#### **News for Church Leaders**

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# Perspective



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#### Ervin Stutzman to hold meetings in Ohio

Ervin Stutzman, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, is traveling through Ohio, and Ohio Conference has set up two meetings for delegates, pastors and other interested persons to meet with Ervin. Those attending will hear him share about the upcoming MC USA convention in Orlando and the Future Church Summit\*, which will take place at the convention.

The two meetings will be held during the second week of June:

- June 8 Salem Mennonite Church in Elida, 7-8:30 p.m.
- June 9 Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron, 7-8:30 p.m.

\*To learn more about the Future Church Summit, see <u>http://</u> <u>convention.mennoniteusa.org/future-church-summit/</u>.

#### Ohio Conference Cast: Talking with Terry Shue

Hosts Bill Seymour and Thomas Dunn talk with Terry Shue, director of leadership development for Mennonite Church USA, about a wide range of topics in the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast. In this podcast they talk about the upcoming retirement of Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Ervin Stutzman, and they learn about the Future Church Summit, which will take place at the denominational convention in Orlando this July. They discuss the relationship between Mennonite Church USA and its conferences, and they even (briefly) mention Thomas' upcoming wedding. You can listen to this podcast on iTunes (search for "Ohio Conference Cast") or find it on the Ohio Conference website: <u>www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/</u> <u>podcasts</u>.

# Church relations/material resource coordinator sought for eastern Ohio

Mennonite Central Committee is seeking a church relations/ material resource coordinator for eastern Ohio. The church relations/material resource coordinator is responsible for relating to congregations and constituents in eastern Ohio on behalf of MCC and coordinating the MCC Material Resource Center in Kidron, Ohio. Perspective: 1) The interrelation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed. 2) Point of view; capacity to view things in their relative importance.

#### Worship perspective

**S**ixty-three people from 15 congregations participated in the Worship Resourcing Seminar at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church on May 6. See the Conference website for photos from this event: <u>http://</u> <u>bit.ly/WorshipSeminarPhotos</u>.

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The church relations work includes identifying and connecting with supporting congregations, speaking in congregations, scheduling speakers, representing MCC in various settings and finding ways to engage MCC constituents in ways that strengthen support for MCC. The material resource work includes coordinating the receipt of donations of material resources, recruiting and coordinating volunteers, and preparing the resources for storage and international shipment. This is a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-time position. Apply by May 19. For a full job description and an application link, go to <u>http://bit.ly/MCCChurchRelations</u>.

#### Exec. director sought for Ohio MCC Activity Center

The board of the Ohio MCC Activity Center of Kidron, Ohio, is searching for a full-time executive director to assume responsibilities on Dec. 1, 2017. The director's responsibilities largely entail giving direction to the MCC Connections Thrift Shop, which has three additional full-time paid staff and more than 300 active volunteers. The candidate must show a capacity for administering staff and volunteers and for overseeing the finances of the operation. The search committee is looking for a candidate who has an "MCC mindset" and actively supports the worldwide mission of Mennonite Central Committee. Inquiries and resumes may be directed to Larry Augsburger at ljaugsburger@embarqmail.com or 330-600-7090, or 5159 Kidron Road, Apple Creek OH 44606. Resumes must be submitted by July 31, 2017.

#### Development roundtable to be held in Orrville

Everence Financial and Mennonite Foundation are hosting a roundtable presentation featuring Henry B. Freeman on Thursday, May 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Heartland Point in Orrville. This event is designed for nonprofits and pastors interested in making deeper connections with donors.

To learn more, see the Everence website: <u>http://bit.ly/</u> <u>EverenceRoundtable</u>. Reservations are required by May 15. To reserve your spot, contact Kelly Troyer at (330) 857-9988 or <u>kelly.troyer@everence.com</u>.

#### Laurelville to host healthcare gathering

Individuals involved in health-related professions are invited to the Annual Gathering of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship, June 23-25 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania. The theme of this year's gathering is "Creating Healing Environments." The gathering is co-sponsored by Mennonite Chaplains Association and will feature several speakers, as well as a children's program. More details and registration at are available at <u>mennohealth.org/events/gathering</u>.

#### Guide lists camps that accommodate disabilities

Anabaptist Disabilities Network has compiled a list of Anabaptist-affiliated summer camps that offer programming or accommodations for campers with disabilities. Go to <u>http://bit.ly/</u> <u>ADNCampGuide</u> to download a copy.

#### Service perspective

**J**oin a ministry of hospitality and compassion in Germany with Journey International. Germany has taken in more than a million refugees from all over the Middle East in the past few years, and local Mennonite congregations have been actively extending welcome and hospitality to them. There are only two spots left — find out more and sign up today at www.MennoniteMission.net/ JourneyInternational, or contact SharonN@MennoniteMission. net.

## Camp Luz perspective

**K**ris Nussbaum will be the speaker for the Girls Jamboree at Camp Luz in Kidron on Aug. 11-12. The theme of this twoday event will be "Beautiful Purpose," based on Ephesians 2:10.

Larissa Moore will be the speaker for the Women's Retreat at Camp Luz on Sept. 15-17. The theme for the weekend will be "Created." Brochures with more information about these retreats are included with this issue of *Perspective*.

### Perspective inserts

**T**his issue of *Perspective* includes the May issue of *The Parish Paper* and the May-June issue of *Prayer Prompter*.

#### Perspective *deadlines*

May 22 for May 25 June 5 for June 8

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