

Perspective



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Time is running out to register for ACA

Last call: Have you registered for Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) yet? ACA will take place March 24-25 at Central Christian School in Kidron. The

Who Is My Neighbor?

Luke 10: 25-37



registration fee is now \$45 per person. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2017ACARegistration>.

Registration also is still open for the Missional Conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch, which is set for March 23-24 at Kidron Mennonite Church. See the Ohio Conference website (www.ohiomennoniteconference.org) for details. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2017MissionalConferenceRegistration>. Please note: If you register for the missional conference after March 15, meals are not guaranteed. Meal counts must be given to the caterers by that date.

Podcast features Kidron mission story

The Ohio Conference Cast is continuing to highlight stories of congregations engaged in mission in their local settings. In this podcast episode, hosts Bill Seymour and Thomas Dunn talk with Craig Strasbaugh and Kris Nussbaum of Kidron Mennonite Church about the blessings and challenges of ministry in a local trailer park. You can listen to the podcast on [iTunes](#) (search for "Ohio Conference Cast"), or find it on the Ohio Conference website: <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts>.

Video spotlights missional coaching process

At the recent Ohio Conference regional meetings, delegates saw a short video about missional coaching. A revised version of the video with improved audio is now posted on the Ohio Conference website: <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/year-of-mission/missional-coaching>.

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 prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency, the March-April issue of *Prayer Prompter*, and the March issue of *The Parish Paper*.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

Deadline for nominations extended

This summer's Mennonite Church USA convention will feature a new program, Step Up, intended 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. **The deadline to nominate a young person from your congregation has been extended.** To nominate a youth to participate in this program, please contact Alys Short at alysashort@gmail.com by **March 10**.

Submissions sought for new hymnal

In 2016, with excitement and anticipation, the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee began developing a new collection designed to succeed *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (1992), and supplements *Sing the Journey* (2005), and *Sing the Story* (2007).

One aspect of building a collection is the call for new and original work. The Mennonite Worship and Song Committee is calling on authors (of worship resources and hymn texts), songwriters (who compose words and music as a unit), and composers (of hymn tunes) to submit original work intended to enhance congregational worship in Anabaptist-Mennonite faith communities. The committee is excited to welcome submissions for consideration in this new collection, scheduled for release in 2020. They expect the submissions portal at www.MennoniteWorshipAndSongCollection.org to be active throughout 2017.

If you browse the [website](#) you can find more information on the project, its purpose, and the kinds of material being accepted. (They are interested in music, text, and worship resources.)

The committee wants this new collection to take into account the breadth of practices within Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, as well as the diverse ways Mennonites sing and worship.

MMN seeks Service Adventure leaders

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for their Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jackson, Mississippi, units. The two-year term begins in late July. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or visit www.MennoniteMission.net.

Convention perspective

Every two years, at the Mennonite Church USA convention, the Delegate Assembly convenes to tend to the business of Mennonite Church USA. However, at convention in Orlando, Florida — July 4-8, 2017 — the role of delegates will be anything but business-as-usual. This year the denomination will be trying something new — the Future Church Summit — in conjunction with the regular Delegate Assembly. See the enclosed newsletter for details. Please note: The early bird registration deadline for convention has been extended to **March 23**.

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Ervin Stutzman, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, highlights plans for the Future Church Summit in the March issue of *The Mennonite*. Please share this article with your congregation. A copy is included with this issue of *Perspective*. **Please note: The denomination is offering a 50 percent rebate on registration for representatives of congregations who have not sent a delegate to an assembly for the last three conventions.**

Perspective deadlines

March 27 for March 30
April 9 for April 13
