

Perspective



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Ad hoc committee wants to hear from you

At Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) 2016 the delegate body affirmed an Ohio Conference “Statement on Remaining with MC USA.” One key element of this statement was that Ohio Conference would “remain a part of MC USA in order to articulate to the denomination our perceptions of differences in doctrine and practice.” The Ohio Conference Leadership Team has seated a committee of three people, Erin Dye, Darrin Snyder Belousek and Bill Seymour, to take the lead in this endeavor. Erin, Darrin and Bill will work closely with the Leadership Team in this work, but **their task is to listen to Ohio Conference congregations to discern these “differences in doctrine and practice” and find avenues in which to articulate them to MC USA as well as reporting to congregations.** The committee hopes to discern the right questions to ask of the right people and to relay edifying information from their findings to all of Ohio Conference. This team is a work in progress and will look to the next ACA for how delegates would like to proceed with commissioning this task force.



Erin, Darrin and Bill have already started their work, and they would like to hear from you and work with you. These members hope the existence of the committee will affirm congregations that their concerns or questions are being heard and that these conversations can bring positivity to our forward journey with MC USA. If you and/or your congregation have a specific discussion you would like to see started with MC USA or a member organization, please get in touch with this committee to begin the process of giving and receiving counsel from MC USA.

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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.

Perspective inserts

This issue of Perspective includes bulletin announcements from Mennonite Church USA and the latest installment of Grapevine from Year of Covenant Facilitator George O'Reilly.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
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Year of Covenant Meeting planned for fall

A second Year of Covenant Meeting for credentialed leaders will take place Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Hartville. Check future issues of *Perspective* for more details about this meeting.

Time remains to apply for ministry grants

Last call for grant applications: 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 Ohio Conference congregations and related organizations for projects and mission initiatives. This year the MDT has \$21,614 available for grants. **So far only one grant application has been submitted.** To apply online or to learn more about the grant process, go to the Ohio Conference website at www.ohiomenoniteconference.org. Click on “Resources” and then click on “Ministry Grants.”

OMW to give toward Girls’ Jamboree fees

Do you know a girl who would enjoy attending the Girls’ Jamboree at Camp Luz this summer? This is a great opportunity for girls in grades 3 through 8 to have fun and grow closer to God. Jamboree dates are Aug. 12-14, 2016. In support of this event, Ohio Mennonite Women will contribute \$10 towards each girl’s registration fee, reducing the cost to \$80 per girl. (Ohio Mennonite Women will give its contribution directly to Camp Luz.) A registration form for this retreat and a printable handout are available on the Camp Luz website: www.campluz.com.

Scholarships available for Women’s Retreat

Ohio Mennonite Women has scholarships available for women who want to attend Women’s Retreat at Camp Luz Sept. 16-18, 2016, and need financial assistance. Roxanne Kauffman is the contact person for obtaining applications for this scholarship. Please contact her at roxykauff@gmail.com or (937) 465-1204, or write to her at Roxanne Kauffman, 5315 Township Rd 187, West Liberty OH 43357. To download a registration form for this retreat, go to www.campluz.com. Registrations are due by Sept. 12.

MDS responds to flooding in West Virginia

Lititz, PA — A Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) investigation team went to West Virginia to assess needs after devastating floods on June 23-24. The team arrived on Sunday, June 26, in White Sulphur Springs.

MDS is currently welcoming donations to assist with its response to the flooding. MDS has been working in the southwestern part of West Virginia for nearly a year building bridges damaged or destroyed after flooding in 2015.

Please see <https://mds.mennonite.net/current-news/mds-team-in-west-virginia/> for details.

Youth leader perspective

The Gathering Place is an interactive website for Anabaptist youth leaders to find connection, resourcing, networking, mentoring, and spiritual formation.

Check out the website at www.thegatheringplace.us. You can subscribe to receive the latest information from the Gathering Place.

Charity perspective

The July issue of *The Parish Paper*, which is included with this issue of *Perspective*, explores the topic “When Charity Brings Anything But Relief.”

Perspective deadlines

July 18 for July 21 issue
Aug. 1 for Aug. 4 issue
