

Perspective



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Four winter cluster meetings planned

Ohio Conference will hold four winter cluster meetings for delegates to Annual Conference Assembly. Each meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last for about 90 minutes. The following meetings are planned:

- Jan. 22 — Beech Mennonite Church in Louisville
- Jan. 24 — Oak Grove Mennonite Church in West Liberty
- Jan. 29 — Central Mennonite Church in Archbold
- Jan. 31 — Crown Hill Mennonite Church in Rittman

Podcast focuses on immigration

In the latest episode of the Ohio Conference Cast podcast, hosts Thomas Dunn and Bill Seymour talk about immigration with Dan King, a member of the Ohio Conference Ministry Development Team.

Dan and a group of volunteers from around the Ohio Conference have formed an Immigration Resource Team. Listen to this episode of Ohio Conference cast to learn more about their mission. Other team members include Mara Weaver Boshart, Zion Mennonite Church; Hannah Troyer, Summit Mennonite Church; Kelsey Troyer, Oak Grove Mennonite Church (Smithville); Alicia Selig, Wooster Mennonite Church; and Alysa Short, Ohio Conference coordinator of volunteers.

You can listen to this podcast on iTunes or by going to <http://bit.ly/OhioConferenceCast>.

Giving to Conference drops in October

Giving to Ohio Conference dropped considerably in October, according to figures provided by Financial Coordinator Stan Helmuth. Receipts for October totaled just \$13,169, the lowest monthly amount since April, and substantially lower than the \$24,753 received in September.

Expenses for October totaled \$27,012, resulting in a -\$13,843 operating balance for the month. That shortfall, combined with the previous deficit, led to a year-to-date operating balance of -\$35,368 as of the end of October. A Conference financial report for November is not yet available.

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.

Spiritual perspective

Know a spiritual director in Ohio? Ohio Conference is developing a directory of spiritual directors. If you are a spiritual director, or know a spiritual director who is open to serving pastors and members of Ohio Conference, please contact Karla Kauffman by Jan. 21 at 937-844-7628 or karlakauffman@juno.com.

Please distribute Perspective copies to:

- Pastor(s)
 - Church chairperson
 - Youth sponsor(s)
 - Delegates
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Camp Luz seeks office administrator

Camp Luz is in search of a qualified individual to serve year-round as guest group coordinator and office administrator. This position is critical to support the ongoing mission of Camp Luz. Details and qualifications can be found in the job description included with this issue of *Perspective*. Interested candidates should send their resume and three references to Camp Director Andrew Michaels at Andrew@camp luz.com no later than Friday, Dec. 14.

EMS to host 50th School for Leadership Training

The theme for the 50th annual School for Leadership Training (SLT) at Eastern Mennonite Seminary (EMS) will be “Thriving in the Stormy Seas of Change.” The Jan. 14-16, 2019, event will highlight the narrative of Jesus’ crossing the stormy sea with his disciples found in Mark 4:35-41, and will feature keynote speakers John Pavlovitz, Sue Park-Hur and David Evans, plus seminars, facilitated conversation circles and luncheon discussions. To learn more, see <http://bit.ly/2019SLT>.

Bluffton University to present ‘Messiah’

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Bluffton University will present its 123rd performance of Handel’s “Messiah” at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in Yoder Recital Hall. While tickets are free, they must be reserved at <http://tickets.bluffton.edu> or at Marbeck Center. Audience members will be invited to sing along with three of the major choruses — “Glory to God,” “Hallelujah Chorus” and “Worthy is the Lamb.” The event also will be livestreamed at <https://livestream.com/bluffton>.

Iowa Mennonite School seeks principal

Iowa Mennonite School (Kalona, Iowa) is seeking an energetic leader with vision to serve as principal beginning July 2019. Iowa Mennonite School offers a Christ-centered education within the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a clear commitment to Anabaptist faith and practice, serve as spokesperson for the school, and advance the mission and vision as set by the Operating Board. The principal will have skills in educational leadership, interpersonal communication, fiscal management, and strategic planning. The principal will be a bridge-builder who fosters a positive community atmosphere. Individuals may apply by Jan. 1, 2019, at www.iowamennonite.org/joinourteam.

Donated Low German Bible finds home at AMBS

The library at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, recently received a donation of a Low German Bible published in 1599–1600. Now housed in the Library Special Collections Room, it fills a gap in the library’s extensive Studer Bible Collection, which lacked a historic Low German Bible, according to Karl Stutzman, Director of Library Services. To learn more about this donation, see the AMBS news release: <http://bit.ly/LowGermanBible>.

Fellowship perspective

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) invites all Anabaptist congregations to celebrate World Fellowship Sunday on Jan. 20, 2019. Each year MWC provides worship planning resources for use on World Fellowship Sunday. The theme for 2019 is “Justice on the Journey: Migration and the Anabaptist-Mennonite Story.” To download these worship planning resources, go to <http://bit.ly/2019WorldFellowshipSunday>.

Report perspective

Reports for the Ohio Conference Annual Report Book are due this month. If you have been asked to submit a report for the Annual Report Book, please send it to Judy King at ohmc@zoominternet.net by **Monday, Dec. 17.**

Perspective inserts

This issue of *Perspective* includes the December issue of *The Parish Paper* and prayer requests from Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Education Agency. Also included is a list of deadlines for *Ohio Mennonite Evangel* and *Perspective* during 2019.

Perspective deadlines

Dec. 17 for Dec. 20 issue

Jan. 7 for Jan. 10 issue
