

Perspective



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Pastors' meeting set for Nov. 8

An All-Ohio Conference Pastors' Meeting will take place Nov. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Upper Sandusky Library in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Everyone attending should bring a packed lunch. Coffee is not available on site, so those desiring coffee should bring their own coffee thermos.

For the first all-pastors' meeting of the year, pastors will focus on welcoming Dick Barrett on board as the new conference minister. The discussion will center on ways we can all work together to build trust and further develop ourselves as people who are **both** gathered and sent.

If you plan to attend, RSVP to Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net or 330-857-5421 by **Oct. 31**.



Four cluster meetings scheduled

Ohio Conference will hold four fall cluster meetings for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly. Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about one and a half hours. The following meetings are scheduled:

- Oct. 2 — South Union Mennonite Church in West Liberty
- Oct. 4 — Toledo Mennonite Church
- Oct. 16 — Wooster Mennonite Church
- Nov. 6 — Summit Mennonite Church in Barberton

Workshop will focus on healthy conversations

Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Kidron will host a Healthy Conversations Workshop Nov. 9-10. Jes Stoltzfus Buller, the peace education coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee, will be the facilitator for this workshop.

This hands-on workshop will give participants practice in active listening, centered speaking and healthy process in talking about difficult issues.



Jes Stoltzfus Buller

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.

Email perspective

Conference Minister Dick Barrett has a new email address. You may contact him at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

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

There is no charge for the workshop, but participants are asked to RSVP by **Oct. 31** to Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by email at sonnenbergmc@embarqmail.com or by phone at 330-857-8222.

A flier with a schedule and more details is included with this issue of *Perspective*.

Ohio Conference Cast: Jessica says farewell

In the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast podcast, hosts Bill Seymour and Thomas Dunn talk with Ohio Conference Missional Consultant Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg, who is moving to Excelsior Springs, Missouri. In addition to reflecting on her 14 years in the Ohio Conference, Jessica affirms the missional work that is taking place in the Conference. She also challenges some assumptions about leadership development and the perceived need to maintain programs.



When it comes to leadership development, are we just looking for leaders to fill “slots” that already exist, or are we looking for people with leadership potential and then empowering them to work at the ministries to which they feel called? Listen to this podcast episode to hear Jessica, Thomas and Bill discuss this topic. They also consider the question of how to know when to let ministry programs “die.”

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.

Please pray for Annual Conference Assembly

Ohio Conference’s Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) planning team, along with its prayer coordinator, would like to encourage your congregation to be in prayer leading up to this year’s Missional Conference and ACA on March 7-9, 2019. The Conference will send regular prayer updates to congregational offices twice a month.

Below is the first of these prayer updates:

Planning for Ohio Conference’s Missional Conference and Annual Conference Assembly on March 7-9, 2019, has begun. Pray for wisdom, creativity and peace as the planners work to coordinate the events’ many details.

Maple Grove in Hartville seeks lead pastor

Maple Grove Mennonite Church, a congregation of about 116 members in Hartville, Ohio, seeks a full-time lead pastor with a strong commitment to Anabaptist values and theology with skills in preaching, leadership, teaching, and congregational care. M.Div. degree (or equivalent) and pastoral experience preferred. For more information, contact searchcommittee@maplegrovemennonite.org.

Peace perspective

To encourage congregations and conferences to “spread the peace” in and beyond Mennonite Church USA, the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA has small start-up grants available.

Grants of \$1,000 are given as Peace and Justice Support Network (PJSN) funding allows. These grants are intended to support congregational and conference peace initiatives. The goal is to distribute \$5,000 annually.

PJSN will accept applications from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2018. For more details, see the PJSN website: <http://bit.ly/SpreadthePeaceGrants>.

Health care perspective

The Mennonite Inc. invites your original submissions for the November 2018 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on health care. Please send your submission to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than Oct. 1. For more details, please see <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteNovember2018>.

Perspective deadlines

Oct. 1 for Oct. 4 issue

Oct. 15 for Oct. 18 issue
