

Perspective



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Delegate input sought on staffing

The Ohio Conference Leadership Team would like to hear from Conference delegates. In the Summer 2017 issue of *Delegate News*, the Leadership Team presented an update on the search for Conference leadership staff. Tentative job descriptions were included for both a Missional Leader and a Conference Administrator. (See <http://bit.ly/8-17DelegateNews> for a copy of *Delegate News*.) The Leadership Team is asking for delegate input about this proposal by Monday, Aug. 21. Delegates should contact Conference Moderator Bob Sauder at sauderbob2@gmail.com or (419) 633-7008 to comment.

New Pastor Orientation is Sept. 10-11

Ohio Conference will hold a New Pastor Orientation Sept. 10-11. New pastors and their spouses are invited to attend this overnight event free of charge. Lodging will be in the Comfort Suites in Berlin. Participants will visit the Ohio Conference office, Camp Luz, Everence, Central Christian School and MCC Connections. The last New Pastor Orientation took place in June 2015. Pastors, if you have not participated in the past and would like to do so this year, contact Judy King at 330-857-5421 or ohmc@zoominternet.net by **today, Aug. 10**.

Ohio Mennonite Women Executive Board decides to dissolve organization

On July 29, 2017, the Executive Board of the Ohio Mennonite Women (OMW) made the difficult decision to dissolve the organization of the Ohio Mennonite Women. **The Executive Board asks all congregations to include the following announcement of this decision in their church bulletins on Aug. 20:**

Dear Women of Ohio,

Over the years, Ohio Mennonite Women (OMW) has significantly enriched the lives of many women through fellowship and service, but after much prayer and discernment, it is with sadness that the OMW Executive Board announces the

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Relief perspective

Mennonite Central Committee urgently needs relief kits and comforters to ship to people in need around the world. Please help families meet their basic human needs. Find instructions for relief kits and comforters as well as drop-off locations on the MCC website: <http://bit.ly/KitsComforters>.

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- Pastor(s)
 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
 - Duplicate for other church leaders
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decision to dissolve the organization of the Ohio Mennonite Women. Ongoing contributions can be made directly to missionaries and agencies. For more information, see the Ohio Conference website (<http://bit.ly/OhioMennoniteWomen>) and the OMW Facebook page. If you have questions, please contact Co-Chair Willie Stoltzfus at stoltzfus.willie@gmail.com and/or Roxanne Kauffman at roxykauff@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support. Please join us for a *Time of Celebration* at the upcoming Women's Retreat* at Camp Luz Sept. 15-17, 2017.

— The Executive Board of OMW – July 29, 2017

*See <http://www.campluz.com> for details about the Women's Retreat or to register.

Podcast: Missional Work Camp – You can do this!

Many church youth groups go on summer service trips, but the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast features something different — a summer work camp in the local community. Instead of traveling to a far-off location to serve, youth and adults at Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City use the church building as a home base for the week and spend their days working on local service projects.

Joining Ohio Conference Cast host Bill Seymour to discuss this missional work camp are several members of Sharon Mennonite Church: Jared Chase, youth pastor; Ben Yoder, summer intern; KC Theiss, an elder at Sharon Mennonite; and Johnathan Beachy, a newly licensed nurse.

You can listen to this podcast on [iTunes](#) (search for “Ohio Conference Cast”) or find it on the Ohio Conference website: www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts.

If you are interested in learning more about Sharon's missional work camp or you would like help setting up a missional work camp in your community, contact Jared Chase at jchase2882@gmail.com or 614-873-8290 (Sharon Mennonite's phone number).

Berlin Mennonite plans centennial celebration

Berlin Mennonite is celebrating 100 years, and all are invited to join the celebration! To kick off the celebration year, the church will host a picnic on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. The evening will be filled with food, music, memories, children's activities, and fellowship. The night will end with a hymn sing led by Tim Shue at 7 p.m. Everyone also is invited to join the congregation for a special worship service on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a carry-in meal. For more information, please contact the church office at 330-893-2320 or email Berlin Mennonite at connie@berlinmennonite.org.

EMU perspective

Celebrate Eastern Mennonite University's 100th year by riding through the Shenandoah Valley in the Centennial Century bike ride.

The ride — with 100K- (62 miles), 50K- (31 miles) and 5-mile options — will be Friday, Oct. 13. All rides will start at Lehman Auditorium at 11 a.m.

All routes are fully supported with rest stations and a sag vehicle. Cost is \$15 pre-registered, or \$25/ride-day registration. Ages 12 and under ride for free.

To learn more or to register online, see <http://bit.ly/EMUCentennialRide>.

Arts perspective

Cincinnati Mennonite Church will hold the 14th Mennonite Arts Weekend Feb. 2-4, 2018, at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. A variety of writers, actors, musicians and visual artists will be featured during the weekend. For more information, see www.mennoniteartsweekend.org.

Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes the August issue of *The Parish Paper*.

Perspective deadlines

Aug. 21 for Aug. 24
Sept. 4 for Sept. 7
