

Perspective



Ohio Conference
of Mennonite
Church USA

www.ohiomennoniteconference.org

Editor: Ann H. Leaman 5854 Sunland St. N.E., Louisville OH 44641 Phone: 330-453-0150 Email: ohioevangel@gmail.com

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

Information about the agenda at these cluster meetings is available in the most recent issue of *Delegate News*. If you are a delegate to ACA and did not receive *Delegate News* last week, please contact Ann Leaman at ohioevangel@gmail.com.

Have you registered for ACA yet?

The deadline to register for Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) is approaching quickly. Have you registered yet? ACA will take place March 9-10 at Bluffton University, and the Gathered and Sent Missional Conference will take place immediately prior to ACA on March 8-9, also at Bluffton University.

Registrations for ACA and the Gathered and Sent Missional Conference are both due by **Feb. 16**. After that date, the registration fee for ACA increases from \$45 to \$60 per person. Online registration is available for ACA at <http://bit.ly/2018ACA>. To register online for the missional conference, go to <http://bit.ly/2018MissionalConference>.

OC viewpoints shared at EMU meeting

During January all Ohio Conference congregations were asked to complete a Mennonite Colleges Survey. Thanks to all congregations who completed to survey. The survey responses provided valuable information for Keith Hostetler as he represented Ohio Conference at Eastern Mennonite University's Constituent Conferences Committee meeting on Jan. 18. To learn more about what was discussed at this meeting, see his report, which is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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 February issue of *The Parish Paper*, bulletin announcement for February from Mennonite Church USA, and prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

Bible study to feature Bryan Moyer Suderman

Wednesday, Feb. 14, is the deadline to register for “Reading the Bible with Jesus,” an inspirational four-session Bible study on the book of Mark with Bryan Moyer Suderman. Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron is hosting this event on Feb. 16-17. Cost is \$20. To register, contact summitmenno@sbcglobal.net. For more information, see the event brochure.

Shue announces resignation from MC USA role

Mennonite Church USA — Terry Shue has announced his resignation from his position as MC USA director of Leadership Development. His end date will be no later than June 1, 2018. See the complete news release at <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/shue-announces-resignation-executive-board-staff/>.

Lenten resource is for families

Anabaptist Faith Formation Network is offering a free at home Lenten worship resource for families titled *Between Me & You*. Written by Elsie Remple and illustrated by Megan Kamei, this resource includes daily Bible readings, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

To download this resource, go to <http://bit.ly/2018LentenResource>.

To see more resources available from Anabaptist Faith Formation, go to <http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org>.



Sign up for Feb. 24 training by Feb. 16

There is still time to register for the Feb. 24 Healthy Boundaries training event at First Mennonite Church in Bluffton. Registration is open until Feb. 16. Cost is \$25 per person. To register for this training date, go to <http://bit.ly/HealthyBoundariesFeb24>.

Ohio Conference also will hold this training on April 21 at the Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center in Archbold. To register for this training date, go to <http://bit.ly/HealthyBoundariesApril21>.

This training is required for continued credentialing in the Ohio Conference. For more information about Healthy Boundaries, please see <http://bit.ly/PromotingHealthyBoundaries>.

Mediation training to be offered

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will be offering its *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* March 12-16 in Columbia, South Carolina. To receive the discounted registration rate, register by Feb. 9. See <http://bit.ly/2018MediationTraining> for details.

Prayer perspective

Dorothy King, wife of Eldon King, died Jan. 22 after a period of declining health.

Eldon King served for many years as both a pastor and interim pastor in many Ohio Conference congregations. He also served as Minister of Evangelism for Ohio Conference, interim Conference Minister and interim Regional Pastor for a number of years.

Please remember Eldon and the family in prayer. If anyone wishes to send a card, Eldon's address is 405 E. Sassafras St., Orrville OH 44667.

To see the complete obituary, please see <http://bit.ly/DorothyKingObituary>.

Perspective deadlines

Feb. 12 for Feb. 15 issue

Feb. 26 for March 1 issue
