

Perspective



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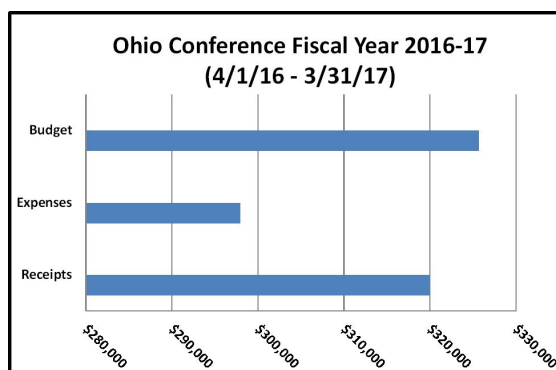
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Conference ends 2016-17 in the black

For the first time since March 2011, Ohio Conference has ended its fiscal year in the black, according to figures provided by Conference Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. On March 31, 2017, the Conference finished the 2016-17 fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$22,095.

The Conference's total expenses for the month of March were \$20,905, and receipts for the month totaled \$33,698, including \$28,787 in

congregational giving. Giving by individuals during March totaled \$4,890. Our thanks go out to everyone who responded generously to the Conference's end-of-year fundraising letter.



Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi to lead Central Christian

The Central Christian School (CCS) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the hiring of Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi as the superintendent of CCS beginning Aug. 1, upon the retirement of the current superintendent, Gene Miller.

Jantzi is a 1982 Central Christian alumnus originally from Orrville. She is married to Dan, and they have three adult sons. She received her undergraduate degree in early childhood education from Eastern Mennonite University and her master's degree in international economic development from Eastern University in Pennsylvania. Jantzi is an energetic and effective, relational leader with experience in leading with MCC in Asia. "Together with my family, I've spent 24 of the last 28 years serving internationally with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Congo, Nigeria, Indonesia and Thailand," she said. She is an experienced administrator who is ready for the opportunity and challenge of leading CCS.

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.

Worship perspective

April 28 is the deadline to register for the Worship Resourcing Workshop, which will take place May 6 at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Kidron. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2017WorshipSeminar>.

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Jantzi has a deep, sincere faith that is grounded in Anabaptist teaching and the example of Christ. In addition to her commitment to Anabaptist faith, she is passionate about the future of Mennonite education. “As a leader, I look to Jesus and to the scriptures for guidance. The Holy Spirit helps me interpret the scriptures together with my community of followers of Christ. I look forward to participating in the mission at Central Christian School as students learn about God through multiple exposure points in classroom culture, in relationships with the adults around them, in the sense of community at the school, in chapels, classroom storytelling and devotions and times of prayer,” she said.

Voices for Peace Tour comes to Ohio churches

The Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace Tour, sponsored by Mennonite Church USA, is coming to Ohio in May with stops in three Ohio congregations. Dates and locations are as follows:

- May 7 — Columbus Mennonite Church, 9:30 a.m.
- May 8 — Lima Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
- May 10 — Zion Mennonite Church, 6:30 p.m.

At these programs Amy Shuster, a representative of Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) Central Ohio chapter, will partner with Jonathan Kuttab, a prominent Mennonite Palestinian human rights lawyer, on this leg of the cross-country speaking tour, exploring diverse perspectives on Israel/Palestine and prospects for peace in the current political climate. Audiences will be invited to take part in a shared vision of what Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews need to live free, dignified and whole lives in the land.

The Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace Tour is one effort to implement the Mennonite Church USA “Israel/Palestine Partners in Peacemaking” resolution, which was adopted in 2015.

Volunteers needed at International Guest House

Volunteer staff members are needed at the International Guest House in Washington, D.C., with flexibility of two months to a full year (currently scheduling 2018-19) for the ministry of Christian hospitality. The Guest House, a ministry of Allegheny Conference, serves both international and U.S. travelers. Volunteers are provided full room and board in the Guest House and a monthly stipend of \$140. Health insurance is paid for full-year volunteers if needed. Rotating hospitality duties include cleaning, laundry, maintenance, baking, gardening, and hosting breakfast and the evening tea. The service emphasis is on hospitality to guests and being a community to one another. The house is located in an established neighborhood with access to buses for exploring this historic city.

For inquiries and an application contact Sara Fretz-Goering at sarafretzgoering@gmail.com or current staff at the International Guest House at igh.dc.us@gmail.com or 202-726-5808.

Youth perspective

Mennonite Church USA is asking all congregations to share the following announcement in their church bulletins:

Step Up - Youth wanted for participation in the Future Church Summit in Orlando

About 40 spots remain open for the Step Up program – an opportunity for high school age youth to participate in the Future Church Summit at this summer’s Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando. This opportunity was initially open to only three youth per conference. Now, any interested youth attending convention may participate. Participants will attend an orientation seminar and be included in table groups during the July 6-8 Future Church Summit. Additional information and a link to registration can be found at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/youth/>.

Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency and announcements for May from Mennonite Church USA.

Perspective deadlines

May 8 for May 11
May 22 for May 25
