

# Perspective



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## **Apply for grants by July 18**

Is your congregation looking for ways to fund a ministry that impacts your community? July 18 is the deadline to submit a grant proposal to the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT). For the fifth year in a row, the MDT is accepting proposals from Conference congregations and related organizations for projects and mission initiatives. This year the MDT has \$21,614 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. 1 meeting.

To apply online or to learn more about the grant process, go to the Ohio Conference website at [www.ohiomennoniteconference.org](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org). Click on “Resources” and then click on “Ministry Grants.”

## **Everence donates to four local organizations**

KIDRON, Ohio – Using income generated from its Visa card transactions, Everence Federal Credit Union is supporting local organizations through its Rebate for Missions program.

Salem Youth Fellowship, Camp Buckeye, New Grounds Café and Walnut Hills Employee Assistance Program each received \$500 from Everence Federal Credit Union’s Northeast Ohio branches. The four Christian-based organizations were chosen to receive the donations based on their commitment to improving lives in the local community.

Everence Federal Credit Union tithes 10 percent of its Visa credit card income each year to support church and mission work. Everence members choose the charitable organizations to receive the local funds. A portion of Rebate for Missions funds is awarded to two global organizations each year as well.

Since 1995, Everence Federal Credit Union has awarded more than \$400,000 to churches, missions and relief organizations locally and around the world.

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***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.***

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## **Perspective inserts**

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*This issue of Perspective* includes prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency, bulletin announcements from Mennonite Church USA and the June issue of *The Parish Paper*.

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- Pastor(s)
  - Church chairperson
  - Youth sponsor(s)
  - Delegates
  - Duplicate for other church leaders
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## Financial assistance available for pastors

Financial assistance is still available for pastors through the Lilly Pastoral Financial Assistance grant program. Beryl Jantzi of Everence reports that in the first quarter of 2016, six applicants were approved for a total of \$30,000. An application form is included with this issue of Perspective.

To learn more about this financial assistance grant program, see Terry's Shue's blog post on the Mennonite Church USA website: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/opportunities-grants-for-pastors/>. A list of frequently asked questions about the grant program is on the denominational website as well: <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/lilly-endowment-pastoral-financial-assistance/>.

## Resource Teams can meet shared needs

Do you see a need that Ohio Conference should address? One way to work at these needs is by forming a Resource Team.

A Resource Team is a temporary group that carries out specific tasks identified by the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team (MDT).

Resource Teams exist to respond quickly to the needs of congregations within the Ohio Conference. As individuals bring a need to the MDT's attention, the MDT can choose to form a Resource Team to carry out a response to the need.



Resource Teams have worked on a variety of programs and projects in the Ohio Conference, such as Pastor-Spouse Retreat Planning, Youth Ministry Resourcing, Church Planting, Child Protection, Young Adult Ministry, Prayer, Reducing Poverty, and Immigration, among others.

If you see a need that could be addressed by a Resource Team, you are encouraged to submit your idea to the Ministry Development Team. More information about Resource Teams is on the Conference website: <http://ohiomennoniteconference.org/ministries/resource-teams>. Contact Coordinator of Volunteers Alys Short at [alysashort@gmail.com](mailto:alysashort@gmail.com) or 419-572-1348 with any questions you have about Resource Teams.

## ACA perspective

“Who is my Neighbor?” will be the theme of Ohio Conference’s 2017 Annual Conference Assembly March 10-11, 2017. The theme is based on Luke 10:25-37. The location for Annual Conference Assembly has yet to be confirmed.

## Directory perspective

An updated version of the Ohio Conference directory is now on the Conference website at [www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/churches](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/churches). A copy is included with this copy of *Perspective* as well.

## Perspective deadlines

June 20 for June 23 issue  
July 5 for July 7 issue