

# Perspective



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## **Three regional meetings scheduled**

Ohio Conference has scheduled three regional meetings for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly. The meetings will take place at these locations:

- Feb. 21 — Tedrow Mennonite Church in Wauseon
- Feb. 23 — Crown Hill Mennonite Church in Rittman
- March 7 — Oak Grove Mennonite Church in West Liberty

All three meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about an hour and a half. If you are not able to attend the regional meeting closest to you because of a schedule conflict, you are welcome to attend one of the other regional meetings.

## **Conference seeks youth for 'Step Up' program at Mennonite Church USA Convention**

This summer's Mennonite Church USA convention will feature a new program, Step Up, aimed to get youth engaged in the discussions and work of the larger Mennonite Church. Each conference is encouraged to nominate three regular church attenders, incoming sophomores in high school and older, to be involved in this program. Youth will receive preparation for being a part of the delegate assembly and will sit at assigned tables during the delegate assembly. They will also debrief with other Step Up participants afterward. This is a unique opportunity to encourage youth interested in church leadership and in the workings of the larger church. If you would like to nominate a youth to participate in this program, please contact Alysa Short at [alysashort@gmail.com](mailto:alysashort@gmail.com) by March 1.

## **Central Christian seeks school superintendent**

Central Christian School is seeking an energetic and visionary leader to serve as superintendent beginning July 2017. Central Christian School is an equal opportunity employer offering a Christ-centered education within the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition. The ideal candidate for this position will demonstrate a clear commitment to Anabaptist faith and practice; serve as spokesperson for the school; and advance the mission and vision

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***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.***

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## **Perspective inserts**

***T***his issue of *Perspective* includes the February issue of *The Parish Paper*, prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency, and several bulletin announcements from Mennonite Church USA.

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- Pastor(s)
  - Church chairperson
  - Youth sponsor(s)
  - Delegates
  - Duplicate for other church leaders
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as set by the Board of Trustees. The superintendent will be a bridge-builder who fosters a positive community atmosphere.

Experience, skills and qualifications:

- A record of innovative leadership experience and success
- Interpersonal communications
- Strategic planning
- Human resource and fiscal management
- Fundraising
- Bachelor's degree required; advanced degrees preferred
- Preference will be given to candidates with administrative, development and educational experience

Please visit [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org) for additional information about this position.

### **Podcast — Cliff Brubaker reports on his work**

In the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast podcast, hosts Bill Seymour and Thomas Dunn check back in with Regional Pastor Cliff Brubaker to get an update on his conversations with church leaders from around the Conference. Cliff also talks with Bill and Thomas about the Feb. 2 Year of Covenant Meeting for Pastors. You can listen to this podcast on iTunes or by going to [www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts).

### **SPI offers special rates**

The Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI) at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, is offering special rates for congregations wishing to send more than one person to this summer program. If your congregation sends two or more people to SPI 2017, or one person for two or more courses, EMU is able to provide, if necessary, a discount of one third of the cost of the training fees for each person. To learn more about the Summer Peacebuilding Institute, see <http://www.emu.edu/cjp/spi>.

### **AMBS offers webinars on variety of topics**

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is offering three webinars during February and March:

#### **Webinar: How We Got the Bible**

Loren Johns, Ph.D., professor of New Testament  
Thursday, Feb. 9, 2–3:30 p.m.

#### **Webinar: Principles of Worship Leading**

Rachel Miller Jacobs, D.Min., assistant professor of congregational formation  
Thursday, March 9, 2–3:30 p.m.

#### **Webinar: Intercultural Leadership in Diversity-Oriented Churches**

A. Brian Leander, Ph.D.  
Thursday, March 23, 2–3:30 p.m. EDT

To learn more about these webinars or to register, go to [www.ambs.edu/webinars](http://www.ambs.edu/webinars).

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### **Memory perspective**

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**A**t their Jan. 21 meeting, members of the Ohio Conference Leadership Team spent time sharing about the contributions that Naomi Engle brought to Ohio Conference as a member of the Leadership Team. Their reflections have been gathered into a short tribute, which is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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### **ACA perspective**

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**H**ave you registered for Annual Conference Assembly yet? This year ACA will take place March 24-25 at Central Christian School in Kidron. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2017ACARegistration>.

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**O**nline registration also is open for the Missional Conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch, which will take place March 23-24 at Kidron Mennonite Church. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2017MissionalConferenceRegistration>.

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### **Perspective deadlines**

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Feb. 13 for Feb. 16  
March 6 for March 9

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