

Perspective



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Missional consultant to work with Conference

Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg, minister at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, has agreed to serve the Ohio Conference as a part-time missional consultant for a one-year period, beginning in October 2017. She will be volunteering her time in this capacity three to four days per month.

At the 2017 Annual Conference Assembly in March, delegates affirmed a direction statement which included this goal: “We will put our best energy into being and becoming missional congregations together.” As missional consultant, Jessica will be working with the Missional Planning Team and Conference leadership to facilitate this process.

Jessica’s service with the Ohio Conference will coincide with her sabbatical from Zion Mennonite and a training opportunity for her with Exponential, an organization which focuses on church planting and church multiplication. (See <https://exponential.org> for more information about Exponential.)

Jessica recently was accepted into the Exponential Multiplier Cohorts: Emerging Leaders 2017-2018 Learning Community. Participation is by invitation only through a sponsoring leader connected with Exponential. Jessica was honored to be nominated by Alan Hirsch, one of the speakers at Ohio Conference’s missional conference in March 2017. This training with Exponential will help guide her work with Ohio Conference.

Time of Celebration planned for OMW

Ohio Mennonite Women will hold a time of celebration during the Women’s Retreat* at Camp Luz on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Camp Luz chapel. The Ohio Mennonite Women organization will be disbanding, and this celebration is planned as a time to remember, tell stories and celebrate the accomplishments of Ohio Mennonite Women. All Ohio Mennonite Women are invited to attend this celebration.

If you plan to attend the celebration on Sept. 16 but are not registered for the retreat, please contact Camp Luz at tina@campluz.com to RSVP so that the Camp Luz staff can plan for enough seating and refreshments. Please see the enclosed *Time of Celebration* flier for details.

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 the September-October issue of Prayer Prompter and the September issue of The Parish Paper.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

- Pastor(s)
- Church chairperson
- Youth sponsor(s)
- Delegates
- Duplicate for other church leaders

*Larissa Moore will be the speaker for the 2017 Women's Retreat at Camp Luz Sept. 15-17. The theme for the weekend will be "Created," based on Ephesians 2:10. See the [Camp Luz website](http://www.campuz.com) (www.campuz.com) for more information.

Share your ideas for programs

Do you have an idea for a program that Ohio Conference should provide? Share your idea with the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team. To submit your idea, use the "Suggest a Program" button on the Ohio Conference website. This form is intended to allow people from the Ohio Conference to suggest retreats, seminars, training sessions, or speakers that they would



find helpful. You can find the "Suggest a Program" button on the top menu of the Ohio Conference home page (www.ohiomennoniteconference.org).

LMPC to offer Clergy Clinic in Emotional Process

Pastors: Are you encountering unhealthy patterns within the church related to unresolved conflicts from the past? Are you interested in enhancing your ability to manage self in a non-anxious manner in the midst of congregational anxieties? Consider attending the Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process sponsored by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. If you register by Sept. 18, you will qualify for the early registration discount and save \$100 in tuition.

The Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process provides a safe forum for processing challenging situations in ministry, while also facilitating reflection on how one's own functioning can either fuel anxiety or have a calming influence on the church system. The Clergy Clinic meets three times, for three days each time, over the course of a year, and includes input on systems theory, family of origin groups, and congregational case study groups.

The Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process will be held in Lombard, Illinois, which is located in the Chicago area. For more information, please see the enclosed Clergy Clinic brochure.

Seminary perspective

Fully online graduate certificate program. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's fully online 27-credit-hour Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies is ideal for church leaders, bivocational pastors and other professionals who want to strengthen the biblical and theological foundation for their work. Develop a plan of study that matches your interests. Complete the program in one year with full-time study or over several years with part-time study (100 percent online or with a combination of online, campus and hybrid courses). AMBS offers generous need-based financial aid to help make your seminary education affordable. See www.ams.edu/academics/certificates for details.

Hurricane perspective

The latest episode of the PeaceLab podcast focuses on Mennonite Disaster Service's response to Hurricane Harvey in Texas. In this episode, co-hosts Hannah Heinzekehr and Jason Boone talk with Kevin King, executive director of Mennonite Disaster Service. Go to <http://bit.ly/PeaceLabMDS> to listen to this episode.

Perspective deadlines

Sept. 18 for Sept. 21
Oct. 2 for Oct. 5