of that training to the Ohio Conference Credentialing Ministry for consideration.

To register for the Dec. 9 training, go to <http://bit.ly/HealthyBoundariesDec9>.

Peacebuilding institute offers variety of courses

Registration is now open for the Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI) at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

SPI 2018 offers two seven-day sessions and two five-day sessions, each with several courses running at the same time. Participants can take one course per session. Courses can be taken for professional skills training or academic credit.

Courses are open to all people interested in integrating conflict transformation, peacebuilding, restorative justice, trauma awareness, and related fields into their own work and life.

Some of the course topics featured in 2018 include restorative justice, trauma awareness, leadership, identity and dignity, confronting modern slavery and the prison industrial complex, visual communication and nonviolence, Christian spirituality for social action and participatory theater.

For more information, please see <https://www.emu.edu/cjp/spi/>.

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.

Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes the November-December issue of *Prayer Prompter*, prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency and a list of deadlines for Ohio Conference publications in 2018.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

Faith and values workshop planned

Everence is sponsoring a “Faith and Values in the Marketplace” workshop on Monday, Nov. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Gardens at Homestead Furniture in Mt. Hope. Co-sponsors for this event are Mennonite Economic Development Associates and the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center.

Speakers will include Beryl Jantzi, Everence stewardship education director; Ernest Hershberger, owner of Homestead Furniture; John Schmid, founder and director of Common Ground Ministries; and Sam Yoder, president and owner of Berlin Gardens. This workshop is especially designed for business families, pastors, community leaders and key managers.

If you plan to attend, contact David Miller at (330) 857-9988 or david.miller@everence.com. For more details, go to <http://bit.ly/FaithandValues2017>.

Camp Luz to host Jr. High Retreat

Glenn Nofziger, associate pastor at Martins Creek Mennonite Church, will be the featured speaker at the Jr. High Retreat at Camp Luz Jan. 12-14. The theme for the retreat will be “Rooted,” based on Colossians 2:6-7.

The retreat will begin with check-in at 7 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Cost of the retreat is \$90 per youth and \$30 per sponsor. The registration deadline is Jan. 8. See the retreat brochure for more details.

AMBS offers spiritual guidance seminar

Spiritual Guidance Seminar: Jan. 9 – July 20, 2018. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s Spiritual Guidance Seminar is a supervised program for people who want to become spiritual directors. It will be offered in a low-residency, hybrid format (both online and on campus) led by Dan Schrock, D.Min. Graduates of this training have used their skills not only in spiritual direction, but also to strengthen their work in pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, pastoral counseling, denominational leadership, neighborhood development, and local and international mission. On-campus dates are Feb. 5–10 and June 4–9. Sign up by Dec. 15. Go to www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/spiritual-guidance-seminar for details or to apply.

Parish Paper focuses on interim ministry

The November issue of *The Parish Paper*, titled “Mistakes Churches Make During an Interim Ministry,” discusses some common mistakes that congregations make following the retirement or resignation of a pastor. Also included is an examination of the traditional approach to interim ministry versus the intentional approach, as well as a list of traits of an effective interim pastor. A copy of this issue is included with *Perspective*.

Prayer perspective

Please add this prayer request in your church bulletin:

The Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA is currently searching for a half-time conference minister. Pray for guidance for the search committee and the Conference Leadership in the filling of this position. Pray for applicants to respond to this urgent need. For more information, see the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/OHConferenceMinister>.

Mental health perspective

Central Mennonite Church in Archbold will host a free seminar, “Bipolar Disorder and Families: Genetics and Mental Health,” on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Staff from the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland, will be sharing research developments from studying Mennonites and the Amish.

In addition, Wauseon resident Bev Miller will share about her personal experience with bipolar disorder and talk about ways to walk with those who are depressed. Please see the enclosed flier for more information.

Perspective deadlines

Nov. 13 for Nov. 16
Dec. 4 for Dec. 7
