

Perspective



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

To apply online, go to <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/resources/ministry-grants>. A copy of the grant application is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Ervin Stutzman to hold meetings in Ohio

Final reminder: Ervin Stutzman, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, is visiting Ohio this week. While in Ohio, he will meet with delegates, pastors and all other interested persons at two meetings:

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

Stutzman will share about the upcoming Mennonite Church USA convention in Orlando and the Future Church Summit, which will take place at the convention. All are welcome to attend.

Coming soon: Ohio Conference Cast, Orlando edition

Ohio Conference Cast is going on the road. We will be podcasting from Orlando each night of the MC USA Convention, which means, if all goes according to plan, a new podcast will be available each morning from Wednesday, July 5, through Sunday, July 9. This is only possible because we have terrific support people.



With hosts Thomas Dunn and Bill Seymour

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 and the June issue of The Parish Paper.

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- Pastor(s)
- Church chairperson
- Youth sponsor(s)
- Delegates
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Norm Sohar is the reason the technical quality of our casts is as good as they are, and Ann Leaman is the reason you ever get to hear these casts. While I am thanking people, I will include Allison, my spouse, who will end up being my roadie.

Thomas Dunn will be off getting married in July, so I, Bill, will do these podcasts with different co-hosts, including, I hope, Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg, Emily Hedrick, and maybe an Ohio Conference youth or two that I find wandering the halls. Thank you for your support for these podcasts. Here are a couple of links to podcasts we have already published that point toward Convention:

<https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/2017/05/talking-terry-shue>
<https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/2017/04/happened-clc-time>

— Bill Seymour

Discount still available for Pastor-Spouse Retreat

Pastors, are you planning to attend the Ohio Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat this fall but have not registered yet? Good news! You still can receive the discounted registration rate. The full registration cost is \$410 per couple, but the first 25 couples who submit their registration with payment will receive a discounted rate of \$210. A few spots at the discounted rate remain.

The Pastor-Spouse Retreat will take place Nov. 10-12 at the Mohican State Park Lodge in Perrysville. Presenters for the weekend will be James Lapp and Miriam Book. A brochure with registration form is available on the Ohio Conference website: <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/event/ohio-conference-pastor-spouse-retreat>. The registration deadline for this retreat is Sept. 1.

Unit leaders needed for Service Adventure

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for the Jackson, Mississippi, unit. The term begins late July with orientation, and participants begin their service term in August. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or visit www.mennonitemission.net.

Development Conference to feature Jim Wallis

The 2017 Everence Development Conference will offer ideas for building relationships between donors and charitable organizations. This three-day event will take place Sept. 20-22 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Featured speakers will include Jim Wallis, president and founder of *Sojourners*; Susan Schultz Huxman, president of Eastern Mennonite University; and Doug Mason, partner at Gonser Gerber, advancement consultants. A variety of workshops also will be included.

Register by July 24 to receive the reduced “early bird” registration price. Online information and registration is available at <http://bit.ly/EverenceDevelopmentConf2017>.

Local perspective

Salem Mennonite Church in Waldron, Michigan, is holding a Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 24, beginning at 3 p.m. The day’s events will also include a hog roast and a benefit auction, which will begin at 7 p.m.

Meals and activities will be provided on a donation basis. All funds raised will benefit the church’s building program. Salem Mennonite is located at 13751 S. Tripp Road, Waldron, Michigan. For more details, please see the enclosed flier.

Sabbatical perspective

While on sabbatical, Berlin Mennonite Pastor Myron Weaver is bicycling 3,500 miles across the United States to raise funds for an orphanage in Nicaragua. To learn more about Myron’s sabbatical journey, see his blog at <https://pedalingparson.blogspot.com/>.

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June 26 for June 29
July 10 for July 13

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