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Perspective



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Your prayer support is appreciated

Thank you for your prayers for Regional Pastor Cliff Brubaker, who underwent open heart surgery Oct. 23 to replace his aortic valve. The surgery went well, and Cliff was able to go home from the hospital on Sunday, Oct. 28. He will be recovering at home and plans to resume his work for the Ohio Conference beginning in January. Please continue to keep Cliff in your prayers during this recovery period.

RSVP deadline extended for Nov. 8 meeting

Credentialed leaders, have you registered for the All-Ohio Conference Pastors' Meeting? This meeting will take place Nov. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Upper Sandusky Library, 301 N. Sandusky Ave., Upper Sandusky.

The deadline to RSVP for this event has been extended until **to-morrow**, Nov. 2.

- During this time together, credentialed leaders will focus on several activities:
- 1. Spending time in Scripture together
- 2. Interacting with Dick Barrett, our new Conference Minister
- 3. Beginning to identify the most core beliefs and actions we mean when we say "Jesus is our center"

Participants should bring a sack lunch and a full water bottle and/ or coffee thermos.

If you plan to attend, RSVP to Judy King at <u>ohmc@zoominternet.net</u> or 330-857-5421 **no later than Nov. 2**.

Summit Mennonite to host final cluster meeting

The final fall cluster meeting for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly will be held Nov. 6 at Summit Mennonite Church in Barberton. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about one and a half hours. Summit Mennonite is located at 939 Norton Ave., Barberton, Ohio. Perspective: 1) The interrelation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed. 2) Point of view; capacity to view things in their relative importance.

ACA prayer perspective

Ohio Conference invites you to pray for Erin Yoh, this year's workshop coordinator for the upcoming Annual Conference Assembly. Remember her as she coordinates the logistics of planning for the workshops and their attendees.

Please distribute Perspective *copies to:*

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

Workshop to focus on change in business

Everence is sponsoring a Business Families and Community Leaders workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at the Gardens at Homestead in Mount Hope.

"Thriving in a fast-changing world" is the theme of this workshop, which will feature speakers Brian Miller, president of Pro-Via in Sugarcreek; Leon Wengerd, CFO of Pioneer Equipment in Dalton; and Dan Owolabi, campus pastor at NewPoint Community Church in Wooster. Please see the attached flier for more details.

RSVP by calling 330-857-9988 or emailing <u>kelly.troyer@everence.com</u>.

Pastors are encouraged to share this opportunity with members and join them to learn about the opportunities and challenges in their marketplace "ministries."

Groups from eight congregations participate in Pastor-Leadership Team Retreat

Forty-one people representing eight Ohio Conference congregations participated in the Pastor-Leadership Retreat held at the Quality Inn & Suites in Bellville Oct. 26-27. Presenter Duane Beck led the event, focusing on the topic "Leadership Matters: Finding God in the Changes." He encouraged retreat participants to consider attitudes and behaviors in their congregations. For photos from the retreat, see <u>http://bit.ly/Pastor-LeadershipTeamPhotos</u>.

Podcast: Learning from Mennonites around the world

For many North American Mennonites, the words "Mennonite World Conference" bring thoughts of a world-wide gathering of Anabaptists every six years. However, as Ohio Conference Cast hosts Thomas Dunn and Bill Seymour learn in this episode of Ohio Conference Cast, there's much more to Mennonite World Conference than these large events.

Helping Thomas and Bill to learn more about Mennonite World Conference is their guest, Gerald Hildebrand of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who serves Mennonite World Conference as a regional representative for North America. He emphasizes the need that North American Mennonites have to learn from others around the world, saying, "We have an incomplete understanding, by ourselves, of what it means to be a devoted follower of Jesus. We need the help — we desperately need the help — of our global sisters and brothers to come alongside us and to enlighten us with what they're about and what they're discovering in their discipleship so that we can learn from one another and then together be the body of Christ."

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

Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes the the November-December issue of *Prayer Prompter*, and the November issues of *The Parish Paper* and *Prayer Vine*.

Disabilities perspective

Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) is seeking an executive director (.75 FTE) who will promote the vision of ADN to Anabaptist congregations, organizations and individuals. This individual will personally represent ADN with donors and supporters, solicit gifts, and provide oversight to ADN staff and programs. Fundraising and constituent cultivation ability are required. A heart for inclusion of persons with disabilities and their families in the life of the church is a must. ADN has a collaborative work environment with administrative support. To download a full job description, go to http://bit.ly/ ADNExecDirector.

Perspective *deadlines*

Nov. 12 for Nov. 15 issue Dec. 3 for Dec. 6 issue