

Perspective



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Credentialed leaders to meet May 11

Credentialed leaders, please mark May 11 on your calendars and plan to attend the first Ohio Conference Year of Covenant Meeting. "Growing Together in Spirit and Truth" will be the theme of this meeting, which will take place Wednesday, May 11, at Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City. Credentialed leaders from around the Conference will meet together from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a day filled with times of worship, learning and discerning together. More information will follow soon. Please see the enclosed flier.

Cliff Brubaker joins Ohio Conference staff

Cliff Brubaker has accepted a call from the Ohio Conference Leadership Team to serve as a regional pastor for the western part of the conference, beginning April 1. This half-time assignment is for a one-year interim period.

A resident of Hillsdale, Mich., Brubaker has a long history of ministry in the Ohio Conference. He was pastor of Salem Mennonite Church in Waldron, Mich., and then served as transitional pastor for four Ohio Conference congregations in northwest Ohio: Central Mennonite Church, Pine Grove Mennonite Church, Lockport Mennonite Church and Zion Mennonite Church. In addition, he was transitional pastor at Roanoke Mennonite Church in Eureka, Ill. For the past five years he served as the director of Amigo Centre in Sturgis, Mich.

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Funding available for Sentralized Conference

Are you interested in learning how to engage in God's mission in life-changing ways? Ohio Conference is offering financial assistance for up to four people from Ohio Conference to attend Sentralized, a missional conference which will be held in Little Rock, Ark., May 5-6.

Sentralized is organized by Forge America and sponsored by a variety of Christian organizations. Among the numerous present-

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Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency, the April issue of *The Parish Paper* and the latest installment of Transitional Conference Leader George O'Reilly's newsletter, *Grapevine*.

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 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
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ers scheduled are Brad Brisco and Lance Ford, who led Ohio Conference's "Becoming Missional" training workshop March 10-11.

Registration cost for this two-day conference is \$99 for everyone registering by April 15 and \$109 for those registering after that date.

The Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team has approved spending \$2,000 for up to four people from Ohio Conference to attend Sentralized May 5-6. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. A minimum of \$500 per person will be reimbursed upon submitting registration, travel and lodging receipts to the Conference office. (More funds will be available per person if fewer than four people from Ohio Conference apply.)

The deadline to apply for these funds is **April 21**. To apply, contact Judy King at the Ohio Conference office at 330-857-5421 or ohmc@zoominternet.net.

To learn more about Sentralized, see the [Sentralized website](#).

Healthcare gathering deadline extended

Healthcare professionals and their families are encouraged to register now for the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) 2016 Annual Gathering, June 17-19, 2016, at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colo. The theme for this gathering will be "Wholeness and Holiness: Views from the Mountaintop." Topics include the spirituality of illness, international healthcare, end of life ethics, public health, trauma, and gun violence. Vibrant worship, stimulating speakers, and a variety of workshops are planned. This gathering is open to anyone interested, especially persons from medical, mental health, therapy, and chaplaincy professions, including students and retirees. A program for children and youth will be provided. The registration deadline has been extended to **April 30**. Go to www.mennohealth.org/gathering or call 1-888-406-3643 to register.

Register for peace gathering by April 9

There is still time to register for the April 16 MCC Peace Gathering, which will be held at Kidron Mennonite Church, 3987 Kidron Road, Kidron. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with worship and end at 5 p.m. MCC U.S. staff will join other presenters in leading public workshops on immigration, gun violence/incarceration, Iran, school bullying and anti-oppression. Lunch will be provided.

Please register for the MCC Peace Gathering by **Saturday, April 9**. You may register online at <http://mcc.org/forms/registration-peace-gathering> or contact Jorge Vielman, Peace & Justice Coordinator, at JorgeVielman@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

OMW perspective

Ohio Mennonite Women will hold their Spring Day of Inspiration Saturday, April 9, at Crown Hill Mennonite Church. See the announcement on the Ohio Conference website for details: <http://bit.ly/2016OMWInspiration>.

Peace perspective

The Peace and Justice Support Network is calling for sermons! Pastors and other church members who preach a message related to MC USA's resolution to *Faithful Witness Amid Endless War* are invited to share their sermons for the good of the larger body of believers. This resolution, adopted in 2015, calls on churches to place a renewed emphasis on trusting God and the way of Jesus, not violence, for our security. Messages shared with us will be posted on the Peace and Justice Support Network's website (www.pjsn.org). Please email Jeff Hochstetler, PJSN advisory team member, at jeff@berlinmennonite.org for more information.

Perspective deadlines

April 18 for April 21 issue
May 2 for May 5 issue
