

Perspective



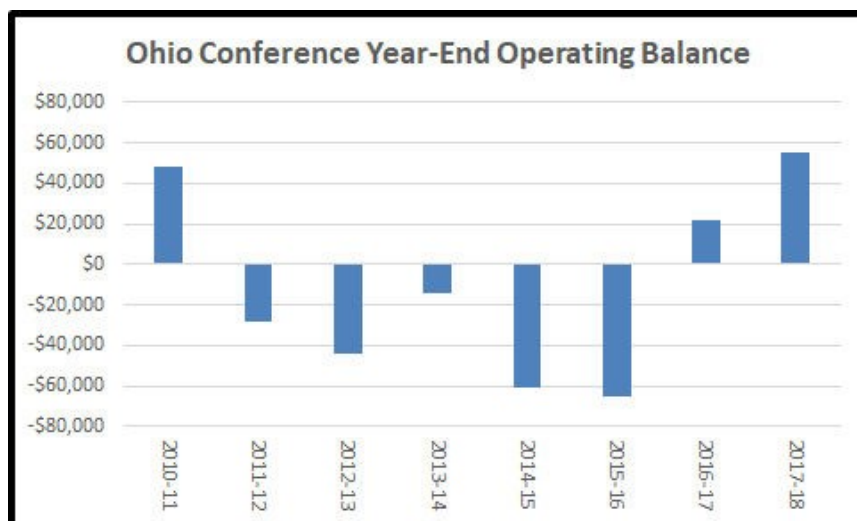
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Conference ends 2017-18 in the black

For the second year in a row, the Ohio Conference has ended its fiscal year in the black, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. On March 31, 2018, the Conference finished the 2017-18 fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$54,840.

In comparison, the Conference finished the 2016-17 fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$22,095. Before that time, the Ohio Conference had five years with an end-of-year operating deficit. (See the accompanying chart for details.)



Both congregational giving and gifts from individuals were higher in 2017-18 than in the previous fiscal year. Congregations gave a total of \$318,847 in 2017-18. In contrast, during the 2016-17 fiscal year, congregational giving totaled just \$297,055. Individual gifts in 2017-18 totaled \$23,821, compared to \$21,094 in 2016-17. Our thanks go out to all congregations and individuals who contributed to the Ohio Conference during this past fiscal year!

Rooted and Grounded returns to AMBS

Save the date! On Sept. 27–29, 2018, **Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship** will take

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Education perspective

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. The application deadline for the 2018-19 academic year is May 15, 2018. For details and an application form, see www.mennohealth.org/student_term, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

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place at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Imagine and embody alternative ways of relating to the land that cultivate *shalom* among human beings, the rest of creation and God. This three-day event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Keynote speakers: will be Valerie Bridgeman, Ph.D., and Karenna Gore. See ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded for details.

CommonWord offers lectionary resources

Does your congregation follow the common lectionary in your worship services? Are you looking for worship resources related to lectionary scriptures? CommonWord, a worship resource website offered by Mennonite Church Canada and Canadian Mennonite University, has an online lectionary worship calendar at <https://www.commonword.ca/Content/revised-common-lectionary>.

The calendar has links to resources related to lectionary texts. Some resources may be downloaded for free, and others are available for purchase. (Please note that although some items are listed as available for borrowing, only Canadian residents may borrow items from CommonWord.) The lectionary calendar also has links to free online children's stories related to the Gospel lectionary texts. CommonWord also has a special occasions worship calendar located at <https://www.commonword.ca/Content/worship-calendar>.

Bluffton U. to host healthcare gathering

Healthcare Workers, Students, and Retirees: You are invited to the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Annual Gathering 2018, which will take place June 22-24, 2018, at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio. Come join doctors, nurses, dietitians, therapists, chaplains, mental health workers, students, educators, and other healthcare workers and families for a weekend of worship, inspiration, learning, networking, and fellowship. The theme this year is "Stories of Healing." For more information and registration, visit www.mennohealth.org/gathering, call 1-888-406-3643, or email info@mennohealth.org.

International Guest House seeks volunteers

The International Guest House in Washington, D.C., has a current need for short-term volunteers beginning this summer who might serve at least two months. (Training requires at least two weeks.) The work consists of cleaning, baking, maintenance, and responding to needs of guests. The breakfast and evening tea are particularly rewarding times for sharing with guests in relaxed and informal ways.

This voluntary service position includes free room and board and two days off per week to explore the city or surrounding areas. This 50-year-old ministry is under the auspices of Allegheny Mennonite Conference. For information or an application, contact Sara at volunteer@igh-dc.com.

Prayer perspective

Please pray for Mennonite Church USA during this time of staff transitions, including the retirements of Ervin Stutzman, Terry Shue and Nancy Kauffmann. Please also pray for individuals taking on new roles with the denomination, including Glen Guyton (executive director of Mennonite Church USA), Sue Park-Hur (denominational minister for leadership development) and Shana Peachey Boshart (denominational minister for faith formation), as they use the gifts God has given them to lead and shape the denomination.

— Bob Sauder, Ohio Conference moderator

Employment perspective

The Institute of Mennonite Studies (IMS) at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is accepting applications for its managing editor position.

The managing editor provides day-to-day management of the planning, production, promotion, and distribution of IMS print and digital publications. For a full job description, please visit www.ambs.edu/jobs.

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