

# Perspective



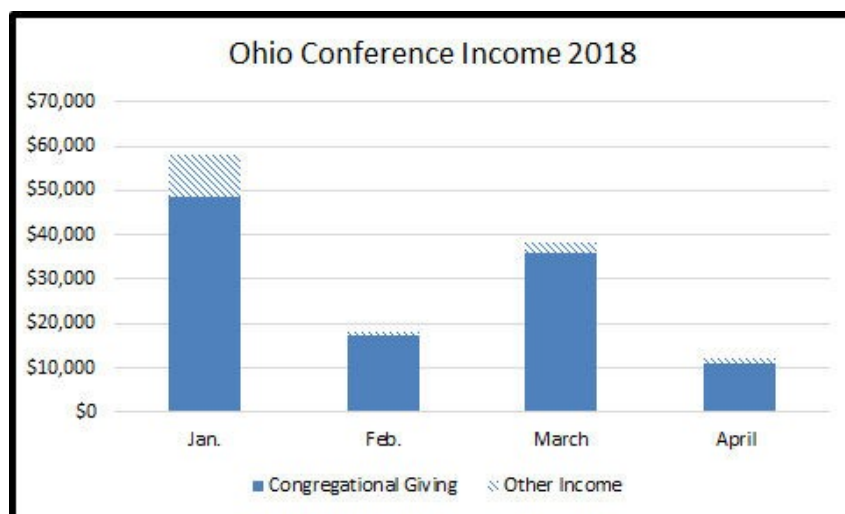
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## ***Giving to Conference is lower in April***

Ohio Conference is beginning its 2018-19 fiscal year with a deficit, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. Receipts for the month of April totaled just \$12,095, including \$11,000 in giving from congregations. Expenses for the month totaled \$23,782, resulting in an operating balance of -\$11,687 for the month. Even so, expenses were well below the amount budgeted for the month, \$31,679.

Receipts for April were lower than they were in the last few months of the 2017-18 fiscal year. Please see the accompanying chart for details.



## ***Podcast explores MC USA, MMN and mission***

Where does mission begin? With denominational leaders, at a mission agency, or in the local congregation?

The guests on the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast encourage local congregations to be actively involved in mission. "We sense our call to walk alongside and empower churches to accomplish the vision that they have," says Stanley Green, executive director of Mennonite Mission Network (MMN).

In this episode, host Bill Seymour teams up with a guest co-host, Karla Minter, church relations representative for MMN. They are joined by a group of guests from Mennonite Church USA and

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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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## ***New pastor perspective***

Ohio Conference will host a New Pastor Orientation Aug. 12-13 in Wayne County. Lodging will be at the Cobblestone Hotel and Suites in Orrville.

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  - Church chairperson
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  - Delegates
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MMN who attended the SENT 2018 conference, which was held recently in Chicago, Illinois.

Guests include Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA); Michael Danner, incoming associate executive director for church vitality and engagement for MC USA; Mauricio Chenlo, minister for church planting at MMN; Sandy Miller, director of church relations for MMN; Stanley Green, executive director of MMN; and Wil LaVeist, senior executive for resourcing and engagement at MMN.

Listen to this episode to hear a discussion about mission and church planting. You will also learn about Glen Guyton's hopes and dreams for Mennonite Church USA and hear about MC USA's Journey Forward process.

You can listen to this podcast on iTunes (search for "Ohio Conference Cast") or find it on the Ohio Conference website: [www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts).

### **Online prayer meetings planned**

**Unite for the Search: Online Meetings for Prayer.** Please join us as we unite in prayer for the conference minister search process. Using the GoToMeeting Web conferencing program, we'll connect on Thursday, May 31, from 11 a.m. to noon, and on Saturday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A link for logging in to the online meeting will be available on the Conference website several days before each prayer meeting. To get the link for the May 31 meeting, go to <http://bit.ly/May31PrayerMeeting>. To get the link for the July 7 meeting, go to <http://bit.ly/July7PrayerMeeting>. If you are new to [GoToMeeting](http://bit.ly/GoToMeeting), be sure to give yourself a few minutes to familiarize yourself beforehand.

To learn more about the conference minister search process, please see <http://bit.ly/ConfMinisterSearch>. The Conference Minister Search Committee is accepting applications through June 30.

In the meantime, please feel free to remember the conference minister search in your daily prayers. I don't think anyone would mind if we start praying before May 31. Thanks!

— Dan Hooley, Ohio Conference Prayer Coordinator

### **ACA delegates: We want to hear from you**

**Delegates to Annual Conference Assembly:** How helpful is the annual report book in your preparation for ACA? Ohio Conference staff members would like to learn more about how delegates are using (or in some cases, not using) these report books. Would delegates prefer to access these reports online?

If you have not already done so, please take two minutes to complete a brief online survey about your report book use. To take the survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8BRY8V2>. Thanks to everyone who has already taken the survey!

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### **Volunteer perspective**

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**M**ennonite Disaster Service (MDS) needs project directors/construction supervisors in Puerto Rico, beginning in mid-late summer. These positions will require volunteers who have MDS experience, construction knowledge, can stay for at least a month, and are able to work with sensitivity in a cross-cultural environment. The ability to speak Spanish is a plus. Applicants should be willing to travel throughout the island and work in cooperation with the MDS Puerto Rico coordinators. Persons will have to have completed the MDS Leadership application process. Please see <http://bit.ly/MDSPuertoRico> for more information.

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### **Seminary perspective**

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**Take a fall seminary course!** Online courses at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary include Christian Attitudes Toward War, Peace, and Revolution; Christian Theology 1; and Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture. Hybrid courses (online, with one week on campus) include Isaiah and Family Spirituality. More than 10 on-campus courses are also offered. Non-admitted students get 50 percent off their first class! See [ambs.edu/onecourse](http://ambs.edu/onecourse) for details.

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### **Perspective deadlines**

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June 4 for June 7 issue

June 18 for June 21 issue

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