

# Perspective



Ohio Conference  
of Mennonite  
Church USA

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## **Four regional meetings scheduled**

Ohio Conference will hold four winter regional cluster meetings for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly. Each meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. The following meetings have been scheduled:

- Feb. 13 — Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Kidron
- Feb. 15 — West Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon
- Feb. 20 — Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Hartville
- Feb. 22 — Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City

## **Register for pastors' meeting by Jan. 11**

Berlin Mennonite Church will host a meeting for Ohio Conference pastors Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All credentialed leaders of the Ohio Conference are encouraged to attend.

There is no registration fee for this meeting, but lunch will be provided on a donation basis. Registrations are due **Jan. 11**. To register, contact Judy King at the Ohio Conference office at [ohmc@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohmc@zoominternet.net) or 330-857-5421.

For pastors who would like to stay overnight in Berlin either Wednesday night, Jan. 17, or Thursday night, Jan. 18, Comfort Suites in Berlin is offering a special room rate of \$69.99 plus tax. To take advantage of this offer, call 330-893-7400 and ask for a room under *Ohio Conference January Meeting*.

## **Register now for Healthy Boundaries training**

Last call: **Tomorrow, Jan. 5**, is the deadline to register for the Jan. 13 Healthy Boundaries training event at First Mennonite Church in Bluffton.

This training is mandatory for continued credentialing in the Ohio Conference. The Conference is also holding this training event April 21 at



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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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***T***his issue of *Perspective* includes the January issue of *The Parish Paper*, the January-February issue of *Prayer Prompter*, and bulletin announcements for January from Mennonite Church USA.

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Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center in Archbold.

To register for the Jan. 13 training, go to <http://bit.ly/HealthyBoundariesJan13>.

To register for the April 21 training, go to <http://bit.ly/HealthyBoundariesApril21>.

### **All congregations asked to complete survey**

Keith Hostetler has agreed to represent the Ohio Conference as part of Eastern Mennonite University's Constituent Conferences Committee. To help him more accurately represent the viewpoints of Ohio Conference congregations, he is asking a representative from each congregation to complete a brief survey, which can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PZLZPGT>.



The Constituent Conferences Committee will meet Jan. 18. Please complete the survey by **Jan. 15**.

### **Hesston conference to feature Dr. Drew Hart**

Registration is open for the 2018 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference Feb. 23 to 25 at Hesston College. With the theme “Before the Unthinkable Happens: Confronting our Role in Injustice,” the conference will explore how participants can become effective change agents in their churches and communities as they stand against “the troubles of this world.”

Dr. Drew G.I. Hart, a theology professor, author and activist with 10 years of pastoral experience, and Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) faculty, known for their innovative approach to civic engagement through four leadership competencies, will serve as keynote resources. Then, in small Change Agent groups participants will develop meaningful responses and strategies for change. Change Agent groups will examine the KLC competencies and listen to the words of Jesus led by Wichita area pastors Kevass Harding and Lois Harder, Hesston Bible professor Michele Hershberger, and Dr. Hart.

To register for AVDS, go to <http://bit.ly/2018AVDSRegistration>. To view the conference schedule and other details, go to <http://bit.ly/2018AVDSDetails>.

### **Scholarship deadline extended for SPI**

The Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University offers a variety of scholarships for individuals interested in the Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI). Matching and partial scholarships are offered on a rolling basis as long as funds are available. The deadline for SPI's dedicated scholarship and fellowship opportunities has been extended to Jan. 29, 2018. See <http://bit.ly/SPIScholarships> for details.

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## ***ACA perspective***

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**O**nline registration is now open for the 2018 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) on March 9-10 and the Gathered and Sent Missional Conference on March 8-9. To register online for ACA, go to <http://bit.ly/2018ACA>. To register online for the missional conference, go to <http://bit.ly/2018MissionalConference>.

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## ***Perspective deadlines***

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Jan. 15 for Jan. 18 issue

Jan. 29 for Feb. 1 issue

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