

Perspective



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Church USA

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Prayer requested for CLC meetings

Bob Sauder, Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg and Ralph Reinford will be attending the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) meeting in eastern Pennsylvania next week, April 11-14.

CLC functions like the elders to the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA. They do not make decisions but speak into the process in an important way.

Ralph will be meeting with the conference ministers to talk about how they handle pastoral credentials and to discuss issues of influence, power and authority. There will be conversations about how conference ministers can use this influence to address the issues that divide us. Please pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on these times together.

Conference minister search re-opens

In February the Leadership Team made the decision to hire a full-time conference minister, rather than seek someone to fill this important role part-time. This is possible because Ralph Reinford, regional



Pictured left to right are Robb Esh, Jeff Hochstetler, John Rohrer, Paula Snyder Belousek, LaVonne Hartman, Terry Shue (outgoing director of leadership development for Mennonite Church USA) and Bob Sauder.

pastor, will be moving to part-time hours by Nov. 1, 2018. The previous search committee has been recalled and reorganized, and the members of that committee have again begun the work of advertising and promoting the updated job description.

We believe that the success of hiring the candidate will take more than the work of this committee. **We are asking you to submit names of potential candidates to the committee, share the job description in your social networks and encourage qualified candidates to apply. And most importantly, we invite the congregations of Ohio Mennonite Conference to join us in pray-**

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Investment perspective

The Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), of which Everence Financial is a member, has recently released a statement on gun violence. To read the statement, go to <http://bit.ly/GunViolenceStatement>. To learn more, see the full news release included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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ing for this process and the person God has in mind to lead our conference in this next season of life together. Please share this request for prayer by printing it in your bulletins or newsletters and by publicly praying for Conference and this search in your worship service.

Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter, along with an MLI (Ministerial Leadership Information Form), no later than **June 30, 2018**, to Paula Snyder Belousek, chair of the search committee, at pastor@salem-mennonite.com. The job description can be found here: <http://bit.ly/OHConferenceMinister>.

Thank you for joining us in this task of calling our new conference minister.

Conference Minister Search Committee
Paula Snyder Belousek, Chair
Robb Esh
LaVonne Hartman
Jeff Hochstetler
John Rohrer
Bob Sauder

Register now for April 21 boundaries training

The registration deadline for the April 21 Healthy Boundaries training event at Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center in Archbold has been extended to **Friday, April 13**.

Healthy Boundaries training is mandatory for continued credentialing in the Ohio Conference. Cost of this training is \$25 per person. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/HealthyBoundariesApril21>.

Oak Grove celebrations mark 200th anniversary

All are cordially invited to Oak Grove Mennonite Church's Historical Reflections Weekend, the first of three events marking the congregation's 200th anniversary. The event will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 7843 Smucker Road, Smithville, Ohio. Please see the enclosed article for more information about this event.

Disabilities network seeks executive director

Anabaptist Disabilities Network is seeking a new executive director. This is a .75 – 1.0 FTE position.

The Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) board of directors seeks a visionary leader to be the ADN public face to constituents, supporters, and congregations. Proven faith-based fundraising and constituent cultivation ability is required. A heart for inclusion of persons with disabilities and their families in the life of the church is a must.

The executive director must have the ability to regularly connect with regional congregations and supporters, and develop ADN volunteer networks nationwide. See the ADN website (<http://www.adnetonline.org/About/Pages/Staff-openings.aspx>) to download a complete job description.

Service perspective

Take the plunge into a year of exploration, discipleship, and service with Journey International. Mennonite Mission Network is currently accepting applications to join the work of the local church in England, Indonesia, and Tanzania. For more information, visit www.MennoniteMission.net/JourneyInternational or contact John Murray at JohnM@MennoniteMission.net.

Writing perspective

The Mennonite, Inc., welcomes your original submissions for the June 2018 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on the theme "Costly Discipleship." Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than April 16, 2018. For more details, see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteJune2018>.

Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes the April issue of *The Parish Paper*, prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency, and a save the date card for the Pastors' Wives Retreat.

Perspective deadlines

April 16 for April 19 issue

April 30 for May 3 issue
