

Perspective



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Group to continue Year of Covenant process

George O'Reilly, who has served the Ohio Conference as transitional conference leader and more recently as the Year of Covenant facilitator, has taken a full-time position as one of the pastors at First Mennonite Church in Bluffton.

He will continue his work on the Year of Covenant on a one-quarter-time salary through September. He is working on composing a group of individuals to carry on that process after September and will continue to be available on a contract basis through March of next year.

We want to take this opportunity to thank George for all the many ways that he has served the Ohio Conference in his roles as transitional conference leader and his work with the Year of Covenant. And we wish him God's blessing in his new endeavors.

— Ohio Conference Leadership Team

Financial education planned for leaders

Thanks to a Lilly Endowment grant, Ohio Conference and Everence are working together to provide a weekend of relaxation and financial education for the credentialed leaders of Ohio Conference. Each credentialed leader and a guest are invited to participate Sept. 9-10 in an overnight trip to Cincinnati. Buses will leave from the Kidron area and the Archbold area during the early afternoon of Sept. 9 and return the evening of Sept. 10. Guests will be treated to a dinner cruise on the Ohio River and a trip to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. They will also be presented with financial management information. Details about registration will be available soon.

Registration open for Youth Worker Retreat

Coming this fall: Ohio Conference will hold a Youth Worker Retreat Sept. 31-Oct. 1 at Camp Luz in Kidron. Featured speakers will be Dr. Randy Keeler, associate professor of religion at Bluffton University; and Brent Lacey, author of the book *Rural Youth Ministry: Thrive Where You're Planted*.

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 insert

This issue of Perspective includes the latest issue of Grapevine, the newsletter of Year of Covenant Facilitator George O'Reilly.

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Cost for this retreat will be \$35 per person for members of Ohio Conference congregations and \$50 per person for non-Ohio Conference participants. The registration cost includes lodging, workshops, Friday snack, Saturday breakfast, lunch and snacks, and one resource package per church for Ohio Conference members. Non-Ohio Conference participants may purchase the resource package for an additional \$50.

The registration deadline for this retreat is **Friday, Sept. 9**. For more information or to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2016OCYouthWorkerRetreat>.

Funeral for retired church planter held July 18

Murray Krabill, 93, former pastor at Gilead Mennonite Church in Mt. Gilead, died on July 15. Murray was the first pastor at Gilead, helping to form and shape this new congregation, which was made up of young farm couples beginning a new church plant following World War II. He served at Gilead for 40 years as a bi-vocational pastor until his retirement.

His wife, Alta, died only two weeks earlier, on July 3. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer David and Mary Ann Roth Krabill, and two brothers, Russell and Maurice Krabill.

He is survived by his six children and their spouses, Dr. Ruby Payne (Tee Bowman) of Corpus Christi, Texas, Chet (Grace) Krabill of Mt. Gilead, Sharon (Stan) Swarzendruber of Hesston, Kan., John (Debra) Krabill of Fredericktown, Wesley (Susie) Krabill of West Liberty, and Ruth (Scott) Weirch of Denver, Colo.; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A funeral service was held Monday, July 18, at Gilead Mennonite Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Mennonite Central Committee. To see a full obituary, go to <http://bit.ly/MurrayKrabillObituary>.

ADNet seeks program director

Anabaptist Disabilities Network, a small non-profit, church-related organization based in Elkhart, Ind., seeks a program director. The program director must have excellent written and verbal communication skills, be able to manage multiple projects at once, and have experience with print and Web media writing and editing.

This is a part-time position, one-quarter- to one-third-time FTE, working alongside the executive director. Anabaptist Disabilities Network is dedicated to transforming faith communities and individuals with disabilities by full inclusion in the Body of Christ.

For more information and job description, please visit www.adnetonline.org. Send resume to LChristophel@yahoo.com.

Survey perspective

The Ohio Conference Leadership Team has sent a survey regarding finances to all Ohio Conference congregations. Please make sure a representative from your congregation completes this survey by July 25. To participate in the survey, go to <http://bit.ly/OCSurveyJuly2016>.

Financial perspective

Giving to the Ohio Conference was slightly greater than expenses during June, according to figures supplied by Finance Coordinator Stan Helmuth. Receipts for June totaled \$24,751, while expenses for the month totaled \$24,349. The resulting surplus of \$402 for the month helped to improve the operating balance for the first three months of the Conference fiscal year. As of June 30, the Conference's operating balance for 2016-17 was -\$22,000.

Everence perspective

KIDRON, Ohio – Everence Financial recently announced the hiring of Kelly J. Troyer as church relations and charitable services representative. See <http://bit.ly/EverenceKellyTroyer> for details.

Perspective deadlines

Aug. 1 for Aug. 4 issue
Aug. 15 for Aug. 18 issue
