

# Perspective



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## ***Missional Network trainings scheduled***

The Ohio Conference Missional Network will begin with a training event during summer 2018. Missional Consultant Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg is asking representatives from each participating congregation to attend the training on the date which works best for their schedules. The initial training will be held on the following dates:

- **Sunday evening, June 24** — 6-9 p.m., First Mennonite Church, Canton
- **Tuesday morning, June 26** — 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold
- **Thursday morning, June 28** — 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Salem Mennonite Church, Elida
- **Sunday evening, July 8** — 6-9 p.m., Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold

For those unable to attend one of these initial training sessions, we highly recommend you send someone from your congregational leadership team to represent your congregation. We will also videotape the training, but the training will be interactive and best experienced in person.

Interested in learning more about the Ohio Conference Missional Network? Check the [Missional Network Plan](#) for more information.

To participate, RSVP to [jsringenber@gmail.com](mailto:jsringenber@gmail.com) by **June 15**.

An outline of the topics to be covered in the training events is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

## ***Ohio Conference Cast: What's holding us together?***

In the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast, hosts Bill Seymour and Thomas Dunn chat with Terry Shue, who recently completed his work with Mennonite Church USA as director of leadership development. Bill, Thomas and Terry discuss a wide range of topics, including (among other things) new staff members for Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite World Conference, and Terry's hopes for the Ohio Conference.

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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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***I***ncluded with this issue of *Perspective* are prayer requests from Mennonite Education Agency, the June issue of *The Parish Paper*, bulletin announcements from Mennonite Church USA, and a flier with information about the Ohio Conference New Pastor Orientation.

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- Pastor(s)
  - Church chairperson
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Terry also talks about another topic dear to his heart, the Camino de Santiago. He and his wife made a pilgrimage on the Camino two years ago, starting in France and walking 500 miles across Spain. This year they are returning to the Camino to walk it again, this time beginning in Portugal. Listen to this podcast to hear Terry's description of how talking with other pilgrims walking the Camino affected him. You can find this podcast on iTunes or the Ohio Conference website:

[www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts](http://www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts).

### **OrrVilla seeks executive director**

OrrVilla Retirement Community in Orrville, Ohio, seeks an executive director to provide leadership to its community of 128 senior residential apartments and homes. The executive director works with a board of directors and provides leadership to more than 50 employees.

The preferred candidate will have several years of supervisory level experience, be able to advance and implement the mission of the organization, and have strong organizational management, team building, communication and interpersonal skills. A bachelor's degree is required, a graduate degree with relevance preferred. The candidate should be active in a faith community and should be familiar with and supportive of the Anabaptist Christian faith tradition in keeping with the organization's mission and values. For information or to apply, contact Tim Stair at 574-320-6265 or [tim.stair@mhsonline.org](mailto:tim.stair@mhsonline.org).

### **Pastor-Leadership Team Retreat planned**

Ohio Conference invites all pastors and their leadership teams to an overnight retreat Oct. 26-27 in Bellville, Ohio. Duane Beck will be providing input on the topic of Leadership Matters: Finding God in the Changes. Please see the enclosed brochure for details. Online registration is available at <http://bit.ly/OCLeadershipRetreat2018>.

### **Peace center to offer one-day seminar**

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center will hold a one-day seminar, "Leadership and Anxiety in the Church," on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at First Mennonite Church in Richmond, Virginia.

We live in an age of increased anxiety, which impacts church systems and leaders. Family systems theory offers a way of understanding congregational dynamics and anxiety. Please see the enclosed registration form for more details.

### **The Mennonite invites submissions**

The Mennonite, Inc., invites your original submissions for the August 2018 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on church planting. Submissions are due to [Editor@TheMennonite.org](mailto:Editor@TheMennonite.org) no later than June 22. For more details, see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteAugust2018>.

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### ***Chestnut Ridge perspective***

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**T**he Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church congregation in Orrville has decided to close. A closing worship service was held Sunday morning, June 3. To see photos from the worship service, go to <http://bit.ly/ChestnutRidgeJune3>.

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### ***Prayer perspective***

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**I**n May the Conference Minister Search Committee reported on its work and requested prayer for the search process. A copy of their report is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

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### ***Assembly perspective***

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**S**alem Mennonite Church in Kidron will host the 2019 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) of the Ohio Conference. ACA will take place March 7-9, 2019.

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### ***Service perspective***

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**T**hinking about taking a gap year after high school? Serve, learn, and develop your leadership skills through Service Adventure. For more info, visit [www.MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure) or contact [SusanN@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:SusanN@MennoniteMission.net).

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### ***Perspective deadlines***

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June 18 for June 21 issue

July 9 for July 12 issue

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