

# Perspective



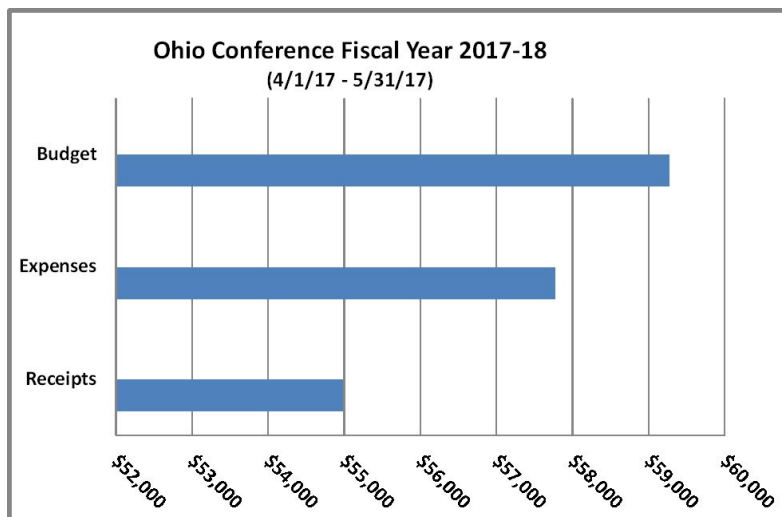
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## Conference ends May with deficit

Ohio Conference ended the second month of the 2017-18 fiscal year with a deficit, according to figures provided by Ohio Conference Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. Receipts for the month of May totaled \$21,972, including \$16,319 in congregational giving. That amount represents a significant decrease from congregational giving during April, which totaled \$28,693.

Expenses for the month were \$23,910, resulting in an operating balance of -\$1,938 for the month. The year-to-date operating balance is -\$2,783. The Ohio Conference fiscal year runs from April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2018.



## Apply for grants by Aug. 9

Is your congregation looking for ways to fund a ministry that impacts your community? **Aug. 9** is the deadline to submit a grant proposal to the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT). The MDT is accepting proposals from Conference congregations and related organizations for projects and mission initiatives. This year the MDT has **\$24,992** available for grants.

Please note that this is a one-time grant, and grant monies are not intended to be used for staffing. You may either submit an online application or mail a printed application form to Ohio

*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 the July-August issue of *Prayer Prompter*, the July issue of *The Parish Paper* and announcements for July from Mennonite Church USA.

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

Conference, Box 210, Kidron OH 44636. The MDT will consider all grant proposals at its Aug. 23 meeting.

To apply online or to download a grant application, go to <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/resources/ministry-grants>.

### **Wooster Mennonite to celebrate 75th anniversary**

Wooster Mennonite Church will be celebrating 75 years of worship, fellowship, and mission Sept. 9-10, 2017. Many have attended Wooster Mennonite over the years, and all are invited to attend this special celebration to share memories, stories, and ways God has been faithful.

Activities for the weekend include an open house on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. A special anniversary worship service with the theme “Vision, Venture and Victory” will take place Sunday, Sept. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon and will focus on the vision of Pastor Rudy Stauffer, a founding member of the church. A celebration meal will follow. A new peace pole will be dedicated beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, please contact Wooster Mennonite at [pastor@woostermennonite.org](mailto:pastor@woostermennonite.org) and include your email address.

### **Registration open for Believers’ Church Conference**

GOSHEN, Ind. — Goshen College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) will co-host the 18th Believers’ Church Conference, titled “Word, Spirit and the Renewal of the Church,” Sept. 14-17, 2017, at Goshen College.

The conference will explore the gifts and tensions of the Reformation legacy for the Believers’ Church tradition, with a view toward its ecumenical and global dimensions, focusing on the debates that have swirled for 500 years around the themes of biblical authority, the movement of Spirit and the renewal of the church. Keynote speakers include Miroslav Volf, Joel A. Carpenter, Nancy Bedford, and Frank A. Thomas.

Cost for this conference is \$75 for those registering before June 30 and \$100 for those registering after that date. There is a \$25 discount for students. For more information or to register, go to <https://www.goshen.edu/register/believers-church/>.

### **Peace center to hold clergy clinic**

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will hold its Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process training in Lombard, Illinois, during 2017-18.

The *Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process* is designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders within their own ministry setting. It will provide a safe forum for processing challenging situations in one’s ministry. This training deals with family systems theory and how it relates to congregational systems. To learn more, see the brochure included in this issue of *Perspective*.

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### **Scripture perspective**

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*The Mennonite* invites you to submit an article for its October issue, which will focus on the topic “Scripture: Texts that move and shape you.” Submissions are due Aug. 1, 2017. For more information, please see <https://themennonite.org/october-call-submissions-scripture/>.

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### **Mediation perspective**

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In 2016, Connexus, a nonprofit organization that focuses on mediation, received a ministry grant from the Ohio Conference. To learn more about Connexus and Lydell Steiner, one of the founders of this organization, see <http://bit.ly/ConnexusLydellSteiner>.

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### **Perspective deadlines**

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July 10 for July 13  
July 24 for July 27

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